

Warrington Branch

MIScellany

October 2016

Attendance at socials this last year has really gone down August had only three members + 6 committee members and St John's. September was really busy as this was Dorothy's retirement party which was extremely well attended and then October and only 4 members +6 committee members and St John's attended.

Guest at this social was Dave Thompson from Warrington Disability Partnership (WDP) who entertained us with the story of how WDP from its humble beginnings got to where it is today.

Are we providing a service that isn't really needed or wanted. Next year if we are still at St Joseph's we will have to change rooms.

Included in this newsletter on page 3 is return slip for the branch Christmas party at Statham Lodge also included on the same page is a small questionnaire about socials. Please do take a few minutes to complete and return to me in the envelope provided.

All suggestions you return will be collated and if there is not enough support for fixed monthly socials they will be discontinued in 2017.

November social will be hotpot and the last social of the year.

Listening Ear - Margret Hughes - 01925 723917

Multiple Sclerosis Society Warrington Branch Christmas party Saturday 3rd of December 2016

Rustic tomato & Vegetable Soup (v)

or

Honeydew Melon (v)

Raspberries strawberries & elderflower lemon syrup

Goats cheese Tart

Savoury tart filled with Sun blush tomatoes Fresh herbs &
Kidderton goats cheese Pea shoot & rocket salad

Traditional Roast Turkey

sage & onion stuffing (n), chipolata sausage, roast gravy(N)

or

Roast Loin of Cheshire Pork

Bramley apple sauce, sage & onion stuffing (n), roast gravy

or

Roast Fillet of Salmon

Smoked pancetta, Garden peas & Crispy potato cake,

(Vegetarian)

Butternut squash Risotto

Butternut squash, green peas & sage risotto

Our Famous Traditional Christmas Pudding (N)

rum sauce

or

Coffee, Walnut & Vanilla Cream Roulade(N)

A coffee & walnut sponge filled with a soft whipped vanilla & coffee cream

Cheese and Biscuits

a selection of British & Continental cheeses served with biscuits, celery & grapes

Menu choice will be made at the table.

Statham Lodge 12:30 PM for 1 PM
Saturday 3 December 2016

Your name.....

Your postcode.....

The cost of the meal is £20 cheques should be made payable to Warrington branch MS society. We have to confirm numbers by 7th November SO DON'T DELAY in returning this slip.

Could we have your email address please.
Please print

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————— **Monthly socials** —————

	YES	NO
Do you currently attend our socials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you attend at a different venue?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should the fixed monthly social be replaced with something more flexible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you like to replace it with something else, please use the space below.





Our congratulations to:-

Stephen ROBINSON	16-Oct
Janet BRAMALL	25-Oct
Philip JONES	26-Oct
John McQUILLAN	28-Oct
Lee GORMAN	23-Nov
Graham BANKS	05-Dec
Liz SPENSLEY	08-Dec
Chris JANOVITZ	13-Dec
Stephanie ATHERTON	16-Dec
David HOWIE	18-Dec
Mary BURKE	18-Dec
Jill SHERRATT	19-Dec

Unwanted Clothes and Shoes Bags and Belts

**As a branch we are now recycling and can turn your
unwanted items into branch funds**

Must be clean and dry

Contact Peter Travers tel. 492970



———— Dorothy's Retirement ————

Dorothy among family and friends celebrating her retirement at St Josephs club on September 13, 2016. Everyone enjoyed a superb buffet and the speeches were just enough to suffice. A great evening for all present. I'm sure everybody wishes Dorothy a long and happy retirement.

———— Your Help Wanted ————

We would like to invite you to take part in a research project run by researchers from Queen Margaret University and funded by the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society. As part of the research I would like to talk to carers or family members of people living with MS. It will be a telephone call lasting approximately 30 minutes. More information visit

www.mssociety.org.uk/ms-research/get-involved-research/b-in-a-study

To take part telephone (0131) 474 0000 and ask for Dawn Mahal
Or email Dmahal@qmu.ac.uk

—— Reassessments for ESA to be Stopped ——

Some people with conditions like progressive MS who can't work will no longer face benefit reassessments. The Government announced this today.

New criteria are being developed for the out of work disability benefit Employment Support Allowance (ESA).

Some people will have their reassessments stopped, meaning they won't be asked again to prove they are too unwell to work. People with the progressive form of MS are likely to be included.

Work and Pensions Secretary Damian Green MP announced this today.

ESA is given to people aged 65 and under who have a disability and who are unable to work as a result.

