

## Member Story – Dr Elaine Bevan-Smith



**Dr Elaine Bevan-Smith is an Advanced Nurse Practitioner/Senior Lecturer at the University of Gloucester.**

**Elaine shares her memories of attending a Summer Meeting in Nottingham.**

I joined the BTS in 1996 and the chest physician I worked with kindly paid my joining fee for me as I was broke in those days and a subscription to a professional body seemed a huge outlay from my salary!

The chest physician wanted me to join as he said I was enthusiastic about respiratory medicine, and the BTS would enable me to meet like-minded people who could discuss pulmonary rehabilitation with me, which was my passion.

I recall attending the BTS summer meeting at Nottingham circa 2005 or 2006, and there was only about one lecture on pulmonary rehabilitation and that was from Sally Singh.

Most of the presentations were highly medical / scientific and there were hardly any nurses there. I remember Julia Bott was always at the BTS asking such brilliant questions to the speakers - she was so assertive and so enthusiastic about progress in pulmonary rehabilitation.

Professor Stockley was also in attendance and when the methodology was flawed, he would always pick it up. Mike Morgan, of course always there and always so kind.

I recall a presentation about ultrasonic measurement of the quadriceps muscle in COPD from the team at the Brompton Hospital and one of the retired professor chest physicians who always used to attend always dressed so smartly asked, "why don't you just use a tape measure".