

**Minutes of a meeting of Wirral Practice Nurse Association on 20th February 2008 at The Boulevard restaurant, Hoylake.**

21 Practice nurses attended this meeting sponsored by Smith and Nephew thanks to Linsay Collins.

Apologies from Tracey Duffy, Louise Carragher, Sue Smith and Carol Heath. Business meeting.

Sue McGuire opened the meeting and thanked everyone who helped organize the **Chinese New Year celebration** held at the Forest Hills Hotel in Frodsham, mainly Sue Gethin. It was an **excellent event**, everyone enjoyed themselves. Lovely venue, not too far away, great facilities and food. The swimming pool and Jacuzzi were overflowing with Practice nurses all afternoon and the **dancing went on until 1am. It was so good we may have to do it again.**

Anyone not had their certificate from the AGM at The Manor, let us know. Please pay your subs to Kath Farnworth, still only £10, work address Great Sutton Medical Centre, Old Chester Road.

Sue also thanked the members of the committee standing down for all their efforts. Dates for your diary: - 5<sup>th</sup> March Contraception update Dr Kidd The Village, supper 6.15, then meeting 7-9pm. 11th March Dr Ahmed, Diabetes at The Grove House. contact Danielle Davis. 6<sup>th</sup> April venue to be confirmed, Mr Sherman subject chronic cough. Education Meeting.

Alistair Bielby Clinical Specialist gave a very informative presentation about essential wound management with some very colourful photographs. He talked about wound healing and repair and the different processes taking place. He advocates a holistic approach involving step by step assessment. He introduced the Smith and Nephew assessment tool called TIME.

Tissue non viable or deficient.

Inflammation and/or infection.

Moisture imbalance.

Edge of wound non-advancing or undermining.

This is based on bringing a structured approach to wound management and treatment. He went on to talk about different types of dressing and their advantages and disadvantages.

Also present from Smith and Nephew were Elaine Bethell Clinical Specialist and Ian Siddall HPM. Ian Mansell Tissue viability nurse specialist for Wirral PCT introduced himself, for those who don't know he is now based at Port Causeway and works with Maria Hughes. The annual Tissue viability study day is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Hulme Hall from 9am to 4pm cost £20, four speakers and approximately 25 reps. Ring Maria 643 5324/9.

**Next meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** to be confirmed. We are trying to get varied and interesting topical subjects, please let us know if you would like anything particularly covered or know of any good speakers.

Please let us know your up to date e-mail address and phone no to our secretary Louise Carragher.

Check the Wirral Practice Nurse website please as we intend to have the minutes on there in future [www.wpna.org](http://www.wpna.org)