

# A family tree of gratitude



A FLOWERING cherry tree has been planted in the grounds of the maternity department at the Queen Mother Hospital, Margate, as a gesture of thanks from Louise and Will Friend.

The couple, of East Northdown Farm, Margate, have three children who were delivered successfully at the unit: Fiona, five, George, 18 months, and Lizzie, six months.

Mrs Friend said: "I had such wonderful care from the staff and midwives whilst in the hands of the

Snowdrop team, who now regard me as an 'old face'. Will and I felt that a tree would be an appropriate and lasting mark of our gratitude, especially as we do not expect to use their services again."

Mr Friend, whose grandfather was chairman of the hospital's founding committee, said: "He would be pleased that the hospital has grown to be so successful at looking after Thanet people, since he worked so hard as chairman of the founding committee."