



**Expected Meeting, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, Mount Vernon Hospital**

The weather was said to be the worst for 35 years, so we did not meet as planned on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. It was a difficult decision, the first time ever that we have faced cancellation. Contacting everyone was challenging, but we hope no one slipped through the net. Many members endorsed the decision by 'phone or by email, which was reassuring, and our expected guest speaker, Dr Grocott-Mason, was kind enough to say he will come at a later date instead.

There are of course no Minutes as the meeting did not take place. However various information which was intended for that meeting can be recorded here, some good some bad, as noted below:

1. Firstly bad news: The Chairman expected to report the sad news that Joseph Roth has died. He was a very loyal member, initially a delegate from The Glen Residents' Association and latterly an Independent Member. He will be much missed both inside and outside our organisation. Our commiserations go out to his surviving family, whom we thank for letting us know the sad news of his loss.
2. Now some good news: We can be proud that in the New Year's Honours Jan Sutton, delegate for Mount Vernon Comforts Fund, was awarded the British Empire Medal. Congratulations, of course, to Jan on this well deserved award.
3. The Chairman and Treasurer had intended to inform members about plans for our AGM on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, when we expect to concentrate on how to carry forward The Community Voice and there will be no guest speaker. To assist our deliberations a questionnaire is being enclosed in our March mailing, so that we have some facts about members' views to guide our discussion. All members are asked to complete the questionnaire and to return it to the Chairman.
4. It was also intended to inform members about our process for electing a new Executive for 2018/19. Nomination forms will be included in our April mailing and members must then act swiftly to send off nominations to our Chairman as these must be received by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, each nomination duly signed by both a proposer and seconder. It is therefore wise to look ahead now, approach potential nominations for their agreement and if they are delegates for them to seek the consent of the organisations that they represent, as required by our Constitution. Some members of our existing Executive are willing to continue but we know that for the year ahead we will need a new Hon. Secretary, a Publicity Officer, and at least one new Executive Member.
5. Members would also have been reminded that although subscriptions for 2018/19 fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> April, our Treasurer has decided not to collect subscriptions until after the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> June, when he will expect prompt payment.
6. Lastly members would have been reminded about our Hard of Hearing campaign. Anyone who wishes to have extra copies of our papers or to report successful outcomes should contact the Chairman or any of the committee members.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm in the Post Graduate Centre Mount Vernon Hospital when the speaker will be Dr. Sheru George, Consultant Dermatologist and Clinical Lead at The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT speaking on advances in the treatment of common skin complaints.

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