

COMMUNICARE

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With the continuing strict Government guidelines on social distancing in an effort to combat the spread of the CoronaVirus, we are not yet in a position to announce any future Group meeting dates. Likewise the Social Group will not be holding their regular coffee mornings until restrictions are lifted and we are all able to return to a more normal way of life.

As a nation we are becoming increasingly indebted to all those working within the NHS and also to many others providing goods and services essential to maintaining our day-to-day existence. We would, however, like to express on behalf of all our patients special gratitude to the doctors and staff at the Wansford practice and pharmacy for their continuing support and care during this very challenging period.

We would also like to record our grateful thanks for two recently received generous donations made in memory of Thomas Dytham of Yarwell and Barbara Headland of Kings Cliffe. As requested by the families, these monies will be used to purchase specific pieces of equipment for the future benefit of patients – discussions with surgery staff to identify relevant items will take place as soon as conditions allow.

Amongst the many facets which contribute towards the relevance and need for patient participation groups, providing both essential and extra beneficial items for patient comfort and well-being is high on our list. As we normally do not get involved in actual fund raising, unless we can identify a specific target, personal donations are a very important source of income – since our PPG was formed over £100,000 has been raised or donated which has allowed our continuing support of both the practice and all its patients. We are most grateful to all those patients who have left legacies and relatives who have kindly given donations to Communicare, often from the collections made at their loved one's funeral service.

Over the past few days and weeks we have seen numerous acts of kindness and examples of the caring community we live in – 'help thy neighbour' has become the norm rather than an infrequent occurrence – long may it continue not just till this terrible virus is beaten but way beyond into the future.

Good wishes to all patients – stay home and keep safe.

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