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JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

Our Branch Meetings will re-start on Monday 10 March in the Guide Hall, Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8AF at 8.00 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm: ramp for wheelchair access).

As you read on, you will discover I am standing down from the Branch Management Committee this year.

The Branch is celebrating its 25th anniversary in April when my husband, myself and a few good friends formed a small group in 1989 to help and give support to people living with M.N.D. and their Carers. It was then named "Cranleigh & Guildford District Branch".

I thought now quite appropriate to give a short story of my life. Yes – you have guessed - I am the March speaker.

Branch News:

The Branch Christmas Lunch was a huge success and enjoyed by 32 members and friends. We were delighted to welcome an unexpected guest: our Regional Care Development Adviser, Helen Hawkins. After lunch, Branch Treasurer, Ray Corner made a presentation to Helen of £5,000 to be used for The Chief Executive's Appeal as follows:

* £2,500 for Patient Care

* £2,500 for supporting adaptations for property.

The afternoon ended with the "Thumbs Up Club" draw and raffle (thanks to everyone who brought along a prize).

PLEASE NOTE: The 8th Open Drop-In session: Wednesday 5TH March – Especially for people living with motor neurone disease, their carers, family and friends to have the opportunity to meet one another over light refreshments. For the people it concerns – please drop in anytime between 2.00 – 4.00 pm at the Refectory, Guildford Cathedral. If you have any concerns about coming along/need help with transport or would like more information please contact Sallie Bushen 01483 274337 or rhodgson357@btinternet.com

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2014: THE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 25th Annual General Meeting of the South West Surrey Branch will be held on 14 April 2014. The AGM is also an occasion at which the Branch Management Committee is elected and now is a good time for you to consider whether you may have a role to play in the essential, interesting and rewarding work that the Branch carry out. We do require nominees to give a good working committee for the year ahead and ensure the existence of the Branch.

Can you give time and commitment – please give this serious consideration. For nomination form contact me on 01483 274337 (forms to be returned to above address by Saturday 10th March. I look forward to hearing from you.

Standing down:

- Sallie Bushen
- Rosalind Bennett
- John Haywood.

APPEAL FROM OUR VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

My name is Annabel and I am the Volunteer Co-ordinator covering London and the South East. My role involves helping to recruit, support and train volunteers for the Association: that includes the Association Visitors and volunteers involved with the branches and groups.

The South West Surrey Branch will soon be holding their AGM and they are looking for volunteers to help with a range of different activities. For example, do you have an interest in raising awareness or publicity? Would you like to get involved in writing press releases for local newspapers? Could you help with promoting the Drop In sessions across the area and raising awareness about the support the Branch can provide? Or you may know of someone who can help with this?

The Branch is also looking for volunteers to help with organising events and fundraising so if you have an interest in any of these areas please do get in touch or if you know of someone who may be interested, please do encourage them to get in touch. I would love to hear from them. It may be the case that you want to get involved but are unsure of what you would like to do. Call me and we can discuss further.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best for 2014.

Annabel Lotsu

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THUMBS UP CLUB: November 2013 Draw

1 st Prize	No. 178	V. Speers	£40.00
2 nd Prize	No. 235	J. Tombs	£30.00
3 rd Prize	No. 137	W. Harper	£25.00
4 th Prize	No. 246	A. Hale	£20.00

THUMBS UP CLUB: December 2013 Draw

1 st Prize	No. 142	I. Tyler	£100
2 nd Prize	No. 164	C. Harding	£50
3 rd Prize	No. 140	A. Few	£50
4 th Prize	No. 24	B. Chivers	£50
5 th Prize	No. 8	M. Oddi	£30
6 th Prize	No. 261	I. Brown	£25
7 th Prize	No. 214	a. Roberts	£25
8 th Prize	No. 46	J. Haywood	£25
9 th Prize	No. 54	E. Brewster	£20

Thumbs Up Club Summary:

Monies collected through year	<u>£3,336</u>
Prizes given out	£1,720
Profit made	<u>£1,616</u>
	£3,336

Many thanks to all the shareholders, old and new for your support in this exciting and vital fundraiser. If you would like a share/shares please email Bob: rhodgson357@btinternet.com or use share slip at the end of this letter. New shareholders will start from 1st March 2014.

