

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is my job as Chairman is to tell you what we have done during the last 12 months. Just in case any of you have forgotten - after all most of us are 'older' rather than 'younger' and may have forgotten some of it. I have the benefit of a briefcase full of notes.

We formed during 1st two meetings & elected Officers/Committee - some setbacks, we 1st lost our original Chairwoman and then our 1st Treasurer and now lately, our Secretary. As I stepped into the Chairman's role at our second meeting, Charles stepped into the Vice Chairman's role and later on the Treasurer's role also. I have also been acting as Secretary. Barry has agreed to expand his role to include 'Membership' recruitment.

Other 10 meetings we have had 6 Guest Speakers: -

- i) Carol Wood - "The Big Care Debate"
- ii) Shane Gordon (Chief Officer NEE CCG) 50+ Attendance
- iii) Joanne Sutherland - Data Collection
- iv) Jo Broadbent - "Care Closer To Home"
- v) Maria Martinalli & Simon Ingate - "111 Service" (brought us cakes!)
- vi) Ted Beckwith - "End of Life Care"

Plus 1 extra meeting -

7 November meeting where Bernard Jenkin MP visited was a major achievement and our biggest attendance yet of over 70.

We have taken part in the "Big Care Debate" (Carol Wood Meeting) and I went to the Summary meeting at Westcliff Theatre Clacton and reported back to the group.

We ran a Survey and made recommendations to our Surgery in relation to a 'Project' to be undertaken. The Project was managed by a committee including Barry, Charles, Susan Henderson & Myself and when completed the Surgery obtained a PPG Funding Grant. (I must mention Richard Miller who gave a 'huge' input)

We have met with other PPG's to share knowledge and information: -

Thorpe Manningtree

We have attended 2 meetings of area Joint PPG's and in so doing have met 7 other PPG's: -

Harwich
Ranworth
Walton
Green Elms
Great Clacton
Frinton
Mayflower (Dovercourt)

We have attended a meeting of the Health Forum, "Ambulance Working Group".

And finally, on our behalf Alan & Judy Bishop have attended many meetings of both CHUFT (Col Hosp Univ Trust) and the NEE CCG, and have reported to our Group.

We have been financed entirely by our Surgery as you will see in the Treasurers Report and Accounts and opened a Bank a/c during the year with the Co-op Bank.

We had 25 people at our 1st meeting and our membership has grown to 100+.

Now at the end of our 1st year it is time to elect our Committee to carry us into the next year. I would remind you that we currently do not have a Secretary and we would very much like to fill this position. 2 reasons - I am doubling as Secy which is difficult whilst also running the meetings - Secondly, any decision making was intended to be by a full Committee of 5 people.