

Diabetes U K Ashford Support Group
Committee Meeting Minutes #5

Date: 19th August 2008

Present: Mark Endacott (Chairperson), Sarah Strand (Vice Chairperson), Colin Strand, Dave Robinson

Absent: Mike Gulliver (Treasurer) and Denise Gulliver (Secretary), Torie Davies.

- The group bank account is now open and the grant from Diabetes UK of £100 has been received and paid into the account.
- Dave has received a request from Gail at the Stour Centre for publicity material for the group. Apparently a number of Diabetics use the centre and are interested in our meetings.
Action: Sarah/Colin to supply Dave with a poster, Mark to provide leaflets
- No progress has been made generating prizes for the raffle. For the next meeting we will all try to bring a prize, we will also continue to try generate prizes from local companies.
Action: Sarah to contact Keel Toys and Bachelors. Mark to contact Wilkinsons and Tesco.
- Sarah and Colin have the raffle books for the next meeting as Dave is unable to attend, therefore Torie will be chief ticket seller !
Action: Torie to sell lots of raffle tickets at the meeting
- It was agreed that we should hold an Xmas meal either at the end of November or the start of December, this will be announced at the next meeting.
Action: Sarah to contact the Queens Head, Kingsnorth to arrange dates. Mark to produce a form to give out at meeting for people to indicate interest.
- The groups AGM will take place at the end of the January meeting. It is combined with a normal meeting to get the maximum attendance.
Action: Mark to check with Diabetes UK on when AGM has to be held.
- Dates for meetings in 2009 were agreed as January 20th and March 17th. The speakers suggested were Simon Pendelton (podiatry) , Alison James (DEREK), Ann-Marie Dewhurst (DAFNE).
Action: Mark to contact Simon and Ann-Marie, Sarah to contact Alison.
- It was suggested we could hold some of our meetings as open meetings with no speaker like the Maidstone group. This will be investigated.
Action: Mark to contact Maidstone group to find out how their meetings work.
- Diabetes UK sent out information about a Kent Networking day on 19th October. We have had no other updates about it.
Action: Mark to check with Diabetes UK about what is happening.
- Diabetes UK will be sending out the maildrop with our meeting details on the week commencing the 25th August. Hopefully perfect timing for the September meeting..
- Diabetes UK are still making threats about our website, they want all references to Diabetics replaced with 'People living with Diabetes'.
Action: Mark to continue to 'negotiate' with Diabetes UK about this PC gone mad.
- Mark reported about DAFNE Website meeting in Sheffield .
- Mark reported about Tele-medicine questionnaire meeting .
- Our next meeting will be 7:30PM Tuesday the 14th of October 2008, at Sarah and Colin's home OR will be delayed to the networking day on the 19th if it is taking place..