People claiming ESA must attend a face to face assessment – known as a work capability assessment – where they're asked a number of questions about their condition.

Most people have been reassessed regularly – normally at least every three years.

More on how ESA works at the moment

Who exactly will this change apply to? While this is good news, there are still several unanswered questions, including exactly who this will apply to and how it will be awarded. We'll be working over the coming months to get answers to these questions.

Does not apply to PIP?

No, this announcement doesn't affect Personal Independence Payment (PIP). But we're now calling on the Government to apply this change to PIP, too.

We played a lead campaigning role in the u-turn on PIP earlier this year. The Government reversed plans that could have taken this essential benefit away from many people with MS.

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A victory for common sense. Michelle Mitchell, Chief Executive of the MS Society, said: “This is a victory for common sense. Frequent reassessments for people with progressive conditions like MS are too often a waste of time and money. They can leave people with uncertainty and fear of having their support taken away.

“We are therefore delighted that the Government has listened to our concerns and have agreed to stop reassessments – albeit for only some ESA claimants.

“This is good news, but there’s still a lot more to do for people with MS - including improving the assessment for ESA and calling for inappropriate reassessments to stop for other vital benefits, like PIP.”

The decision follows months of talks between a group of charities, including the MS Society, and the Department for Work and Pensions. We have pushed for the Government to end unnecessary reassessments of people with MS and other progressive conditions.

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———— Coffee Morning/Lunch Club ————

Welcome to Sarah, Leanne and Charlotte for joining us at Socials, evening meals out and coffee. We try to accommodate all by varying when and where we meet up. In order to include those of us still working we are next meeting at 6.30 pm 3rd November at Chapelford farm for a meal and natter. Anyone connected to MS is very welcome .

We often have friends and family as well as volunteers !'ve found it very helpful talking to people about their lives and maybe sometimes MS experiences. Next Social is Tuesday 8th November.

Have to admit that I'm not very good at being organised so if you fancy meeting up and want to let someone know that you are out there you can always leave me a message if I don't get to the phone in time!

Thanks Louise

100+Club



There are 116 members if you're not one of them please consider joining contact Chris Janovitz on 723564. Remember the more people join the higher the prizes go don't delay.

13th September 2016

Members 116

Prize	Num	Name
1st	119	James Wilmot
2nd	052	Lorraine Morris
3rd	063	Frank Dooley
4th	022	A G Speed
	026	Philip Jones
	068	Bessie Burke
	099	Janet Wrenshall
	007	Karen Critchley

The amounts were £116.00, £62.00, £37.00 and 5 at £10 respectively

11th October 2016

Members 116

Prize	Num	Name
1st	039	C R Berry
2nd	017	K Daniels
3rd	034	K Mitchell
4th	011	Carol Hill
	069	Sylvia Rowles
	060	L Atkinson
	018	Peter Travers
	078	C Wareing

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Forthcoming Events

3rd November	Chapelford Farm 6.30pm contact Louise 265239
8th November	Social St Josephs Club Penketh Hotpot
26th November	Everyman pantomime
3rd December	Christmas party 12.30 for 1pm

Requests for transport - Jeff Richards 07738609018

————— New MS Society Ambassadors —————

We are thrilled to announce Paralympic gold medallists Stephanie Millward and Kadeena Cox as our new MS Society Ambassadors.

Stephanie and Kadeena have already been helping us raise awareness of MS and getting involved in our community. They've been spreading the word about the work we do, meeting our supporters and participating in events, like the MS Walk and our MS Awards.

We're honoured that they've committed to working closely with us and to do even more to support everyone living with MS.

Swimmer Stephanie Millward. - Stephanie lives in Corsham with her husband Adrian. She was diagnosed with MS at the age of 17 after competing in the World Schools Games in Shanghai. Her neurologist said she would never swim again.

Determined to give her MS a good fight, Stephanie embarked on an 18-year journey to the top of the Paralympic podium where she won two gold medals at Rio 2016.

She said: "Being named an ambassador is incredible. I'm really thankful for the opportunity. It's amazing to think that I could play a part in helping the MS community.

"MS is totally unpredictable and different for everyone, but I hope I can inspire and motivate other people with the condition to keep on fighting."

Sprinter and cyclist Kadeena Cox - Kadeena, who's from Leeds, was diagnosed with MS just two years ago after experiencing burning sensations in her right arm. When her symptoms worsened with numbness in her right arm and right leg, she was rushed to hospital with suspicions of a stroke. She's since become the first British Paralympian since 1984 to win golds in multiple sports at the same Games.

