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Branch Meetings

We are sorry, but due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, our branch meeting on Wednesday 25th March is cancelled. Our remaining branch meetings for 2020 will be cancelled for the foreseeable future. We will contact all members again when meetings are due to resume.

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning at The Mulberries on Saturday 18th April 2020 is cancelled.

Outing to Weston-super-Mare

The outing to Weston-super-Mare on Wednesday 13th May is also cancelled.

Exercise Classes in Chippenham

The new exercise classes led by Jean Harvest are cancelled until further notice.

Turner Art Sessions

The art sessions organised by Malmesbury Museum will be postponed. The organisers will be in touch with members who have expressed an interest with details when they become available.

Branch Holiday 2020

We have now planned a holiday to the Isle of Wight from 5th October to 9th October at Norton Grange Warner Leisure Hotel. We hope that the holiday will be able to go ahead and we will keep members updated. If you would like to go and have not already completed a holiday form, please ring Gill Perkins.

Committee

Chairman - Bill Perkins
Minutes Secretary - Shirley Collier

Vice Chairman - Christine Mace
Branch Treasurer - Nicola Goodwill

Membership Secretary - Carol Hinwood
Corsham Café Co-ordinator - Alan Barrow

Welfare - John Johnston, ,
General – Sue White, Carmen Kucharek

Corsham & Cricklade Cafés

These monthly cafés are cancelled until further notice.

If you need help or advice during the Coronavirus pandemic

Ashley Harris, of Carer Support Wiltshire – can help with emotional support, respite care and carer's assessments. His email address is ashley@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk Tel: 0800 181 4118

Lucy Scott, our Local Parkinson's UK Adviser is available for general advice on Parkinson's on 0344 2253696

Bill & Gill Perkins on 01793 852620

Branch Website

For information about Malmesbury Branch, see our website
<http://malmesburyparkinsons.org.uk>

Email Addresses

Please email Carol on chinwood@hotmail.co.uk with your up-to-date email address, so that we can keep our records up to date and keep you informed. Thankyou.

Message from Steve Ford, Chief Executive of Parkinson's UK

We've all seen Coronavirus (or COVID-19) in the headlines. You may be feeling anxious about what the next few months will bring for you and those around you. At Parkinson's UK we're here to support people living with Parkinson's.

Every day, I see the way that people work together across the charity in a supportive, friendly and collaborative way to support people living with Parkinson's. I know that we'll work through this difficult time together.

To support you in the short term, we've provided facts and guidance to help answer some of the most common questions about Coronavirus and Parkinson's on our website. This advice for people affected by Parkinson's follows Government and NHS recommendations in England.

For people with Parkinson's, there's no increased risk of catching coronavirus. However, the advice for slowing the spread of the virus does include staying away from vulnerable individuals, such as elderly people and people with underlying health conditions.