

Dear Member

Hope you are all well and that the vaccination roll-out in your particular area is going well. Of course it is too early to know when we might meet again “in person”, but we live in hope! In the meantime, here are a few important reminders about forthcoming events:

- **Branch AGM 23 February 14.00.** This will be held on Zoom, and it is very important that we get a good turnout of members so that we are quorate. Otherwise you might find yourselves without a committee! Sharyn Bullen will send Zoom invitations (and relevant papers) to all those who have attended previous monthly members’ meetings. Additional names to sbullen@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk
- **Carer’s (Zoom) meeting 8 February 14.00.** If you are interested and have not attended before, please contact Myra Newnes Smith on 01483 422440 or mnsmith@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk .
- **Respite care opportunity for 2021.** This was described in previous emails and in The Park (January). Grants of up to £1,500 per applicant are available. We still have funding for a further three applicants, so we are extending the deadline until **1 March**. Please contact Myra Newnes Smith on 01483 422440 or mnsmith@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk for more details.
- **New group for the newly diagnosed.** This is under active consideration – date of first (virtual) meeting to be announced shortly. Please contact Sharyn on sbullen@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk if you are interested.

- **Surrey Three Peaks Challenge.** Many thanks to Kim Wilson of Surrey Hills Rehab and to those of you who are taking part in this challenge to celebrate World Parkinson's Day on 11 April and to raise funds for our Branch. More details can be found at the link below. Do send it to your friends and family!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/surreyhillsrehab?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=surreyhillsrehab&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=092baf2d665648d391c0f5eb55ba27be

- **Online Survey: Service Users and Carers have your say on Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services**
Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissions non-emergency patient transport services for residents within the local catchment area. The CCG is currently reviewing these services and wants to hear the experiences of service users and their carers or family members who have helped them access the service. It's a quick, online survey of multiple choice questions. The survey is [here](#). It closes at 11.59pm **on Sunday 7 March 2021**. Please take five minutes to offer your experiences and suggestions.
- **Donation of a wheeled walker.** If anyone is interested in this nearly-new walker (pictured below), kindly donated by Elaine Harrison, please contact Elaine directly on elaineaharrison@yahoo.com The walker is in her garage in Chilworth, but Elaine can help with transport if needed.

All best wishes
Niki Tompkinson