



The Digestive Disorders Foundation, Suffolk

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Dear Members

**(Firstly do you have an email address? If so, please let me know
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Since I last wrote to you we have received the sad news of the death of John Guthrie who used to be our treasurer. As is always the case when you attend memorial services people have done so much in their lives that one knew nothing about apart from the area of mutual interest. John was no exception and we have been privileged to have known him and for his support of our charity.

The new committee have been busy and held a very enjoyable and successful social evening at Landseer Road Social Club in Ipswich on Saturday 3rd of May. I am very grateful to everyone who contributed to the evening and in particular to the musicians - Paul Gee and The Retro's plus supporting acts Wayne Liffen, Ian Jones and compare Colin Mills. Also special thanks to the organisers Denise Wilding, Sue Agar and their team of helpers who provided excellent food. The result was a fun evening and the generation of £903:39 for the DDF. Well done everyone.

The Spring Draw raised £400.00 with the following prizes being won –

1st	K Baldry	£250.00
2nd.	T loader	£100.00
3rd.	E Coulson	£50.00

These results have been posted on the DDF Website.

A message from Judith our treasurer

'I would like to thank all the members would have donated money to DDF, most people prefer to remain anonymous, but if at all possible I or a member of the committee write to donors to thank them.

If you know of any group / organisation who raise funds for charity, please consider putting our name forward. As you can see from the donors listed below, money can come from a wide range of organisations. The committee can send you brochures with information about DDF and the work we do to help the care of patients at The Ipswich hospital or if you prefer we are more than willing to make contact with the group for you'.

We have received a number of donations from individuals and organisations including – Ipswich and Suffolk. Ladies Lva Club 2000 £400.00, Gippeswyk Lodge £200.00, £1,000.00 bequest from a will. Sale of notelets by Mrs Angela Underhill £100. Ipswich Borough Council made us a generous donation of £4912.00. Other donations from grateful patients amounted to more than £3,000

Street/supermarket collections have been held during the year and raised the following - £350.00 from Waitrose, Morrison's £454.51. Felixstowe and Woodbridge street collections made £162.86 and £194:45 respectively

I am most grateful to Humphrey Adair and his team of collectors for all their hard work

If you be of any help with this type of collection, even for one hour, then please contact Humphry Adair or me.

As a result of this fund raising work we have been able to purchase a number of pieces of equipment for the gastroenterology services including a fiberoptic choledochoscope (an instrument to examine the bile duct tubes which drain the liver and can contain gall stones). An Alcometer for the alcohol services. For the Endoscopy Unit staff, a machine to check the blood clotting of patients taking drugs to thin the blood such as warfarin. A designated fridge is being supplied to the gastroenterology ward for the storage of liquid feeds which are helpful for patients who are malnourished particularly those with inflammation of the gut such as Crohn's disease.

Our AGM is due to be held on Thursday 20th November at 6:30pm on the Endoscopy Unit at the Ipswich Hospital and all are welcome. There will be a short presentation from Dr Will Thomas, Lecturer in Psychology at University Campus Suffolk on "No-one likes to talk about it". A study of patient experiences of IBD.

Quiz Evening.

It is some years since we held one of these which were always great fun and a sociable way of raising money. So get your team (6 people) ready and prepared (**date to be finalised in January**).

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Quiz Evening in March 2015

In the Courtyard Restaurant at the
Ipswich Hospital

7pm to 11pm

Price £5 per head including meal.
Maximum 6 people per team

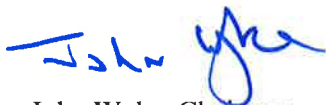
Bring your own bottle

Tickets from 01473 704451 or by
email

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I will be in touch about other social events being planned for 2015, but also look on the DDF Suffolk website for more information.

Thank you again for your all support



John Wyke Chairman