



The Wight Brainy Bunch
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Newsletter April 2017

Dear all,

It is now a year since we started our Wight Brainy Bunch Support Group and in that time, it has grown considerably and we have met many courageous and inspirational Islanders at different stages of their journey, some attending every month and others dropping in from time to time, but hopefully everyone finds it beneficial for their own personal needs.

This year has been incredibly busy for us as a new Island charity, and whilst we have tried to stay in touch with you all in between the monthly meetings, on occasions this has lapsed (for which we apologise) but hope you are all aware that we are always available should you need to contact us.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 25th July: Talk from Professor Geoff Pilkington

Professor Pilkington is a Professor of Cellular and Molecular Neuro-Oncology and Head of The Brain Tumour Research Centre in Portsmouth.

The Brain Tumour Research Centre dedicates its research to focusing on the mechanisms of brain tumour development, and progression of response to therapy. Despite all that has been learnt, the incidence of primary brain tumours has risen at an alarming rate over the past few decades. We are very honoured that Professor Pilkington has agreed to give a talk at our July support group meeting about the advances in brain tumour research, the development of novel therapeutic approaches and hence improved outcomes for patients with all forms of brain tumour. Following this there will be an opportunity for individuals to ask specific questions related to their own individual circumstances or general questions focused around his work.

This is an amazing opportunity for anyone living with a brain tumour or family, friends or carers to get first-hand information regarding up to date research, current trials or even learn about the potentially ground-breaking scientific break-through surrounding Liquid Aspirin.

This will obviously be an extended session. Priority will of course be given to our regular support group members, but it will also be open to anyone who has an interest in this field, so please do email me if you would like to attend so I can reserve you a place.

There will be no charge, however teas and coffee's will be available for a small donation.



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Sunday 2nd July: Teapots & Tiara's Ladies Tea Party 12:00-16:00 hrs



This is my **ladies only** (sorry gents) vintage tea party, which will this year be held in our garden at 112 High Park Road, Ryde PO33 1BZ.

So, dust off your tiara and dig out your best tea dress! Neither are really compulsory ... all I do insist on, is that you drink tea and eat plenty of cake! Raffle throughout the afternoon

You are welcome to just pop in for a cuppa or stay for the duration.... simply donate what you feel your afternoon tea is worth.

Unfortunately, this event is not suitable for young children.

Please let me know if you can make it. X

Saturday 21st October: Monster Mash Masquerade Ball 18:30-00:00 hrs

Welcome to our main event of 2017... our 2nd Black Tie Ball with a bit of a twist.....

Join us for a champagne reception, two course sit down meal, live music from the brilliant "Switch", "Outfit Duo" and "Sebotage". ... and given the season... there may be the odd trick or treat in store!

****Tickets £35.00 per person (max 10 per table) ** Formal Dress Code ** Over 18's only****

Tickets can be reserved for £10 per person. The balance is payable by 31st July. Any tickets purchased after this date will need to be paid in full at the time of booking.

The Wight Brainy Bunch will continue to support families here on the Island whose lives have been affected by the devastating effects of brain tumours; Smile4Wessex (The Wessex Neurological Centre) who provide acute and specialist care to a population of approximately 3 million people from the Isle of Wight and across the South Coast, not only for brain tumours but conditions such as stroke, brain haemorrhage, motor neurone disease and dementia; The Brain Tumour Charity, to fund much needed research, aid early diagnosis and improve care and quality of life for all those living with a brain tumour and The Fire-fighters Charity, who rely hugely on donations to run their three centres in Devon, Cumbria and West Sussex, where they offer rehabilitation, recuperation and support to both serving and retired fire fighters and their families in times of need.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Best wishes

Kathryn and Mark

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