

# **Minutes of the Coventry Lymphoma Association Support Group**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006 19:00 Conference Room A3 Walsgrave Hospital**

## **Present**

**Nathan Reynolds  
Shelly Harvey  
Will Townsend  
Brian Dudley  
Sue Martin (Haematology Counsellor)**

**Eileen Salter  
Maggie Sheridan  
Anne Townsend  
Lisa Dudley**

**Peter Salter  
Sunita Sharma  
Sue Sturdy**

## **Apologies**

**Virginia Dainty**

**Michaela Reynolds**

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The group welcomed to the meeting two new members, Brian and Lisa Dudley. Brian is a non-Hodgkin patient who has undergone a bone marrow transplant at the QE in Birmingham. We hope to see Brian and Lisa again in the future.

The meeting was also attended by Sue Martin, a haematology counsellor from Walsgrave Hospital who was going to talk about the services her and her team provide.

## **Review of previous months minutes**

The previous meetings minutes were agreed.

## **Treasurers Report**

The groups funds are at £137.57. The forthcoming years internet fees would become payable by the end of March and the figure above does not include these. A donation of £12 was made by some of Nathan's work colleagues who had held a sponsored dress down day.

## **Sue Martin's Support Group**

Sue came to the group meeting to chat about a support group for patients only that she will be running later in the year. The groups will be small and focussed and will consist of members that have been carefully selected to be of similar background, thus ensuring compatibility. A number of these groups will be run and the sessions will be weekly for 6 weeks.

Anyone requiring further information or wishing to join a group can contact Sue on 024 76538605.

Nathan asked whether there is any facility for carers or relatives. Sue stated that carers and relatives may be referred to a counselling team at the hospital.

## **Matters Arising**

### **Parachute Jump**

Nathan's work colleague, Kev, had received literature from the association about a company that arranges charity parachute jumps. The company were quite keen to arrange something for April, but this would be too soon for Kev and Nathan and their other work colleagues. Nathan has left this matter in the hands of his colleague as he is currently signed off from work with stress.

### **Room availability**

Maggie stated that she would make further enquiries into securing a more suitable room for the group.

## **Action**

**NR**

**MS**

## **Hodgkin Lymphoma DVD**

**NR**

The group has now received a copy of the above DVD and it is hoped to be able to screen this in the April meeting.

## **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next formal meeting was set as 6th April 2006 at 19:00.