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“Caring for people with lupus”

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Dear Members and Friends

Now that the Christmas festivities are over it is time to have a get together. I have arranged a coffee morning for Saturday 17 February at the Howard Centre, Christchurch. Coffee mornings provide a warm and friendly occasion to have a chat and get to know other lupus sufferers and their families and friends. We will have the book library, a sales table and a raffle as usual.

Several of our members have recently been poorly. Debbie Steel has been very brave and has had two operations and both Patricia Vaughan and Jayne Baker have had nasty falls resulting in hip damage. We do wish you all well and hope you are well on the road o recovery.

Our Annual General Meeting has been arranged for Saturday 31 March at the Howard Centre. This usually takes the form of a coffee morning and perhaps some other activities - if you have any ideas for this AGM please let me know.

In Dorset we have been very lucky for the last few years to have had a large committee. Unfortunately, due to illness and work commitments, some of the committee have had to stand down. In particular, our treasurer, Ian Britain, is retiring after serving our group for many years and we all owe him a big thank you. We are now desperate to have some more members join the committee. We try to keep to three meetings a year, and share out the tasks. Working together is very enjoyable and rewarding. Please seriously consider becoming a committee member – if you wish to find out more please give me a ring on 01202 884809. One of the first tasks of the new committee will be to plan our social events for this summer.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 17 February 2007, 10:30 – 12:00
The Howard Centre, Christchurch Hospital, Fairmile Road, Christchurch
(Further details from: Margaret Hosking, 01202 884809)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 31 March 2007, 10:30 – 12:00
The Howard Centre, Christchurch Hospital, Fairmile Road, Christchurch
(Further details from: Margaret Hosking, 01202 884809)

I appreciate that many of our members are unable to come to meetings. You are not forgotten! You can always give me a ring for a chat. I am retired from my former career as a school teacher these days so I am at home more during the day.

If you have anything that you would like to include in our newsletter please send it in. In the past we have had recipes, quizzes, jokes, accounts of holidays, tips for coping with lupus. Why not try your hand designing a crossword.

Kind Regards

Margaret