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STOP PRESS! LAUNCH OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS SUPPORT GROUP

The launch picnic at St Peter's School, Guildford went really well. There were lots of diabetic children with parents, siblings, friends and grandmothers. Brian Davey and Guy and Hazel Barnby of the Guildford and South West Surrey Group were there. Lifescan were there with blood monitors and the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) were there too.

The children did an art poster which they are hoping to have displayed at the CEDAR centre, there was football coaching which was a great success and what's more the weather held out!

There will be a meeting on 9th October to discuss some longer term plans.

A WALK IN THE PARK



Alice (aged 6 and Type 1 diabetic) and her mum Kim after their 'Walk in the Park'

Alice and Kim Lanning raised over £200 (including gift aid) for Diabetes UK after their 2.5 mile 'Walk in the Park' in Farnham on 18th June.

IT'S BEEN A GOOD TIME FOR DONATIONS. THANK YOU.

At the last Committee meeting it was agreed that a donation of £1,250 from Group funds should be sent to Diabetes UK to be allocated in two ways—£625 to the Children's Fund and £625 to research.

It's been a good time for donations, both from individuals and organisations. David Coker decided to celebrate his 60th birthday with a party and £75 was raised for

Diabetes UK to be used locally. A brilliant idea. It means you can have a party without worrying about people feeling they need to bring you presents—and raise some money for a good cause at the same time.

We were also given £295 in memory of the late Brian Woodgate to be used locally.
Many thanks for this also.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every other month.

Our venue for meetings is CEDAR, the Centre for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Research, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Meetings start at 7.30pm. If there is a speaker, that part of the evening begins at 8pm.

If you come by car, parking for 2-3 hours is £2.50 in the hospital car park, but there are a number of parking places for blue or orange badge holders right at the back of the Centre. And staff car parks are quite empty at that time of day.

If you come by train, there are regular buses from the Station.

If you have email?
Send me an email and you can have this Newsletter that way.

Please send items for the next issue by the 17th November 2006 to:

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IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS AGAIN!



We will have a selection of cards, wrapping paper and a few diaries from Diabetes UK for sale at our meeting on the 3rd October.

If you buy from us, you will save on postage!

To order anything from the Diabetes UK catalogue to be collected at the 4th December meeting, please phone Elizabeth Hillman on 01483 568332 or give her the details at the October meeting. We can't deliver, I'm afraid.

TESCO COLLECTION A SUCCESS

The Tesco collection was a great success. It covered for the first time two days—Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th August, so it was quite a stretch for collectors. But they raised a magnificent £530—£103.58 of which arrived in carrier bags full of coins collected by Ciara O'Halloran and her mother, Karen.

Guy and Geoff could have done with a wheelbarrow to lift them! Thank you, Ciara. Keep at it.

ANY SPARE JEWELLERY?

We're having a stall at the Godalming United Reformed Church on Saturday, 18th November for the sale of pewter and jewellery. If you have any jewellery you would like to donate, please contact Hazel on 01483 566012.

Thanks.

MEETINGS

Next Meeting



**Monday, 2nd
October 2006**

The role of the Diabetes UK
Area Manager

Speaker: Penny January,
Deputy South East Area
Manager, Diabetes UK

Future meetings

Monday, 4th December 2006

An evening with *Dr John Wright*
and *Joy Davis*, Chief Dietitian

Monday, 5th February 2007

Either *Fundraising the hard way* by
Marian Eldridge

Or *My Libyan adventure* by Brian
Davey

Monday, 2nd April 2007

AGM and Update from *Professor
David Russell-Jones*, our
President

Monday, 4th June 2007

What patients are told but do not
understand—communication
between Dr and patient.

Speaker: *Dr Sue Davidson*

Monday, 6th August 2007

Proposed river trip