

Blandford Heart Forum

September 2014 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Autumn is upon us , but hopefully your Summer was an enjoyable one and the weather was kind to you !

Of great importance is our AGM on the 18 September which , this year will be held in the Sealy Suite of the Crown Hotel in West Street , Blandford. We commence our meeting this year at 6.30 PM to accommodate the other events that have been arranged by the DT 11 Forum (Part of the NDDC) for their 3 day “Health and Wellbeing” activity. Many of you will have seen posters and other advertising about this event in and around Blandford. Our AGM will comprise the usual format and our Speakers this year will be Dr. Tim Edwards and Susanna Merewether. They will be talking about their work in the Cardiology Department of Dorchester County Hospital and providing a ‘ powerpoint’ video view on the work of Cardiology and the advances made in the treatment of heart disease. Please make a supreme effort to attend this meeting . Many others outside our Group will be present in the Sealy Suite throughout the day comprising visitors and members of other organisations involved in Health and Wellbeing in the DT11 area.

A number of us are required to be in the Sealy Suite from 9 AM on the day to set up our ‘ stall’ and to ensure the facilities we need for our evening meeting are available. We would be grateful for offers of help to be in the Sealy Suite during the afternoon to field enquiries about the BHF and to assist in the running of the British Heart Foundation Stand which will be adjacent to ours. Unfortunately, the two ladies who normally run the Stand from Dorchester and Somerset cannot be at the event and have asked for our help to represent them. We are hoping that through participation in this DT11 Forum event, the BHF will receive plenty of exposure and maybe new members..? We are informed that car parking at the Crown Hotel should not be a problem and that in addition refreshments should be available during the day in the Sealy Suite.

Please note that there will be an additional event taking place in the Market Square from mid evening onwards which involve a number of roads being closed in the centre of Blandford. The “Forum Focus” August edition gives full details of this event and the roads affected. It might be advisable there, to approach the Crown Hotel along West Street from the River Stour Bridge.

Hugh went into Hospital in Dorchester on Thursday 4 September for his long awaited hip operation. We wish him well and hope that he makes a speedy and fulsome recovery. He said that he hopes to be at the AGM, but that will depend upon his progress..

Please do look at our website; www.blandfordheartforum.org.uk to keep abreast of news and events. Please also advise me ASAP of changes of address, or anyone acquiring a new e mail address.

All Good Wishes and enjoy this season of "Mellow Fruitfulness"- and Mists !!

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P S ; I have also attached a programme of events issued by DT11 Forum covering the 18 September to the 20 September.