

Blandford Heart Forum

September 2013 Newsletter

Dear Members,

The Summer of 2013 has not disappointed; not even the farmers and certainly not those who chose to spend the holidays in the UK this year !!

Our next meeting is the AGM on the 19 September in the Williams Opportunity Hall in Blandford, when our President and Senior Cardiologist, Dr Simon Winterton will be speaking on the latest developments in Cardiac procedures in Dorchester Hospital Cardiac Unit. Isabel has also said she intends to attend that meeting. Please make every effort to be there.

In my July Newsletter, I emphasised the need for your continued support if we are to survive as a Group beyond the end of 2013. I will not repeat what I said then, but we are counting on your support more than ever before !!

Our Committee meeting on the 5 September was very positive and a number of important decisions have flowed from it. In a move to reign back on expenditure and at the same time possibly increase membership I wish to report that following a meeting Hugh held with the Matron at Blandford Hospital last month, we are now able to use the Dining Room in the Hospital for the months of November, January, February and March. Our meetings there will commence at 2.30 PM and will mean that members will no longer have to travel on dark and possibly wintry evenings to the meetings. There remains no possibility that we can use the Hospital for evening meetings for the reasons given in a previous Newsletter.

A reminder that our Christmas party is set for 28 November, there being no available suitable dates in December. The party will commence at 6.30 PM

The Committee is determined to improve our membership numbers and hence our financial situation ; and to this end we are to increase our level of advertising (hopefully free) in the local press via the BMV, Forum Focus and Unity.Com as well as via the Cardiac Nurses operating from the local Medical Centres/Surgeries in Blandford, Sturminster Newton, Child Okeford, Marnhull and Milton Abbas. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the 3 October , so if you have any thoughts or ideas on how to improve our exposure or any other issue regarding the BHF and it's appeal , please let me have them..

May I repeat the plea I made in my previous Newsletter; if you have an e mail address I am unaware of, please inform me to help cut down of future postage.

Two additional forward dates for your diaries are 17 October when we have a fascinating talk by Hillary Warner who held a Senior position in the BBC , about her “Life in the BBC”

Then on the 21 November we have Dr. Alan Chitty who will deliver his talk “Magic Ancient and Modern”.

All Best Wishes

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