

Message to our Members

Dear Branch Members.

As you already know, following Dr Mukherjee's and Parkinson's UK (PUK) advice from Steve Ford CEO, your Branch AGM was cancelled so thought it would be useful to reiterate the follow up process required by your Branch Committee.

You will have already copies of the previous year's AGM minutes, a copy of the annual financial return for 2019, the Treasurer's report and the Chair's report for 2019 .

You will also have received a list of volunteers standing for election:

Dave Logan – Chair

Tony Falkingham – Vice Chair

Anna Newman – Branch Secretary

Margaret Kennedy – Branch Treasurer

Ian Davey – Branch Membership Secretary and Data Protection

Dawn Falkingham – Documents & Procurement

Ruth Panting – Newsletter Editor

Roger Youldon – Branch Fundraiser

Phil Webb – Welfare

David Cragg – Respite

Kath Arnell – Coffee Mornings & Event Support

Phil Arnell – Event & Coffee Morning Support

With the following standing down:

Mark Case

John Mead

As explained because an AGM could not be held prior to the end of March 2020, the volunteers standing for election will under Parkinson's UK's rules become the new committee from our planned AGM date of 13 March 2000.

We are also required to provide time at the first group meeting after that date for members to approve last year's minutes, the annual financial return for 2019 and the Treasurer's report and the Chair's report for 2019, and to register any queries or concerns they may have with the appointment of the committee.

As far as I am aware there were no contested committee positions, as none were received prior to the AGM date of 7 March 2020, as requested in the information sent out to our members prior to our cancelled AGM.

In which case I am empowered under PUK rules to stand down those committee members who were not being re-elected & now move forward with the new committee herewith as mentioned above.

Sadly due to the Coronavirus we had to cancel all out activities until further notice. As you can probably guess when we can resume is unknown.

With authorisation from a PUK Director we have kept our exercise instructors on a retainer to ensure a restart of our exercise classes as smoothly as possible. As already advised Jean Harvest, our Tuesday instructor, has produced a seated class video and we have forwarded a link so you can make use of it to help with fitness and movement. That was the first of three Jean is producing. As I write this message, the second is just about to be made available.

We will continue to do the 300Plus Club Draw with witnesses.

Please stay safe and follow the rules we have been given by HMG.

We are thinking of you all and wish you well.

On behalf of your Committee

Dave Logan

Branch Chair