

Happy New Year 2008

Programme for 2008

Thursday March 8th – Talk by Karen Orms, Dietician

Monday March 17th – Stores Collection
Tesco Princes Risborough

Thursday April 3rd – Talk on the work of
the Samaritans

Saturday May 10th – Sponsored Walk
5 mile and 10 mile walks starting at
Wistone Village Hall at 10am

June – The committee are hoping to
organise an outside event this year.
(Further details will be given in the
newsletter)

Tuesday June 14th – Aylesbury Town
Collection (Market Day Charity Stall)

Thursday July 3rd – Talk on making a
garden from the BBC Gardener of the
year – Mr Edwin Rye

Thursday August 28th – Our big fund
raising day with our stall at the County
Show

Thursday September 4th – Diabetes
Careline talk by Mary Smith from
Diabetes UK

Thursday October 2nd – Talk by a
Podiatrist on Footcare

Thursday November 6th – Wildlife of
Ethiopia talk by Dr MacFarlane

Thursday December 4th – Christmas
Social

(Look out for further dates and details
added to this list throughout the year)

Happy New Year to you all.
A fresh year and another
variety of challenges to face
and aims to fulfil.

I am sure you have all made or
considered your New Year's
resolution over the last couple
of weeks. For our part the
committee have also made a
resolution for 2008: to continue
to offer support for local people
with Diabetes and endeavour
to ensure that funds are raised
for the much needed research
to combat this.

We are also determined to
raise the group's profile within
the community and maintain or
increase its membership.

Looking at the Programme for
2008 alongside this column, we
have once again got a vast and
interesting array of talks and
events which should offer
something for everyone who
attends our monthly meetings.
There will be more dates
added to this list as the year
progresses; we are currently
approaching a number of
stores requesting possible
collection dates.

As always we rely heavily on
our volunteers for these
collections and the other
events throughout the year, if
you know anyone who would
like to be involved or could
offer a few hours help now and
then please let us know.

AGM Meeting

Our next meeting is the all important AGM on the 7th February at 8.00pm in the Diabetes centre SM hospital.

After the normal business of the AGM we shall be having a presentation by Mr Martin Lodemore from the Imperial College London. Mr Lodemore is working with the newly established Diabetes Research Network, this is funded by the Department of Health to help improve diabetes research across the UK and is focused on making research more relevant to those affected by the condition.

The talk will be followed by a selection of cheese and wine to enjoy and a chance to chat to other group members. This is the most important meeting of the entire year for our group, your chance to overhear and comment on numerous decisions which affect the group. If it is at all possible please try to attend this meeting.

Also you will see below the nomination form for our 2008 committee. If you or anyone you know would like to join the committee please fill in the form and have a member nominate you before handing this to someone on the committee on or before the AGM.

Questionnaire

Enclosed with the newsletter is a letter of request from the committee and associated questionnaire. We would very much appreciate if you would take the time to read through this and return it with your comments or feedback. Given the aims we have laid out for ourselves this year it is vital that we understand your position and requirements from us.

Feel free to add any further comments you have over and above the eight questions asked.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE AYLESBURY & DISTRICT VOLUNTERY COMMITTEE FOR 2007

I (name).....being a member of the Aylesbury Branch

nominate.....to serve on the Branch Committee

I (print name).....(signature).....am willing to serve on the Branch Committee

I (print name).....(signature).....second the above nomination