

# The Digestive Disorders Foundation, Suffolk

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Dear Friends

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We have a COOP Share number 623106

In an effort to reduce postal costs if you have an email address I would be most grateful if would send it to me at <u>john.wyke@ispwichhospital.nhs.uk</u>.

You will see that we have included tickets for the Grand Spring draw with cash prizes to be won. The draw will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> April so we are most grateful for your support.

## Treasurer's report from Judith Steward

Since the last newsletter we have had our yearly grand draw, which made a profit of £1078.06. Thank you to everyone who bought/sold draw tickets and for all the donations we received this year, Also, thank you to the lady who donated the 3rd prize of £50 back to DDF.

The draw occurred during the quiz evening at the Ipswich Hospital in April. Around 100 people attended making a most successful and enjoyable event. Thank you to the hospital caterers (ISS) for giving their support and food for free also to Kathy and Colin Scott and team for being question masters and collating the results. We made £537.79 and the event was so successful that we have arranged another evening for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, see details below. Our bank Barclays, donated £1000.00 and invited us to have a 'Pop up shop' in the bank. Muriel and I took part, although this was mainly a chance to raise the profile of the DDF we also sold cards etc and raised £85.

### **DDF Quiz Night**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. 7 til 11pm

In the Courtyard Restaurant, Ipswich
Hospital

£6 per head, max. 6 people per team Including meal, bring your own bottle

Tickets in advance from 01473 704453

bridget.white@uk.issworld.com

Humphrey Adair and his team of collectors have continued to raise money through street/supermarket collections in Felixstowe and Woodbridge amounting to £163 and £294 respectively. A big thank you to everyone involved who put in so much hard work often in cold places.

In November, we held another curry evening at the Clay Oven in Ipswich, for which we thank Abdul Motlieb the proprietor. In addition to a delicious meal and enjoyable evening including a draw we made a profit of £779. Particular thanks go to Sue, Denise and Barbara for their hard work and selling so many draw tickets.

Thank you to two of our supporters who celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary in the summer and instead of presents friends and family donated £430 to the DDF. We are grateful to another member whose husband died and she asked for donations to DDF, raising £361.

Two members Muriel Green and Angela Underhill continue to raise a steady stream of money for us with sales of cards and craft items.

#### Forthcoming musical evening

Some years ago we had a couple of excellent concerts by Ipswich Gilbert and Sullivan Choir who sing a wide range of music from G&S, folk songs, musicals, Stilgoe and Skellern, pop, probably a Mozart piece and oldies but goldies. I am delighted to let you know that we have another evening arranged for May 11th, see below for details.

Ipswich Gilbert and Sullivan Choir Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7:30 Woodbridge Community Hall Raffle

Tickets £10 each

from Judith Steward 01473 721481

#### **Purchases**

Among several purchases, we funded a manikin to assist with training doctors and nurses to perform gastroscopy (an examination of the stomach). Mr Groot Wassinck has been supported for a study of analysis of a large UK/US database to examine reasons for post operative complications. A grant has been given to the Alcohol Support Specialist nurse to attend a training course on nursing of patients with liver disease at King's College Hospital. The previously funded Fibroscanner, for assessing the liver without taking samples, is proving a great advance in patient management.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

John Wyke Chairman

PS: Recently there has been a lot of adverse publicity about charities passing on members details to other organisations. I can assure you that we respect your privacy and will not knowingly disclose your contact details to other organisations.