



Minutes of meeting held on February 23rd 2005

Present: Nigel Hammond
Neil Griffiths
Sarah Hibble
Viv Ryan
Alistair Scott

1. Committee AGM

Members confirmed as follows

Chairman	Alistair Scott
Membership and Help line secretaries	Dawn Hammond and Claire Scott
Secretary	Mark and Sarah Hibble
Publicity and campaign co-ordinator	Nigel Hammond
Treasurer	Viv Ryan
Committee member / fund raising	Neil Griffiths

Stephen Simmons has offered to become more involved but in his absence the decision of what his role will be has been deferred, however in light of his success in organising the coach for the trip to Chessington we hope to encourage him to take on the role of events co-ordinator

2. Aims of the group

A general discussion was had around the aims of the group which continue to be those as stated on the back of the leaflet

- **Supports newly diagnosed children and their families.**
- **Shares ideas for managing blood glucose in children and teenagers.**
- **Offers advice on getting the best out of schools and hospitals.**
- **Provides fun events for diabetic children and their families.**
- **Arranges talks from experts.**
- **Has a library of equipment and books for members to borrow.**
- **Helps raise funds for research.**

3. Activity ideas

Sarah will find out more details on hiring the pool at Newport Pagnell on a Saturday afternoon hopefully in April.

More new suggestions included

A trip to MKDons

Activity World – there is a new one opening in MK hopefully in the summer

Ice-skating

Trampolining

Grendon Hall residential facility details can be found on the internet under grendonhall.org.uk. The suggestion is that we book a family weekend away there early next year.

Any Other Business

Nigel has written to Brian White, MP regarding the National Service Framework for diabetes and the lack of sufficient provision of paediatric Diabetes nurse specialists in Milton Keynes. He has received a response stating that he is meeting with the Primary Care Trust and will raise these concerns.

Nigel spoke to Diabetes UK asking if they could do more for children. They have written back highlighting the various publications they produce such as Tadpole Times, on the level, Link up and from tots to teens. If you would like to receive copies of these please contact Diabetes UK direct. A copy of the letter will be posted on the web site.

The Balance magazine April – March has included a very controversial article called Breaking down resistance (page 34-37). The article appears to be suggesting that the difference between type 1 and type 2 diabetes is negligible and that in fact children developing type 1 diabetes are fat and unhealthy!! The study has been done on a very small amount of children and doesn't include any detail about results of the study. MK kids will no doubt be writing to balance to complain, it is bad enough for the children having to live with diabetes without such articles being presented suggesting that they probably brought it on themselves for being fat and lazy!!! If you have any comments or suggestions for us we please contact one of us ASAP.

The web site is now .org; .com still exists but will be phased out.

Tombola donations for the Sherrington fete are now being sought, all donations please contact Alistair 07836271667, he can collect items if required. Also has anyone got any ideas for another stall at the fete?

Alistair suggested that this year we hold a Christmas raffle to be drawn at the Christmas party. (difficult to believe next xmas is already being thought about)

Next Meeting Thursday 24th March Caldecotte Arms, Caldecotte