

Sussex Kidney Trust Report AGM 2018

Hello again everyone, just thought I would bring you up to date with what has happened since the last time I wrote to you.

We had a request from Peter Pelling, Chief Technician for the Renal Units asking if the Trust would purchase some more chairs for Home Dialysis patients to which we of course agreed, 10 chairs were duly ordered at a total cost of £2,770.00 they have been delivered to the Brighton Renal Unit for distribution.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 18th April at Henfield Hall, attendance was good but possibly not as many people as usual due to it being a beautiful sunny day. Jean Plaskett, Trust President, conducted the business side of the afternoon with great efficiency and humour. Jean opened the meeting saying she was pleased to welcome the Home Dialysis Manager, Renal Unit Manager from Worthing Hospital, Chief Technician and his Assistant the Chairman of SEKPA, Angie Hyde, Sussex Area Chairman and members of the Sussex Area.

With the business over we were looking forward to the Speakers for the afternoon, Margaret Frosztega spoke about being the wife of a Home Dialysis patient ,she came with a very large suitcase which has to travel with them everywhere away from home, this normally contains the machine which her husband attaches himself to for treatment at night and which beeps at intervals until finished, not conducive to a good nights' sleep, she went on to explain all the other necessary items that have to be stored for home dialysis, also if they go away, the difficulties that have to be sorted when travelling particularly by air. Margaret explained the problems and the way both she and her husband dealt with everything in a very informative but at the same time amusing way. Everyone really enjoyed her talk and after answering questions, she was thanked by Anne Lee.

We had a double talk at this AGM, Peter Pelling and his Assistant Technician Stephen brought a Dialysis Machine like those used in the Renal Unit wards at the Hospitals, they dismantled several parts to show us the inner sections and explained how the different ones worked, all very technical but extremely interesting, these machines cost in the region of £12-15K but are very much more sophisticated than earlier ones, another extremely interesting talk, Peter and Stephen were asked lots of questions, they were thanked by Christine Madeley. The feedback has been that both Speakers had shed a lot of light on the treatment of Renal Patients both at home and on the Wards.

After all of the above, we were ready for a welcome cuppa and to partake in the wonderful tempting spread provided as always by the trust Committee.

I do hope you all have an enjoyable summer, let's hope we get some decent weather and many thanks for all the donations that keep arriving, we are hoping that we shall receive some requests for equipment very soon so that we can spend it.

Kind regards,
Jenny
Chairman