

MK KIDS MEETING TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2004

Present

Alistair and Clare Scott, Dawn Hammond, Neil Griffiths, Sarah Hibble, Mark*****

Apologies

Nigel Hammond, Mark Hibble, Alison Simmons

1. Clare and Alistair wrote to the Newport Pagnell Festival committee asking to be considered for a donation and they have kindly given us £100. Sarah will write to thank them c/o Paul Alexandra.
2. Alistair and Nigel will shortly be talking on a local cable radio show on a Friday night, any suggestions or ideas for what they need to include will be gratefully received.
3. A 70yr old lady Dorothy Sayer is undertaking a sponsored parachute jump on 25th April to raise money for us. She has been diabetic for 50yrs and heard about our group. Nigel will draft some sponsorship forms if we could all arrange sponsors for her.
4. As we are a group that holds events for children there is some question over whether we need policing checking for child protection, Nigel will pursue with Ken.
5. Last Tuesday Nigel attended a meeting and following this will try to get involvement on the Primary Care Trust Panel. A National Service Framework has been written for Diabetes suggesting levels of input and care and it appears Milton Keynes is falling short in a few areas. One of which is that there is no Paediatric Diabetologist, also there is only one part time paediatric Diabetes nurse. The forum to address these issues is through the Primary Care Trust so our involvement will be vital to future care.
6. Nigel has produced our first Newsletter with help from Mark to print it. It is very good with lots of articles and information. Also he has produced a poster giving information on our group to be pinned up in any relevant places. Sarah will post it to all Milton Keynes GP practices asking if they can put it up in a prominent position. Well done Nigel for some excellent work!!!
7. Ken has produced a calendar of events for his type 2 diabetic group. He sometimes has limited numbers turning out so has extended the invitation to members of our group. Anyone interested may attend, for further information contact Sarah.
8. Ken applies annually to a lottery grant for a diabetic child to be funded for a weekend diabetic holiday, children are chosen and means tested, Neil will look into whether we too can apply.
9. Dawn and Nigel will investigate further the possibility of our group being involved in a charity car raffle whereby the group selling the tickets are presented with a proportion of the takings.
10. As the branch Secretary Sarah is sent a sample of different magazines if anyone is interested in receiving them please contact Sarah on 01908 218672.

The magazines are:-

Balance- An informative magazine with articles problem pages recipes etc. produced bimonthly

Tadpole Times - aimed specifically at young children with cartoon stories and games.

Link up - aimed at older children and teenagers again with advice and problem pages.

Gazette - newsletter produced by Diabetes UK

11. The Caldecotte pub has agreed that we can use the upstairs rooms as a venue if we have speakers arranged, they just require a few weeks notice.

12. We discussed wether to ask a company to sponsor some events we might hold for example the picnic at Emberton. Should we approach a few different companies or businesses?

13. Centre Parc weekend next spring - Alistair will contact them for prices, could we have peoples thoughts on inviting reps along while we are there to give talks.

14. Dawn rang the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation about teddies that they have to give to children which can be injected. They are a very useful learning tool for young children, they have said they will look into it and get back to her.

15. Diabetes UK have a voluntary group advisory panel Nomination for membership can be made, Mark expressed an interest and Nigel may be interested.

16. Alison has done the accounts for the year, details to follow.

17. Clare has details of the JDRF open meeting at Addenbrookes, please contact her for further information.

Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 23rd March 8pm Caldecotte