

ATAXIA UK COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE SUPPORT GROUP

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Hi all! I hope this newsletter finds you well. Firstly news from Ataxia UK - this year their national conference is on October 2nd - 4th at the Radisson Blu hotel in Stanstead. I have been to many conferences and thoroughly recommend them - you can learn so much and make lots of new friends. Cost has stopped me attending some of them but I hope to attend this one. There are bursaries available to those requiring financial assistance - the earlier you apply for these the better. See <http://www.ataxia.org.uk> or phone 0845 644 0606.

Also in February Ataxia UK are launching their new website. All content has been updated, with a focus on easier navigation and regular and informative articles that help to educate, support and engage anyone looking to get involved or find out more about the work Ataxia UK do. It is also easier to donate and there is completely new merchandise available. Have a look at <http://www.ataxia.org.uk>.

Our Christmas lunch - Saturday 13th December 2014



Following the success of our previous Christmas and pub lunches there, this year I booked us a table at the Mount Pleasant - Hungry Horse in Walsgrave. 15 people came along and the food was at it's usual good standard - it was a lovely event. The only disappointment was that they didn't seat us in our usual place and space was a bit tight. I'll be sure to specifically ask for our usual spot in future. I plan to book another pub lunch in April/May - watch this space...

After room hire for this and the next meeting, adding an anonymous donation of £30 and money collected for tea and coffee, we now have £58 in the pot. Thank you!!!

Please bring £1 to meetings for refreshments.

OUR NEXT MEETING
Sunday 1st March 2015 at
2 - 4pm at Exhall Old School
Community Centre, Exhall Green,
Exhall CV7 9GL.

Our last meeting - Sunday 18th January 2015



Present were Catherine (CA) and her husband Paul; Neil (FA) and his step dad Steve; my aunty Monica and her partner Rob; and myself (FA).

Neil told us that he was interviewing some PAs (his payroll company helped to set this up) and i've since heard that one had been successful but he

was still looking for another. A lot of his along with a few other members' care is funded by the ILF and there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding its closure in June. All I can say is my care always has been 100% council-funded and although initially I had a bit of a fight to get the care I knew I needed, I am very happy now.

Who I am and how to contact me: I am Katie Henderson (you can find out more about me at <http://ohbother.co.uk>) and I am the named contact for the group. You can contact me by e-mailing katie@ohbother.co.uk or phoning 07565 247 183. I am also on Facebook.

More about the group: The group is on Facebook - search for "Ataxia UK Coventry". For news on group events and to download previous newsletters etc visit <http://ataxiacoventry.co.uk/>.

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