



**West Riding Kidney Patients Association**  
(Formerly St James's KPA & Leeds General Infirmary KPA)  
An Association Run by Patients for Patients  
Reg Charity 1154282

**KPA finally enters the 21st century!!**

The KPA has at last, thanks to dialysis patient Phillip Reed, developed its own website in which we will hopefully be able to keep you more up to date with the ins and outs of both the KPA, National Charities and all of the renal units associated with LTHT.

We would however like to point out that it is in its infancy and as such a work in progress, your input into what you would like to see on there along with any comments would be welcome

**[www.westridingkpa.org.uk](http://www.westridingkpa.org.uk)**

**Craig Marshall Cheque Presentation**



After some excellent fundraising work done by the family and friends of the late Craig Marshall, which included a day long festival of fundraising, with music from Live Bands, face painting, raffle stall (generously given free by local companies), BBQ & kids rides along with selling of wrist bands and a pool competition organised by the team Craig represented a cheque for £4,000 was presented to Secretary Paul Taylor at the Drysalters pub in Leeds.

It was the wish of Craig that the funds raised would be used specifically for patients/staff and to that extent we are looking into ways in which to support patients and their families when taking respite from their treatment. It is also hoped to be able to support home dialysis patients in their treatment at home, along with providing some sort of recognition of the excellent work staff do in the renal department.

A Foundation is to be set up in the name of Craig Marshall, run by his family & friends with funds split between the KPA and in some way helping the transition from childrens services into adult services.

**KPA Contact Details**  
**Phone 01484 640401 - E-mail [wrkpa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wrkpa@hotmail.co.uk)**



Patients at Halifax Renal Unit, until recently, were able to use one of the three dedicated spaces to allow them to get to dialysis on time. That was until Calderdale & Huddersfield Trust changed the way in which the parking was enforced by employing an outside company. This resulted in some very over zealous attendants handing out parking tickets to patients who had not parked in the poorly marked bays yet displayed the necessary ticket from the staff causing

untoward stress and worry. Patients were also missing their treatment, or having it cut short because of the parking issues.

The KPA, on hearing this, got in touch with the local paper and also wrote to the Chief Executive, explaining the situation and why it is imperative that there are some dedicated parking bays set aside for dialysis patients—the outcome was new clear signage outlining the bays and an explanation of any penalties for none renal patients parking there.

## North York Moors Railway - Whitby Trip

Come join the KPA in a day out on the  
North York Moors Steam Railway/Whitby

Sunday 7th June

Patient/First Guest FREE

Other Adults £10

Children U16 £5



Patients can book tickets from Monday 30th March

Open to all others, including staff 27th April

Priority will be given to patients and associated children

(Coach Depart 9:30am & Leave Whitby 4pm)

To book tickets please ring Phil Pears (After 4pm)

07450 800194

Alternatively e-mail - [philpears@live.co.uk](mailto:philpears@live.co.uk)

LIMITED AVAILABILITY!!

Please take your own lunch/refreshments.

Parking will be available in the Thackeray Car Park from 9am

Please pay (£4) at museum reception on arrival.

## CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS



The KPA was presented with a cheque for £100 from the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation Make a Difference Week whereby customers are asked to nominate a local good cause.

Picture on the left is Paul Taylor receiving the cheque from representatives of the Dewsbury Yorkshire Building Society and Deputy Mayor Cllr Paul Kane The KPA would like to thank whoever it was that nominated the KPA

A comedy night was arranged by Neil Kewley (pictured) of Marsden Socialist Institute Nr Huddersfield which raised a massive £1,845 with monies being matched by the One17 Charitable Trust and local businesses. The KPA was kindly nominated by Neil to receive the proceeds of the event, run every year, as his son is a PD patient.



## **Dialysis Commissioning**

The national charities NKF & BKPA, along with other charities and renal bodies learned of a move by Ministers, following advice from the Prescribed Services Specialist Advisory Group (PSSAG) to move the way in which dialysis is commissioned from being a specialised service commissioned by NHS England into local CCG's (Clinical Commissioning Groups) run by GP's. This was to be done over an extremely short period of time and would, if it had been successful, started in April 2015.

Following a successful campaign by all the national charities, KPA's, renal groups, individual patients & MP's it appears that the Minister responsible has decided not to transfer the dialysis commissioning in 2015. However this may not be the end of the story and may well be on the agenda in the near future.

If this had been successful it would have meant that dialysis services would have been paid for by CCG Commissioners who had little or no knowledge or understanding of the complexities of what renal dialysis entails. It would also have opened the door to many more privately run dialysis units and possibly meant that the excellent work done within the NHS to provide renal patients with first class dialysis service would be sent into a broken and fragmented postcode lottery with services differing depending on where you lived.

Donations to the KPA in memory of:

Dr Patrick O'Brien  
Gail Hancock  
Pauline Thompson  
Mabel Brook

R Richens  
Joyce Atter  
Barbara Hazelwood

Donations to The KPA

Brighthouse Oddfellows  
M E Laverty  
Barbara Smith  
Julie Smitheringale  
Mr & Mrs P Buckland  
Morley BarmastersOne  
Marsden Socialist Institute  
Jacqueline Forth  
David & Joyce Symons  
Mid Yorks Hospitals Bake Off  
Sarah Roberts  
John Nellist  
Gav Jewitt  
Paul Garside

Mohammed Yaqoob  
Wetherby Lions  
Stephen Rook  
Ripon Tangent Club  
Dianne Marshall  
17 Design Charitable Trust  
Brenda Windeatt  
Pauline Schofield  
Alyson Symons  
Peter & Ursula McGouran  
Eliza (10yrs old)  
Dianne Swaine  
Mr & Mrs Cullen

The above list is not an exhaustive list & we apologise unreservedly for any omissions that we may have made

We are extremely grateful to all those who have donated to the KPA allowing us to carry out the work we do for all patients connected to the  
**Renal Department at St James's in Leeds.**

**Dialysis Away from Base DAFB (Holiday Dialysis)**

There is currently a consultation on Dialysis Away From Base on the NHS website,

**[www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/specialised-services-policies](http://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/specialised-services-policies)**

This policy sets out how DAFB will be paid for and who is responsible to pay for the DAFB. It also has information on the responsibilities of patients, renal units and NHS England commissioners..

