

Blandford Heart Forum (BHF)

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Dear Members,

Our next meeting will be on the 16 June at 2 PM in the Studio, Common Lane, Blandford, DT11 7TE. Our Speaker will be John Hallett who is a volunteer worker for the National Trust. His subject will be "Arundels", the old home of Edward Heath in Salisbury. I believe his talk will inspire folks to pay the house a visit !!

Isabel is now in Bramley House, Castle Street, Mere, Wilts Tel; 01747 860 005. and is very happy there. Bramley House used to be the Old Rectory and easy to find if you wish to visit.

As discussed at the Committee Meeting last Thursday, there is increasing concern about the future of Blandford Heart Forum with its steadily decreasing Membership and lack of 'new blood' coming in via the Rehab route. Susanna Merewether informs that she has no shortage of cardiac patients going through her Rehab courses, but many are relatively young and still working, and hence need to return to work as soon as they can. Although she frequently mentions the existence of the BHF, over the past 4 years no one has joined after completing their rehab course. Despite plenty of advertising in the local Press and through local Surgeries, Speakers are well chosen, but our numbers continue to drop. The big question is of course; should we wind up the BHF this Summer? Our Financial situation is consequently declining with over £200 being spent on Speakers over the past 5 months and only £80 coming in.

If you have strong feelings about the BHF continuing to function, I would urge to attend our meeting on the 16 June to voice your view . Quite a lot of time and effort goes into keeping the BHF going as you may appreciate , and those that currently run it are also involved in a number of other activities in the Community.

It is up to you !!

Hope to see you at the 16th...

All Good Wishes

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