

# GALLETLY PRACTICE PATIENTS GROUP

Helping the Practice to Support the Patients

## NEWSLETTER August 2018

If you are reading this on Facebook, congratulations, you've found us; if you're reading this on the Practice web site page, well done, you know we exist; if you are reading this as a hard copy in the Practice waiting room – did you know that we have a Facebook page and also appear on the Practice web site.

The Facebook page, which has been in existence about 2 months, is thanks to the initial work done by Dr Rebecca Mitchell, and our Secretary, Tony Gray. Content is now being added by a new committee member, Louise Goodall.

The idea of using social media is to give the Patients Group more visibility, and easier access for all the patients who are registered with the Practice. As a committee we speak on your behalf but aren't always able to do so with the knowledge and input of more than a small number of people.

We hope to use the Facebook page to gather comments from patients on various aspects of Practice activities, and to collect responses to local, regional and national questionnaires which come up from time to time.

The PPG has been in existence since 2004, in a variety of guises and we currently have a full committee of eleven people.

In the past any monies raised were used to buy equipment for the Surgery, more recently we have taken older patients in the Practice, who may not have much social interaction, out of their homes on an 'away day', for lunch and a little entertainment. We hope the Facebook page will help us access more of the people who could take advantage of a day out.

We raise funds mainly by the sale of books and DVDs in the 'book room', opposite the dispensary, and by selling Christmas Draw raffle tickets during the Flu Jab days in late September and early October, and the run up to Christmas. After the Flu Jab days, tickets will be on sale at reception.

**Stop Press!** We've just agreed to buy 2 wheelchairs for the Practice

If you would like to support our fund raising...a donation of books (in good condition) and unwanted DVDs would be most appreciated (you can leave them with reception), and remember to bring some money when you come for your flu jab. Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale, they are usually 5 for £1, and there are normally lots of prizes.

This year's AGM is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2.00pm at Wake House, it's usually a quiet affair, but this year we hope to have a guest speaker, and we hope to see any patients from the Practice who would like to know a little more about what we do.

Hopefully this is the first (for a long time) of a regular (but not frequent) 'newsletter' from **your** Patient Group. We look forward to any comments you might want to make, either on Facebook, or our page on the Practice web site, or on one of the PPG leaflets in the dispenser next to the registration screen in the Blue waiting room.

Regards and keep well.

Roy McKinney (PPG Chair)