THUMBS UP CLUB: January 2014 Draw (drawn at the Drop In on 08/01/14).

1 st Prize	No. 99	H. Jenson	£40.00
2 nd Prize	No. 64	A. Roberts	£30.00
3 rd Prize	No. 288	A. Hale	£25.00
4 th Prize	No. 84	J. Tombs	£20.00

February 2014 Draw will take place at the March meeting.

Our second Flea Market of 2013 raised £703.41. Many thanks to everyone who helped behind the stalls and special thanks to Alison Few for organising the refreshments.

The Combined Fayre held in the Guildhall Guildford raised £62.85 which includes Christmas Card sales. Our thanks to John Haywood who organised our stall, helped by Alison Few & Alvin Hale. We were very pleased with the result and the event naturally gave awareness to all the charities attending.

The Jazz evening held on the same date as above was a wonderful evening with John Maddocks Jazzmen. The profit from the evening was not so good but we still raised £195.81. We really required more support.

DONATIONS

Our most grateful thanks to members and friends who have given the following donations::

	£
In Memory	280
Just giving	1,060
Sandra's Friend	9.22
Mary's Friend	5.00
Donation sale of sewing machine via A. Hale	30
Annon	115.80
St Margaret's Church Parochial Church Council, Fernhurst	100
C. Waddingham	30
M. Hockey	70
R. Bennett (Jazz event)	15
Lucia Woodward A/V	39.50 (raised from her Nepalese handicraft table at Haslemere)
Collecting Boxes	£
P. Warzee	13.30
A. Sisley	5.14
The Bulls Head, Ewhurst	42.43
The Little Market Co, Merrow	111.31/87.12
Harpers Photographic, Woking	14.25
White Lodge Farm, Chobham	70.18
Nisa, Bramley	50.78
Solent Cleaners, Farnham	57.77 (figure rounded to £70)
Budgens, Ash Vale	6.89
McCall's Newsagent, Merrow	31.32
Box on last two fundraisers	11.80
November Branch Raffle	36

EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO A PERSON LIVING WITH MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5 March	Patient/carer Drop In: 2.00 – 4.00 pm at the Refectory, Guildford Cathedral
Monday 14 April	Branch A.G.M. 7.30 for 8.00 pm start: Guide Hall, Village Way, Cranleigh GU6 8AF
Saturday 26 April	Branch Flea Market in Village Hall, Cranleigh: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 10 May	Godalming Street collection: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 24 May	Farnham Street collection: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Wednesday 28 May	Quiz Evening to be held at The Lion Brewery, Guildford Road, Ash GU12 6BT: 7.00 for 7.30 pm start – teams of 4 to 6 persons – entry form/tickets £6 per person from Sallie on 01483 274337 or email Bob rhodgson357@btinternet.com
Saturday 31 May	Cranleigh Street collection: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
JUNE	MND ASSOCIATION AWARENESS MONTH
Saturday 14 June	Camberley Street collection: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 28 June	Lions Fun Day, Cranleigh Common – we have a stall
Saturday 5 July	Haslemere Street collection: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 19 July	Guildford Street collection: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 2 August	Woking Street collection: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

CAN YOU HELP ON ANY OF THE ABOVE DATES

New and unwanted gifts are always greatly received for our Tombolas, Flea Markets & Sales. They can be brought along to Branch Meetings or delivered to my address (top of letter) or contact me for collection on 01483 274337.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Branch throughout 2013 and I look forward to seeing you and your friends at the March meeting.

Everyone made most welcome.

Until then
My warmest regards

Sallie Bushen
Branch Chairman

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THUMBS UP CLUB

I wish to buyshare/shares in the S.W. SURREY BRANCH THUMBS UP CLUB
at the cost of £1.00 per month per share.

By monthly standing order Cheque yearly Cash yearly

Name: Signature:

Address:

Tel no.:

Cheques payable to: M.N. D.A. CRANLEIGH THUMBS UP CLUB

Please return slip to:

Southwest Surrey Branch, 27 The Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7LY Tel: 01483 274337

FOR: S.T.O:- BENEFICIARY DETAILS

BANK:	BARCLAYS PLC
BRANCH DETAILS:	CRANLEIGH
SORT CODE:	20 35 35
A/C NUMBER:	20864439
BENEFICIARY NAME:	M.N.D.A. CRANLEIGH T.U.C.