

AKPA Newsletter

What is the AKPA

AKPA stands for Aintree Kidney Patients Association and is the brainchild of Dr Bhavna K Pandya, consultant Nephrologist at University Hospital Aintree. It is to be run by patients (and their carers) and is intended to provide support for kidney patients (and their carers) under the care of consultant Nephrologists at the University Hospital Aintree.

AKPA AGM

From February 2006 onwards there have been monthly consultation meetings with patients and their carers to set up AKPA. Along with Dr Bhavna Pandya Dennis Crane (North Regional Advocacy Officer, National Kidney Federation), Bill Edwards and his wife (), Palm Carr and (Southport Kidney Fund) attended and supported these monthly meetings.

The inaugural AGM for the Aintree Kidney Patients Association (AKPA) took place on Sunday 23 July 2006 at University Hospital Aintree. The election of the committee took place and the following positions were filled.

Chairperson Alex Rowlands

Secretary Michael Molyneux, ?Stephen

Treasurer June Graham

Honorary President Dr B Pandya

The AKPA is indebted to all those who supported in setting this up. Special reference to Dennis Crane for his support and advice in helping to set up the AKPA, and his continued involvement in helping the association to get registered as charity with the Charity Commission.

Also Lyndsey Burke Dr Pandya's secretary's contribution is invaluable in organizing these meetings. AKPA is very grateful for her genuine support and hard work.

Funds

The AKPA is grateful for all contributions so far. Voluntary refreshments have been provided by Alexander Rawlands for the meeting.

Funds consist of £500 donation from the North West Region Kidney Patients Association, £700 donation in memory of patient John Fisher (deceased) and £1400 from a sponsored walk by two nurses (Jo Minogue and Lisa Vaughan) from the Fresenius Dialysis unit at Aintree Hospital. Many thanks to all involved particularly Mrs Fisher's support and dedication for the walk.

Future Dates For Diary

Forthcoming Meetings: at Olivia Thomas Suite
University Hospital Aintree.

Sunday 22 October 3pm

Sunday 19 November 3pm

A **Christmas party** for all kidney patients and carers/families will be held in the Olivia Thomas Suite at **3pm on Sunday 17 December**. Hot food catering can be provided but we need to know numbers in advance. If you would like to go, could you please let one of the committee members or Dr Pandya know so the catering can be organised. Further information will be available in the next newsletter.

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Useful support website for kidney related matters. www.kidney.org.uk