

Message from the Committee

The AGM of Huddersfield Heartline at Lindley Liberal Club on Tuesday 5 May 2009 was attended by 53 of the current 155 paid up members. This is disappointing as we strive to provide the support all members' want.

Financially we are able to continue for the foreseeable future, but without an elected Chairman and Secretary, we are presently without nominations for these posts, but your new elected Committee, including Treasurer, intend to continue to promote sociable activities with the support of the membership.

We recognise the need to modernise, minimise expense and attract new, particularly younger, members and steps are being taken to promote our group. We are very grateful to the Community Foundation for Calderdale (Grassroots) who have made a generous grant of £900 which is enabling us to prepare notices and advertisements to raise the profile of our group and hopefully reach the wider community.

Following the formal meeting our members had the benefit of experience from Kirklees Council Web Team who explained how the red interactive button of a remote control can be used to access the Council website on your television (for those who do not have a computer) they also showed the link to our own website <http://www.huddersfieldheartline.co.uk>

Unfortunately, because of low attendances, it has since been decided to close Winter Indoor Bowling at Deighton, and the evening exercise class at Holmfirth, the latter in particular has been a difficult decision, being our only evening class, but costing us about £130 per participating member per year could no longer be considered a justified expense. All exercise classes need a regular minimum attendance just to cover the room hire and instructor fees.

As costs are very much in mind, it has been decided to revise the format and frequency of the Newsletter. A considerable saving can be made by publishing this only twice a year, being July and January. We always welcome interesting and topical contributions from the membership including photos. Our present editor, Peter Kempson, will be leaving the Huddersfield area soon leaving an opportunity for anyone with an interest in this post to make contact with any committee member to discuss the work involved.

June 2nd was Party Night at Lindley when presentations were made to Peter and Eileen Bower, Peter for his hard work and Chairmanship during the past 5 years, and Eileen for her generous support. We hope to see them both often in the future, at social evenings and on the walks.

For those who have not yet experienced Heartline, why don't you come along to our next meeting, First Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and find out about our Buddies support scheme, our regular exercise classes, dancing classes, monthly Saturday morning walks and of course our monthly social events, we look forward to meeting and welcoming you.

Want more info before you come along? Ring Jean or Brian on 01484 542821