

Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday 18th February 2025 @ 7.00 – 9.00

St David's Church Parish Room Queen's Terrace, Exeter EX4 4HR

Present: AC RJ SM LH MC

Apologies None

GROUP ORGANISERS REPORT

RJ reported that the letter boxing is now finished. The Dawlish Warren walk was joined by one member, RJ and his wife.

Social media/Facebook – RJ had been in touch with MB at Head Office but is unable to take this forward. MC will now take this on and contact MB re setting up a Facebook page to help with communications within the group.

RJ tends to post messages on 'Coeliacs in Devon' Facebook page.

It was noted that a group in Somerset had recently been set up via Facebook. Their first meeting at Rumfold Farm Shop Taunton was attended by 88 people – a phenomenal result!

ACTION: MC to investigate social media opportunities

TREASURER'S REPORT

There has been no income during the last period. Expenditure included Children's Christmas party and room booking. The balance stands at £1,517 .21 Meet-Ups are self-funding and cover themselves.

See separate Treasurer's report (attached).

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Social Media Much discussion took place re Facebook – see above.

Questionnaire to gather views of group membership: SM had done initial draft but it felt that it needed to be more 'qualitative'. SM to redraft and discuss with LH.

Meet-Up Exeter We would like to set up a Meet-Up group in Exeter but need a convenor, SM has visited several possible venues. Ask the membership?

Letter to ICB re reversing prescription decision has been updated. SM to send.









REVIEW OF RECENT EVENTS

- Meet-Ups which continue on a monthly basis.
 - Numbers: approx.12- 20 Honiton (Convenor LH), 3- 8 Exmouth (Convenor AC), last count 26 Tavistock (Convenor TK)
 - Now that we can access the website more effectively, notification of all 3 venue dates is sent out in advance to the whole membership once a month.
 - All 3 events are uploaded each month on to the regional home page.
- Children's Christmas party Dec 2024 on a very stormy weekend was attended by 5 children + parents + 1 teenager who is keen to get involved. SM and Patsy did the organisation on the day. It was appreciated by all despite low numbers.
- Meal out Much discussion took place following the cancellation of an organised meal out at Pinhoe Hoard due to lack of clarity re gluten-free status of the food. Several places were suggested for another meal out......
 - Rumwells has a Coeliac chef, The Otter Honiton, Pizza Express (Coeliac approved), RJ suggested Browns (Coeliac approved).
 - **ACTION:** Meal out Brown's Coeliac UK accredited planned for 8 April 7 for 7.30 RJ to book. SM to send out notification to membership and updates.
- Contact with Dietitian: SM has tried to make contact several times to no avail. To keep trying.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

• Date for AGM - needs to be before end of June - we need a speaker or something exciting to encourage people to come. SM to try dietitian, all to think about ideas.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Suggestion for a doggie walk
- Banner AC still has it awaiting collection from Head Office
- Access to website administration: As a committee we all have senior or junior access to the website and so can update events etc.
- Date of next meeting Tues 20th May 7 9 to prepare for AGM.

AGM: Potential date 17th JUNE

Minutes taken by Susan Mitchell Group Secretary







