

## **NKF Report** - Richard Van Roon

Since our last meeting at our Christmas Lunch in December I have attended two further meetings of the NKF executive committee in London.

I am pleased to advise you that Andrea Brown has been appointed chief executive of the NKF. Her last post was office manager of the NKF. Since her appointment she has been extremely busy on many projects and meetings with people in the kidney world. She has had a difficult time coping with staff absences through illness.

The latest recruit is Mark Davis who is the new NKF liaison officer and I am delighted that he has agreed to meet with us today to talk about his role and how he sees the future. A further new role for a Communications and Marketing Officer attracted great interest. A shortlist of 16 people met the specified criteria and final interviews were held last Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Without going into specific details I can advise that the finances of the NKF are currently in a good state. Recently two legacies of circa £300K have been received and the committee is looking at ways to invest this additional money at a time of financial uncertainty.

The revamped NKF website is getting lots of traffic and donations which are flooding in which is great. Over 900 individuals have signed up to the website since June and they get "In Touch" and "Kidney Life". Numbers are growing again following the reductions due to the GDPR regulations.

World Kidney Day. This was last Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The NKF has teamed up with other UK kidney charities to support this event. Teams from the NKF have been outside supermarkets explaining to people how to take care of their kidneys and endeavouring to educate people on the importance of good kidney health.

The Away Day is at the Radisson Blue hotel, at East Midlands airport on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to attend please contact the NKF direct. Also our conference at the same venue is scheduled for 9/10<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

This is my last NKF report but I am sure that Mike Sinfield will be an excellent member of the new executive committee.