"It's awesome to be named an MS Society Ambassador," she said. "The MS Society helped me so much when I was first diagnosed with MS. They gave me all the information I needed and were incredibly supportive.

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“It’s an amazing opportunity to support their work and represent a community of more than 100,000 people living with MS.”

Setting a new personal best, together - Michelle Mitchell, our CEO, said: “We are honoured to announce Stephanie and Kadeena as our new ambassadors. As Paralympians and as members of the MS community, they have devoted their time and energy to raising awareness of the condition and we’re grateful for their ongoing commitment to helping us stop MS.

“As ambassadors, they’ll help us drive research into more – and better – treatments, spread the word about our work, galvanise public support for our campaigns and help tell the stories of more than 100,000 people living with MS in the UK to achieve greater understanding of the condition.”

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————— New Drug Approval Change —————

Proposed changes to the drug approval process mean NHS England will assess how much they can afford to pay for new drugs.

Under the plan, new drugs that are expected to cost the NHS more than £20 million a year would be subject to a ‘budget impact test’. If drugs are considered to be cost effective but expensive for NHS England’s budget, they could face delays or restrictions on being introduced.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and NHS England is carrying out a consultation on the planned test, with proposed changes to come into effect in April 2017.

Based on what we know about the plans now, we believe it’s unlikely that existing MS treatments available on the NHS would be affected by these changes. However we want to make sure that any new MS treatments aren’t rationed or restricted due to their cost.

How is this system different? An affordability test would be a big change in the way new treatments are assessed. Currently,

new drugs are tested for value for money. This means the potential benefits of a new drug are considered in relation to its cost. How much the NHS can afford to pay for the drug is not tested.

Treat me right Ian Fannon, Assistant Director of External Affairs at the MS Society said: "People with MS need access to effective treatments as quickly as possible - this is essential to managing the condition, slowing progression and improving quality of life. Not only does this prevent avoidable harm, it reduces cost for the NHS in the long term."

An honest debate "We do understand the NHS is under financial pressure but the case for increasing investment in the NHS grows stronger by the day.

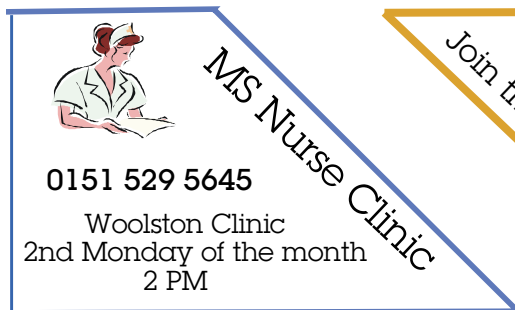
"Ever tightening rationing could have serious consequences for those who could benefit from new treatments. We need an honest debate about this.

"Equally, this poses a challenge to the pharmaceutical industry to ensure the price they offer the NHS for their drugs is fair and reasonable.

"We need to examine the details of these proposals more closely and will be responding in full to the consultation."

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0808 800 8000

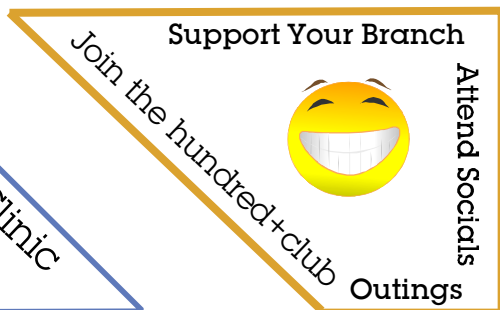


MS Nurse Clinic

0151 529 5645

Woolston Clinic
2nd Monday of the month
2 PM

The graphic features a blue border and a white background. On the left, there is an illustration of a female nurse in a white uniform and cap, sitting at a desk and reading a book. The text is arranged in a triangular shape, with 'MS Nurse Clinic' written diagonally across the top. Below it, the phone number '0151 529 5645' is centered. At the bottom, the location and time 'Woolston Clinic', '2nd Monday of the month', and '2 PM' are listed.



Support Your Branch

Join the hundred+ club

Attend Socials

Outings

The graphic features a yellow border and a white background. At the top, the text 'Support Your Branch' is centered. Below it, 'Join the hundred+ club' is written diagonally. In the center, there is a large, smiling yellow emoji face with its eyes closed. To the right of the emoji, the words 'Attend Socials' are written vertically. At the bottom right, the word 'Outings' is written.

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