

NHS Retirement Fellowship

Gwent Branch



Newsletter - March 2018

Annual General Meeting

Welcome to our 2018 Annual General Meeting and afternoon tea. Today we would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors who are Judith Paget, CEO, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, John Rostill, CEO, NHSRF and John Toman, Wales Development Officer, NHSRF. We also have Angela Whitecross from Manchester University who are undertaking a project into NHS stories as part of the 70/40 Anniversary Celebrations. Of course we also have Ann Hyde, Improvement Manager at ABUHB who as you know provides much appreciated help and support to this branch.

Charity donation

We are pleased to report that following the success of last month's Cake Stall we have now raised our target of £500 to donate to our chosen good cause. We have already had several nominations and slips are available if you would like to nominate a local charity to go into the draw.

Membership subscriptions

It is time again for our annual membership subscriptions to be paid and you will be given your membership forms. Ann is prepared to take your payments today if you wish otherwise these should be paid by the April meeting. Cheques please.

NHSRF Golf Classic 2018

Just a reminder to members that this event is being held on **Thursday, 13 September 2018 at St Pierre Golf and Country Club Old course**. This will include breakfast on arrival, a Golf Clinic, 18 holes of golf on the championship golf course, evening meal and presentation of prizes.

Teams of four are needed and the event is open to all NHS and Social Care retirees, their wives, husbands, partners and friends

Absent members

If you are aware of any fellow members who are sick or poorly please let Caroline Pitt or any of the other Committee members know. This is so that a get well card can be sent to let them know that we are thinking of them

Trip Notices

**Thursday, 3rd May 2018 - 'The Play that Goes Wrong'
New Theatre, Cardiff**

Fully booked and tickets will be issued at our April meeting

Thursday, 7th June 2018 - Blenheim Palace

Please note the change of date. Due to circumstances beyond our control we are unable to attend on the original planned date of the 24th May. This is because there is filming taking place all week. Anyone who is not able to attend but has paid either a deposit or the full amount will be refunded at the April meeting. (Delyn did offer our services as extras but they were declined !!)

The cost is £33 which includes entry to the palace and gardens and also the coach
A non returnable deposit of £10 is required to book your place. A minimum of 25 booked places required for the trip to go ahead

NB. No names will be accepted unless accompanied by the deposit

June and July 2018 - NHS and Fellowship Anniversary Celebrations

Details to follow when confirmed

Thursday, 15th November 2018 - Wicked

Wales Millennium Centre

Cost £51 - Full payment at June meeting

Thursday, 24th January 2019 - 'Jersey Boys'

Wales Millennium Centre

Cost £44 - Full payment at September meeting

Annual Darts Match against Rhondda and Merthyr Groups

A provisional date of Wednesday, 25th April 2018 has been set. We will have a practice match and lunch on Wednesday, 28th March at the Cons Club, Nash Road at 1.30pm. Even if you do not wish to play please join us for lunch and fun.

Possible future events depending on demand

- Royal Welsh Show in July
- American Museum and shopping in Bath in November or December

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Our next meeting will be held at 2pm on Monday, 16 April 2018 when our guest speaker will be **Margaret Hall** who will be talking to us about 'The Town of Usk'. Her talk is based on the paintings and etchings carried out by her father.

In May our speaker will be **Keiran Russell**, who will be talking to us about the **Help 4 Wales Foundation**

Your Committee

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