We would urge you all to look at the consultation and send any relevant replies/comments by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking the "Complete the Public Consultation Here"

## **Xmas Pantomime**

Over 130 patients and family members enjoyed the annual trip to Bradford Alhambra to see Billy Pearce & Joe McElderry, X-Factor fame, in Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

All who attended were treated to an excellent 5 star performance of laughs and good old family fun with sensational special effects ranging from a 1960's car hovering over the audience to a Prehistoric life size pterodactyl scaring us all to death.

## **Xmas Party**



KPA members and their families enjoyed a night of dancing & partying at the Leeds Utd Conference facilities in the run up to Christmas. The event, which this year was free to all, was well attended.

Neill Ryan and the Rebel Sounds provided the live entertainment and the evening was rounded off with a disco. The hot & cold buffet was once again superb and the raffle entertainment was not to be missed!

## **Recipe Booklets**

The KPA is in the early stages of helping the Dieticians to produce and print a recipe booklet for all patients. Hopefully this will be the first of many which we hope to be able to bring you. If you have any recipes you feel may be suitable please forward them to us

## **Renal Department Day - Tuesday 7th July**

The KPA & Renal team would like to formally invite you to a half day drop in meeting to listen to the developments within the renal department as well as nationally.

It will take place in room 051, Floor 7, Bexley Wing. There will also be an opportunity to feedback to the renal team.

Parking may be available within Thackray carpark (small fee), please contact us if you plan on attending and for further information.

### **Suggested Agenda**

(Subject to Change)

- 09:30 Welcome - Dr Richard Baker
- 09:40 Dr Emma Dunn - Renal in 2015
- 10:00 Dr Chas Newstead - National Update on Renal Services
- 10:20 Dr Richard Baker - Transplant Service
- 10:40 Renal Matron - Patient Services
- 11:00 Feedback from the Floor
- 11:45 Closing Remarks

# **Annual General Meeting**

SATURDAY 27th JUNE

Start 10:30am  
(Tea/Coffee on arrival from 10:15am)

Gledhow Wing Seminar Rooms  
(situated behind the canteen)

**Guest Speaker**  
Dr Andrew Lewington  
Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)

Come along and learn how the NHS is ensuring that there is a timely and consistent approach to the detection and diagnosis of patients with Acute Kidney Injury.

Following the talk, and business of the KPA there will be a light lunch with refreshments

Previous AGM minutes and Trustees report will be posted on the website

Nominations will be held for the Officers & Trustees of the KPA  
Please RSVP by 19th June using inserted postcard so we can order refreshments.

**The Association is run entirely by volunteers, meets every second Thursday of each month in a formal and social environment.**

**We are always looking out for patients, staff, family members or supporters to assist us in the running of the KPA.**

**Please don't hesitate to get in touch if feel you are able to help!**

## TRANSPORT

The KPA is aware of issues patients are facing getting in and out of dialysis following a change to the working conditions of Yorkshire Ambulance Service back in Nov 2014.

Meetings are held every 3 months with the CCG commissioners responsible for the process of planning, agreeing & monitoring the service you receive along with members of YAS & hospital staff.

These meetings allow us to hold all concerned to account to try and improve the service delivered to all patients.

We would welcome any comments you may have, good & bad on the service you receive.

[wrkpa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wrkpa@hotmail.co.uk)

## FREEPOST ADDRESS

Following changes to the Freepost service, the KPA has had to cancel the account we held with the Royal Mail.

Mail with the Freepost NAT18200 address will, after 31st March attract a surcharge of £1 per item along with the postage costs. We therefore ask you to send all correspondence in writing, with correct postage to:

8 Moorcroft Ave  
Golcar  
HUDDERSFIELD  
HD7 4QH

We apologise for any inconvenience caused

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## Magazine Editor Wanted

The Association is looking for someone to assist the KPA in producing the magazine that we periodically mail out. We desperately require someone to take charge of developing, editing and producing the magazine and any other associated items we require mailing out.

If you are interested, or would like further information please don't hesitate to contact the KPA at;

[www.westriddingkpa.org.uk](http://www.westriddingkpa.org.uk), [wrkpa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wrkpa@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01484 640401

The role is in a voluntary capacity although any out of pocket expenses can be claimed back.

### **KPA Committee Members**

**Chair:** Fred Gungaram

**Secretary:** Paul Taylor  
(01484 640401)

**Treasurer:** Ian Cundell  
(0113 2813478)

### Trustees

Wendy Wootton  
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## **100 - CLUB DRAW**

**ONE NUMBER GIVES YOU 4 CHANCES TO WIN WHILST HELPING  
KPA FUNDS**

**1st PRIZE £75**

**2nd PRIZE £50**

**3rd PRIZE £25**

**(BASED ON 100 MEMBERS)**

To purchase a number (£12 for 4 DRAWS) please fill out the form below &  
send with remittance, to

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8 RAVENSWORTH CLOSE

LEEDS

LS15 8UU

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WEST RIDING KPA**

Name .....

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