

Winter 2015

Welcome to the Notts Branch Bulletin. We hope you enjoy reading about the latest fund raising efforts by branch members and supporters and don't forget if you are organising an event and would like to publicise it in the next Bulletin please contact the Branch Chairman or Secretary.



RACE NIGHT

In November, the Branch committee organized a film Race Night at the Sir Julien Cahn Pavilion in West Bridgford. This was the fifth time we have held this event and it was the most successful yet. Around 120 "punters" attended and a great time was had by all. The betting produced its usual mix of winners and losers and the baked potato supper was as tasty as ever. This year, as always, we had a number of very generous Race sponsors and the auction and raffle were both well supported, all of which really helped to increase the overall amount of money raised on the night to **£2,800**. So a

great night and a great contribution to our funds. Many thanks to everyone who helped organize the event and to all our supporters who gave so generously. Here's looking forward to the next one!



MNDA Bulletin - "59 Club"

As many of you will know, the National Lottery changed its format in October and as a result, our "49 Club" has been renamed the "59 Club" and we now have 10 new numbers available! So this is a good opportunity to remind everyone that this is a great way for our friends and supporters to help raise funds for the local Branch, whilst having a bit of fun at the same time.

The 59 Club works by "selling" the numbers between 1 and 59 to individual supporters, for a mere **£4** a month. Then each month, the person who "owns" the number which is drawn as the Bonus Ball in the National Lottery Lotto draw on the last Saturday of the month, wins a cash prize of **£59!** If the winning number in any month is not taken, then the prize is carried over to the next month.

So we now have 10 new numbers going spare – **50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58 and 59**. If anyone would like to support us in by joining the 59 Club, then please contact the treasurer, indicating which number, or numbers, you would like, and I will send you an application form.

We would really appreciate your support - thank you in anticipation.

Roger Spells (Treasurer)

Christmas Cards

The multi charity Christmas card shop is once again at St Peters Church, St. Peters Gate, Nottingham (next to M&S). It is open Monday to Saturday 10.30 to 3.30 and our MNDA cards will be on sale.



Nottinghamshire MP Visits "SECOND THURSDAY"

Lilian Greenwood, the MP for Nottingham South and Shadow Secretary of State for Transport, spoke at the end of her visit to the "Second Thursday" support group in October. Previously she had sat in on the groups which were discussing the various issues that face people living with MND and for those who care for them. She remarked how impressed she was with the meeting, the friendly welcome, the relaxed atmosphere and the obvious support that accrued to those attending.

A couple of weeks earlier saw the postponed Trent River cruise boat actually set sail. This was the second year we have had a cruise and this year it was better than ever. The main reason for this was that we were all on one level and those who were able bodied could walk around and have a chat to the others. Once again the sun shone all day for us, just like last year.

After a brief consultation, there was unanimous support to go again next year. This has now been booked in for Monday 1st August 2016.

Just a reminder that the December meeting of "Second Thursday" is on the first Thursday, this is because the owners of the hall we use have their own Christmas party on the date we normally meet. So please make a note in your diaries for Thursday December 3rd, so that you will not miss our Christmas party and Godfrey's amazingly easy Yuletide Quiz.

Date for the diary

We have already booked our branch AGM for next year. It will be on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm. We are delighted to have secured Chris James, MNDA Director of External Affairs as our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you there.



If you do not wish to receive any further correspondence from the local branch of the MNDA, please let a member of the committee know. We never lose hope. We strive to find a cure for MND and to support everyone affected by this devastating disease.

Seating Exhibition



Visit the **DLC**
for advice, information & demonstrations
on suitable seating

Tuesday 8th December

10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Venue



Disabilities Living Centre
Middleton Court
Glaisdale Parkway
Bilborough
Nottingham NG8 4GP
Tel: 0115 9855780
Email: info@dlcnotts.co.uk
www.dlcnotts.co.uk



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List of exhibitors and products to be confirmed.

Dates for your diary – See website calendar for more details

3 rd December	'Second Thursday'	The Mapperley Plains Social Club at 2:15pm Christmas Party and quiz
10 th December	Christmas Quiz	The European Lounge in the Brian Clough Stand, Scarrington Road, Off Lady Bay Bridge, The City Ground, NG2 5FU at 7pm
15 th December	North Notts Support Group	Retford Library, Churchgate, DN22 6PE 2 – 4pm
14 th January	'Second Thursday'	The Mapperley Plains Social Club at 2:15pm Issues for Carers
20 th January	North Notts Support Group	Retford Library, Churchgate, DN22 6PE 2 – 4pm
11 th February	'Second Thursday'	The Mapperley Plains Social Club at 2:15pm Issues for Carers
17 th February	North Notts Support Group	Retford Library, Churchgate, DN22 6PE 2 – 4pm
10 th March	'Second Thursday'	The Mapperley Plains Social Club at 2:15pm Issues for Carers
17 th March	North Notts Support Group	Retford Library, Churchgate, DN22 6PE 2 – 4pm

MNDA CEO Appeal

Our branch is extremely proud to announce that we have given £20,000 to the annual Chief Executive Officer appeal. We have requested that our donation is divided equally between the following 4 categories:

- £5000 - Carers' Grant
- £5000 - PhD studentships
- £5000 - MND Connect
- £5000 - Trustees' discretion

This donation has been made possible due to your local fund raising and support.

Treasurer's Report

Another great three months since the last Bulletin, with **£8,550** being donated to the Branch. This included a further **£3,000** from the Eric Gibson Golf Day, making a total of **£12,200** so far. We also had fantastic donations of **£1,370** from Squirrell Plant and Transport and **£569** from the counter collection at Sainsbury's in Bingham. As you will read elsewhere, we also made **£2,800** profit from our very successful Race Night.

So as always, can I say a huge "thank you" to everyone concerned with all these fundraising activities. Your efforts are really appreciated and will make a big difference to our ability to help local people with MND, as well as enabling us to make a significant contribution towards research into this terrible disease.

Since the last Bulletin, I am pleased to say that we have been able to make grants of **£1,600** to local people living with MND. As usual, I would like to emphasize that if anybody living with MND has a requirement for any sort of financial support from the Branch, then could they please contact me or our MND Regional Care Development Advisor, Kim Iliffe (kim.iliffe@mndassociation.org). We are always open to any reasonable request for support.

The **49 Club** was won by Barry Lenton in August, Alan Whiteley in September and the **59 Club** by Helen Bates in October. Congratulations to you all.

Roger Spells (Treasurer)

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