

Dear Friends

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If we could communicate with you by email please send your email address.

You will remember that in May I wrote to you about the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which required you to 'opt in' to being on the DDF mailing list. Fortunately we received quite a number of positive responses but have not heard from many others who technically we should not contact. Knowing how inundated everyone was with such requests I am unsure if we have the full picture so this letter is being sent to everyone left on the mailing list. If you have not done so already it would be most helpful if you could let me know if you wish to receive future correspondence and the best contact details are shown on the next page in the AGM box.

This has been a difficult year for DDF. Our planned Quiz night in February had to be cancelled at short notice because of the snow, which seems inconceivable during these last few months. This was a blow both financially and socially. In April, the hospital catering contract changed from ISS who had supported the quiz's so generously to OCS. I am currently in discussion with OCS, to try and reinstate the Quiz hopefully in 2019?

November 2017, we were hosted to an excellent Indian meal and fund raising evening by Mani Malik who owns the Maharani Indian Restaurant in Ipswich. The food was superb and our fund raising was boosted by other dinners and members of staff. All in all a most enjoyable evening during which we raised £400. The Autumn Grand draw took place during the AGM and raised £752.

In December 2017, our Treasurer Judith Steward and I were invited to the Ipswich East Rotary Club to talk about the work of the DDF and bowel cancer screening. We were delighted to hear in May that they had agreed to give us a donation of £1300 to purchase a machine for the Gastroenterology Unit to check blood clotting. More and more people are taking tablets to thin their blood to reduce the risk of blood clots which can cause strokes and heart attacks. It is essential to check how well the blood clots before undertaking certain tests and procedures and the machine provides a result in minutes rather than a couple of hours when sample is analysed via the main laboratory.

We had an outstanding Chinese meal and most enjoyable social evening at Mr Wing's restaurant in Ipswich in May 2018.

Street collections in Woodbridge in September 2017 raised £292.05 while the one this September raised £206.16 this is despite 8 collectors being on the Thoroughfare all day. All charities are struggling with this type of collection as fewer and fewer people are carrying cash. What I am trying to organise is contactless giving boxes which are beginning to be made available to a few of the bigger charities who have reported larger donations with this system.

In the last year we have received a number of generous donations which amounted to £2338

Our treasurer, Judith, has been laid up most of this year with problems to her knee which had to be replaced in September. We hope she will soon be back to her normal energetic self.

Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 18:30

Venue: Endoscopy Unit at the Ipswich Hospital.

**Agenda and further details will be posted on the DDF,
Suffolk website.**

**So we have an idea of numbers if you are going to attend
please notify**

**Marjorie Thompson (mobile no. 07703485213) or email
marjorie.thompson@btinternet.com**

I enclose tickets for the Autumn Grand Draw and thank you for your ongoing support.

**We have introduced a text giving number so donations can be made via
your mobile phone.**

To donate text 'DDFS17£3 to 70070' (You can choose the amount)

Don't forget our Coop share number is 623106

With best wishes and thanks to all the people who have made donations of time and or money to support the DDF this last year. Particular thanks to our hard working committee.

John Wyke
Chairman Digestive Disorders Foundation, Suffolk

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mailing list please reply "Yes" to marjorie.thompson@btinternet.com**

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