



The Digestive Disorders Foundation, Suffolk

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Dear Friends

Thank you to all those of you who have sent me their email addresses. If you haven't done so please let me know at john.wyke@ipswichhospital.nhs.uk

Grand Spring Draw

As you will see from the enclosed we have sent out tickets for a Grand Spring Draw with cash prizes to be won. The draw will take place at the Quiz evening of Friday 17th April 2015 so please sell as many tickets as you can.

Quiz Evening

Please make up a team of 6 and come along and join us in what is usually an enjoyable evening not to mention raising some money for the DDF. The evening includes a buffet and refreshments plus the draw and auction of prizes.

DDF Quiz Night

Friday 17th April 2015. 7 til 11pm

In the courtyard restaurant, Ipswich Hospital

£5 per head, max 6 people per team

Including meal. Bring you own bottle

Tickets in advance from 01473 704451

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Recent events

Since I last wrote to you we have been busy. On 29th January we had a very successful Curry evening at The Clay Oven in Ipswich. Nearly 80 people attended including and we were particularly grateful to The mayor and Mayoress of Ipswich and Terry Baxter who supported the evening. The owner of the restaurant, Abdul Motlib, generously supported the evening and gave 50% of the profits to the DDF. In all we made nearly £1000 which was very gratifying.

The evening proved so popular that we are considering running another curry evening latter in the year at the Maharani Restaurant in Norwich Road Ipswich. We will keep you informed via the DDF, Suffolk website and by post/email.

Our treasurer Judith Steward has been extremely busy being in contact with a number of organisations who have raised money for the DDF. The Ipswich Conservative Club raised nearly £1000 with which they purchased a machine to measure patient's blood clotting. Nowadays more and more people are taking tablets to thin the blood to reduce the risk of blood clots. The machine enables the blood clotting to be measured quickly (by the bedside) prior to examinations of the stomach/gut. This has improved the quality of care of patients visiting the Endoscopy Unit at the Ipswich Hospital.

Judith also received cheques for £350 from the Kesgrave Short Mat Bowls Club and £100 from Skirts and Shirts Square Dancing Club.

Purchase

The DDF have funded an £7840 upgrade for the camera capsule equipment which they bought for the hospital some years ago. The capsule, the size of an antibiotic pill, contains a tiny camera which after being swallowed takes a film of the stomach and small intestine enabling less accessible areas of gut to be examined. This is particularly helpful for the investigation of patients with unexplained internal bleeding.

Future events

DDF Golf Tournament

We used to have an annual golf tournament at Ufford Park Golf Club so please join us:

Charity Golf Day at Ufford Park

Sunday 11th October 2015

**£26 per person to include food, prizes and
charity donation to DDF, Suffolk**

Contact Sally Lightfoot 01394 382836

The curry evening proved so popular that we are considering running another one later in the year at the Maharani Restaurant in Norwich Road Ipswich. The committee are planning a further social evening in October and we will keep you informed of both these events via the DDF, Suffolk website and by post/email.

Thank you for your ongoing support

With best wishes


John Wyke
Chairman