



The Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Support Group

York Division

Newsletter Spring 2007

Presentations

At our autumn meeting we made two presentations. The first was to Jackie Clemmitt, stoma nurse at York District Hospital who was presented with a digital camera and a number of Valley Cushions. The cushions are loaned by the hospital to patients who difficulty sitting after their surgery as they are inflatable and can be adjusted for comfort. The digital camera is used to photograph problems at the stoma site so these can be quickly forwarded to the consultant to speed diagnosis and treatment.



Daphne Smurthwaite with Joan and Margaret

Visitors Course



Brian Turner with Jackie Clemmitt

The total cost of the camera and cushions was just shy of £1000 and they were bought with funds that have been raised over the past few years from the efforts of our members via raffles, coffee mornings, the Great Weather Lottery, donations and subscriptions, well done everybody.

We also made a presentation to two ladies that anybody who has attended our meetings over the last few years will recognize. Mrs. Joan Thomas and Mrs. Margaret Masheder have served refreshments at our meetings since they were first held at York District Hospital.

During November *ia* held a visitors training course in Cheadle, Manchester. Two of our members, Donna Burnett and John Mullins, attended and successfully completed the course and are now qualified *ia* visitors, our congratulations go to both of them. If anybody else is interested in attending the next course please contact a member of the committee for details.



The attendees at this years Visitors Course

Young ia

In November, York *ia* together with West Riding *ia* with help from the Young *ia* subcommittee organized a get together for some of our younger

members in Leeds. While the turnout was not huge, enough were there for everybody to have an enjoyable evening in the company of people of their own age group who have had similar experiences. As a direct result of this, Stuart Bradley, a new young member, has agreed to act as Young *ia* coordinator and will liaise with the Young *ia* subcommittee and our own group committee to look after the interests of our younger members. We are planning another night out in the near future, if you are interested in attending please let Stuart know, he can be contacted via e-mail on Stuart@york-ia.org.uk, or come along and meet him at our Spring meeting in New Earswick.

Spring Meeting and AGM

Our Spring meeting will be held at the New Earswick Folk Hall on the 28th April from 10.30 a.m. We will holding the usual raffle and the manufacturers will have their displays. We will also be holding a 'Question and Answer' session, we have invited along Sister Jackie Clemmitt and Dr. Steve Stojkovic who will attempt to answer peoples questions about bowel surgery itself and the problems patients may face afterwards and what can be done to help. Jackie and Steve will be joined by some of our experienced ileostomists and pouchies who will also share their experiences. Light refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. The members meeting will be followed by our Annual General Meeting

If you would like to attend but have difficulty getting transport please call Brian Turner on 01904 633966 as we have a few members who are happy to collect other members and drop them back home once the meeting is over. Let us know if transport is a problem for you, and we will see if we can put the two parties together.

Our last meeting had the best attendance we've had for quite some time and it was good to see some of our younger members coming along, let's hope this continues.

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If you would, please let us know by sending an e-mail to newsletters@york-ia.org.uk and in future your newsletter will be delivered electronically.

Dates for your Diaries

ia National Council - 14th - 15th April 2007

Autumn Meeting - Will be held in the New Earswick Folk Hall on 20th October 2007 from 10.30 to about 13.00.

Coffee Morning - Our regular coffee morning at Heworth Methodist Church will take place on 28th October 2007.

National Draw Tickets

The closing date for the National Draw is 21st April, anybody still wishing to enter please send your completed counterfoils and payment to the Treasurer before this date.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on the 1st of January each year, if you have not yet paid yours can you send them to the Treasurer:-

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