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DECEMBER 16 REPORT

This time last year we discussed the very real possibility that our Support Group would have to be disbanded. Now, thanks to the outstanding support of our members, we can end this year on a high note. Our future is much more certain, with a new Chairman, a re-energised Steering Group and sound finances, we now have a full diary of events planned for 2017.



It is with great sadness that we report the recent loss of Brian Bartholomew, a founder member of the Support Group. The Group was well represented by a number of us at the funeral service held at Grenoside Crematorium on November 15th. Many of us learnt about Brian's history before the formation of the Support Group. We saw another

dimension to him from the Brian we knew in the Support Group. He was a very talented singer and performer in many amateur musicals in Sheffield. He brought lots of fun and entertainment to those who knew him then.

We will remember Brian for all the contribution he made to the Group in partnership with his wife Marjorie. Between them they did so much in fundraising and the general running of the Group.

Marjorie is very much in our thoughts and we trust that she will continue her role in the Group for many years to come.

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“EXPERIENCES IN SIERRA LEONE”

TALK GIVEN BY Ms HUNT

NOVEMBER 2016
SUPPORT GROUP MEETING



Ms Hunt, known by us for her role as Senior Colorectal Surgeon at Northern General Hospital, gave the talk about her charity work in medical care in Sierra Leone.

We learnt that she travels to the country in her ‘spare time’ (!!!!!) several times each year to carry out medical care and training. She leaves behind her advanced facilities for the most primitive in an ex-slave colony in W, Africa. Sierra Leone is a young country of approx. 6 million population with an average lifespan of 45 years. There are precious few doctors there and healthcare spending of £2/person compared with £2000/person in the UK. So what does Ms Hunt do in Sierra Leone?

We learnt that the Charity ‘Capacare’ pays for her flights and very primitive accommodation. She then trains Community Health workers over a three year period to become, in effect, junior doctors. They assist with surgery, under her direction, ranging from minor to major surgery. All this is conducted in the most basic conditions with the minimum of equipment (often improvised). Amazingly, patients survive!

Ms Hunt gave us a fascinating glimpse into her inspiring work. We were left in admiration for her dedication and passion to help the sick in that young country.

Many questions arose following the talk and Michael Warren (Chairman) gave our thanks for an outstanding presentation.

Frank Yates—Legion d'Honneur

We congratulate Frank on being awarded the Legion d'Honneur. Photographed here at Barkers Pool on 11th November proudly wearing his new medal. This award is the highest decoration awarded by France. You can read about Frank's amazing history by reading his memoirs in 'Peoples War—Frank Yates' on the BBC Archives. Frank was born on 24/02/1921 in Sheffield and was one of our first members of the Group,
We are justly proud to have known Frank through our Support Group and wish him good health for many more years.



Mick and June Walker—Proud parents.

Mick and June are known to us all for their contribution to our Group from the very beginning, but do you know about their son, Graham?



This is Graham photographed here after being voted England Coach of the Year for 2015. He also coached the England Team to win the Silver Medal in the 30th Eisenhower Trophy at the World's Amateur Men's competition in Mexico. Graham's son is also taking after his father in golf and has represented England twice already!

Useful Information

Water Rates

If you have a stoma you are entitled to a reduction in your water rates. This will only apply if you have a water meter.

For further information telephone Yorkshire Water : 03451242424

Bus Passes

From January 1st the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Association, or SYPTE, will roll out an automatic renewal scheme for senior concession passes,

DIARY OF EVENTS

January—December 2017

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Date: Wednesday 15th February 2017, 1,30—3,30pm
Speaker: To be announced
Subject: .

Date: Wednesday 15th March 2017, 1.30—3,00pm
Subject: No speaker—this is a **drop in session**

Date: Wednesday 12th April 2017, 1.30—3.00pm
Speaker: To be announced
Subject:

Date: Wednesday 13th September 2017, 1.30—3.00pm
Speaker: To be announced
Subject:

Date: Wednesday 18th October 2017, 1.30—3.00pm
Subject: No speaker — this is a **drop in session**

Date: Wednesday 8th November 2017, 1.30—3.00pm
Subject: To be announced

Date: Wednesday 13th December 2017, 1.30—3.00pm
Subject: Christmas Social

STEERING GROUP MEETINGS

Dates: Wednesdays, 1st February, 5th April, 7th June,
6th September, 1st November — all at 1.30pm

OTHER EVENTS for 2017

- Our Annual Coach Trip will be held on 17th May 2017 - details later.
- Endcliffe Park Walk will be held on 21st June 2017 - details later.