

**MINUTES**

**WOODHILL PATIENTS GROUP MEETING**

**MAYFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, 23RD MARCH 2015, 7.30PM**

Apologies:- Warwick Child; Deveda Redman; Gavin Ross; Brenda Smith; Polly Bradford; Pam Mather; Mary Pennington

Present:- John Gaunt, Chair; Bill Dixson, Deputy Chair; David Miles; Alf and Meriel Thompson; Peter Deller; Andrew Watson; Fiona Lydon Watson; Katy McSundey; Johnny Marsh; Neil and Jane Wade; Mr. & Mrs. Herb Hills; Irene Bell; Fr. Nigel Prior; Beryl Wallwork; Jean Rawlins; Elizabeth Keating; Jennifer Gooch; Edwina Miles; Marion Dixson; Rosemary Neal; Margaret Neve; Liz Lincoln; Michael Hore; Jeanette Hore (Secretary)

Guest Speakers:- Dr. Sally Brewerton and Andrew Cornell, Practice Manager, Woodhill Surgery

J.G. welcomed Dr. Brewerton and Andrew Cornell. A.C. started proceedings talking about the necessity for consent to be given by any patient over the age of 13 for any other person to discuss their medical affairs. This does not necessarily have to be a family member. Forms are available in the Surgery or this can be done by letter.

Dementia was discussed. Advance decision making is recommended before mental capacity diminishes. Dr. Brewerton talked about Lasting Power of Attorney, which is split between Health and Welfare and Property and Finance. The NHS Choices website has information on Living Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney.

A.C. discussed DNAR (DNACPR). This decision generally is arrived at between the G.P. and patient and sometimes involves the family. A.C. said that the “Message In A Bottle” project is to be introduced at Woodhill. Bottles will be available at Woodhill for patients. A green sticker is put on the fridge door so should paramedics be called out they will be alerted to vital medical information within the bottle in the fridge. Any medical information can be put into the bottle, such as a DNAR form, repeat medication, allergy information, etc.

A.C. discussed IBIS (Intelligence Based Information System). This is a scheme whereby patient information is downloaded from the surgery to SECAmb and is designed to enable ambulance crews to have up to date information about a patient's health and their care plans to allow crews to make the best clinical decisions when they are with a patient. This sort of information isn’t available in Summary Care Records. SCR takes basic information from GP records about a patient’s health history, medicines and allergies and makes this available through a very strict access method.

A.C. said Woodhill uses a computer system called System 1, which the district nurses also use as well as Crowborough Hospital. However, there are many different systems nationally, which makes information sharing extremely difficult.

A.C. left information on DNAR decision making and Lasting Power of Attorney. JH has copies should anyone like to view them.

J.G. thanked Dr. Brewerton and A.C. who then left the meeting.

J.G. then talked about the three defibrillators in the villages and showed a video demonstrating CPR and the use of a defibrillator identical to the ones we have. He said he has given a demonstration to the Primary School who have subsequently purchased pads specifically for the use on children. He discussed the need to spread the word as much as possible about the presence of the defibrillators, the locations and how to use one. To this end demonstrations are to be offered to as many village groups as possible.

Johnny Marsh briefly talked about the group he has set up to support carers of dementia sufferers. Meetings are held at the Pink Cabbage on the first and third Mondays of each month, 10am-noon, unless a Bank Holiday, in which case it will be on the Tuesday.

J.G. said the WPG is to hold a meeting dedicated to the topic of Dementia on Monday, 11th May again at the Mayfield Primary School at 7.30pm. Members will be emailed with further information in due course and additional advertising will be arranged to alert as wide an audience as possible.

J.G. said that the WPG committee is to meet with Care for the Carers with a view to setting up initially monthly meetings to support unpaid carers in Mayfield and Five Ashes. The cost of room hire at London House is £6.50 per hour and it is anticipated two/three hours would be appropriate. He asked for approval to utilise WPG funds to meet this cost from those present. This was supported unanimously. Once the meeting has taken place further information will be sent to WPG members.

JG stated that the WPG committee welcomed suggestions of topics that should be considered for future meetings and any offers of help to supplement the efforts of the committee.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Future Meetings:-

Monday, 11th May 2015; 7.30pm Mayfield Primary School – Dementia

Wednesday, 15th July 2015; 7.30pm Rose and Crown – General Discussion