

# Cancer Care Club

## Spring 2011 Newsletter

### Annual General Meeting

On 17th March we held our AGM at the Abbots Barton Hotel at which 29 members including the outgoing committee were in attendance. Unfortunately our Chairman Nic Goodger could not be in attendance due to work commitments. Nic provided an address, which was read out for him by one of the committee, Malcolm Hodgson:

Another year has passed and what has the club achieved?

I believe this has been another good year for the club. The committee has tried to be more proactive and have sought new areas for fundraising as well as new avenues to provide funding for cancer care. I'm delighted with our sponsoring of a therapist in the alternative therapies bungalow and the new couch that we have been able to purchase. The forthcoming refurbishment of the oncology centre at Kent & Canterbury will also provide further opportunities for us to help improve the facilities for those having to attend the department next year.

Attendance at events is still a little patchy. The summer barbeque went very well, and the Christmas dinner was successful but the weather prevented some from attending. The Thursday lunches are usually well supported, but the Wednesday evening meetings can be variable in turnout. We have offered some day trips, but these still seem to be difficult to get support for. Later this year we have organised a tour of Canterbury Cathedral, which I'm hoping will be well supported. The committee are keen to hear if you have any ideas for outings or other events.

The success of the club as always is down to my fellow committee members. I am very grateful to them for all their hard work, not just in organising meetings but also in fundraising and helping to improve the visibility of the club. Their input involves a considerable amount of time and effort all given willingly and for free.

In particular I would like to thank Jacky Guyver and Ann Clewer, both of whom are stepping down from the committee this year. Jacky as I'm sure you are all aware has been a committee member and club contact for many years. Her passion for the club and its members is exceptional, and perhaps only succeeded by her passion for the raffles she runs on the club's behalf! The committee will miss her input and energy.

Ann has been on committee for a shorter period of time, but nonetheless added strength and another dimension to the committee helping us to explore new areas for fund-raising.

We are looking for a new secretary but interest has been muted. As always, if any members feel able to help out it would be appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank our patrons for their continued support

As said previously in Nic's address, we have lost two staunch members of the committee who left the committee at the AGM. They will be greatly missed for all their hard work and commitment. The following members of the committee were re-elected for 2011/12: Nic Goodger Chairman, Audrey Brown Treasurer, Daphne Woodcock Fundraiser and Programme Secretary, Eve Twyford Membership Secretary, Malcolm Hodgson (Acting Secretary) and Edwina Prior. We are still seeking a Publicity Officer and a Social Secretary to join the committee, if you are interested or know someone who could help please contact one of the committee or call Malcolm on 07760301116

The good news is we have recruited a new Secretary via the Canterbury and Herne Bay Volunteer Bureau. Her name is Jane Burgess an experienced NHS Manager. We look forward to Jane joining the committee and helping us move the Club forward for the benefit of all its members.

### **Reminder of future meetings:**

Lunch meetings at Abbots Barton Hotel, New Dover Road, Canterbury 12-2pm  
21<sup>st</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Lunch details to follow)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Monday Heather Morgan’s Craft Fair 10am to 4pm  
Landmark Centre Deal, Admission 25p proceeds to Cancer Care Club

### **Cathedral Day Unit, Kent and Canterbury Hospital 7pm for 7.30pm start:**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Christine Wise Lymphoedema Nurse Specialist  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June Dr S Coltart Oncologist Talk: New ways of giving treatment followed by a visit to the new Radiotherapy Department.  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July Mr Streeter and Mr Eddy Urologists ‘Robotic Prostate Surgery’

### **Outings**

Daphne Woodcock has organised a trip to the Cathedral on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Maximum number of 20 people. Cost £12-50 without a precincts pass and £6-50 with a pass. Daphne has pass application forms if you would like to apply for one. Contact Daphne on 01227 720631.

If anyone has any other ideas for future outings please let one of the committee know.

### **Finally a date for your diary!**

Our annual barbeque will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August this year at the Pfizer’s Social Club.