



Basingstoke Branch

The branch meets on the third Monday of the month at 7.00pm in the Ark Centre, North Hampshire Hospital

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Brief History

The Basingstoke branch was reformed in February 2007 with a handful of willing volunteers. Eventually the branch began to take shape, progress was slow but steady, and we now have in place a hard working committee and to date we now have accrued 27 members

Membership

Membership of the branch is open to anyone who has retired from full time or part time employment associated with the NHS. eg. through contracts with the NHS. Spouses or partners are also welcome to join. Membership fees are £10 for the year (1st April - 31st March). If joining with 6 months or less of the year remaining, the fee is £5

Management Committee

Currently in post are the following stalwarts who give of their best and without whom we would not survive. Chairperson: Mrs Virgilius Vickers,

Treasurer: Mrs Margaret Cramer, Branch Secretary: James Johnston, Membership Secretary: Mrs Deirdre Nelhams, Activities Secretaries: Carol Ilsey and Tricia Cook, Committee members: Gail Williamson and Doreen Gale

Venue for Activities

In the early stages of development we had great difficulty in finding suitable venues for our meetings and were delighted when the Board of Directors of the Ark Centre at North Hampshire Hospital, decided to sponsor us in terms of using the facilities of the Ark Centre on the third Monday of each month until December 2008. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity; we live in hope that the offer can be repeated in 2009/10

Aims and Objectives of the Branch

- ~ We aim to promote the welfare and interests of retired NHS staff and to provide a congenial venue for the continuance of friendships formed in working life and the development of new ones*
- ~ To encourage the establishment and maintenance of friendly contact and support between retired NHS staff*
- ~ To assist in the alleviation of loneliness*
- ~ The branch will be proactive in terms of Regional and National Fellowship activities*
- ~ We will also collaborate and cooperate with the relevant organisations, particularly NHS Trusts, in promoting the objectives of the branch and for the benefit of members.*