

Minutes of meeting held on September 12th, 2017 at St. Michaels Church

A few seconds of silence was held before meeting commenced in memory of Phil Lamb,
A long standing member of the P.P.G.

Attendance; names not taken, apologies
Minutes of last meeting taken as read, no matters arising.

Celebration Evening, all who attended said how much they had enjoyed it.

Book Stall; this has slowed down a bit but with winter coming it will hopefully pick up again.
Liz Bloomer reported on Dementia café, it is doing well with regular attendance, but it would be nice if could have a few more. Notices given out to promote the Café in surgeries etc.

Dr Malcomson then answered questions which had been given to her by the chair.

1. Up to date on the building, which is now moving quicker.
2. Diabetics, when coming for their yearly check-up should always have their feet checked in case of any problems as this is the main reason that diabetics are admitted into hospital nationally.
3. Falls; although we do not have an actual falls clinic we do follow up patients who experience falls with exercises and guidance etc.

Discussion and talk;

Dr Malcomson was asked if it would be a good idea to have Mr Holiday to come and give a talk to all types of diabetic patients, to include York Street patients and all felt it would be a good for the practice.

Fund raising;

Dr Malcomson asked if the next piece of equipment could be a fridge for the storage of vaccines, It would cost in the region of £1000, all members agreed to help raise the funds beginning with a 'grab a bargain' to be held at Tesco in October, date to be arranged by Kate, several members agreed to help as Mrs Howes would not be able to guarantee that she would be available due to personal reasons.

Questions were all also asked from the floor and Dr Malcomson kindly answered all questions put to her.

Before leaving she was presented with babies Christening cake for her upcoming arrival and then thanked all for attending and supporting the P.P.G these past few years,
She then left the meeting.

Kate, the site Manager, then passed on a message from Dr Williams, Gluten free products, Babies liquid milk and nutritional oral supplements would no longer be available on prescription and that patients would be encouraged to self-care with over the counter medicines.

Chairman then asked the floor if anyone knew where help could be sought with mobility aids such as grab rails, extra stair rails and bedroom equipment for spouses or relatives, it is felt that a list would be beneficial given guidance of where to contact and also if spouse has confirmed dementia to make them aware that an application to the council can be made regarding a reduction in their council tax, if applicable.

Monies in the fund; at present after paying for the blood pressure monitor, stands at £150 which is a good start towards our £1000 goal.

Date of next meeting is yet to be arranged