

Warrington Branch

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September 2016

After giving the matter a great deal of thought Dorothy together with her family has decided that it was time to retire. I've no doubt that this will be a shock to many of our members.

Dorothy has held the position of Welfare Officer (Lead Support) by my reckoning for 22 years. Oh how things have changed since then, the early 90s online information explosion in its infancy, no disease modifying therapies available, but just a glimmer of a better future for MS outcomes starting.

Throughout this time the MS Society and the world has changed considerably but caring for others is the same today as it was then. The MS Society like many other major charities have become more businesslike and with health and safety concerns and countless regulations changing her role completely.



Join us to say thank you to Dorothy at St Joseph's Club on Tuesday, the 13th of September at 7.30pm onwards

Tombola

Prizes are urgently needed for Ryfields as stocks are sadly depleted. Please contact any committee member.

Sorry we are a bit smaller than usual there's not a lot happening in the MS world it must be the summer lull. Even Truffle wasn't up to completing her article, should make up for it next time.

There is a gentle reminder about the Christmas party at Statham Lodge which as last year is on a Saturday and the week before that on Saturday, the 26th of November it's the Everyman pantomime. Tickets are ordered so get your name into Paul. Wheelchair seats are limited in number and soon go.

Ryfields coffee morning is the next event it is on the 17th September at 10 AM

Statham Lodge Lymm

Saturday 3rd of December 2016

12:30 PM for 1 PM

Don't forget to put the date in your diary the menu and booking slip will be with October newsletter.

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**Monday
Pub Lunch Club
1st Monday
of the month**

Currently using
**Chapelford Farm
Warrington**

Alternative
suggestions welcome

Contact Peter Travers
(01925) 492970



Our Congratulations to:-

Linda BARTON	24-Sep
Rita DALY	24-Sep
Glenis ENRIGHT	25-Sep
Les BAYLISS	29-Sep
Jane AVERY	01-Oct
Jon WRIGHT	14-Oct
Stephen ROBINSON	16-Oct
Janet BRAMALL	25-Oct
Philip JONES	26-Oct
John McQUILLAN	28-Oct
Lee GORMAN	23-Nov

**MS Helpline Freephone
0808 800 8000**

**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

Listening Ear - Margret Hughes - 01925 723917

Well Done



On Saturday, the 13th of August Chris Ball set off from Llandudno at about 8 PM I think, with a mammoth task ahead of him. He was going to run to Warrington arriving at Orford Jubilee Hub at about 12 noon on Sunday the 14th. He was joined by two other runners who had seen publicity before the event and decided it was a worthwhile thing to do. *(Pictured left Chris is in the middle)*

This is the second time that Chris has raised funds for Warrington branch. Last year he ran a similar distance but on that occasion it was all inside Orford Park. It was an atrocious day wet and windy and I am surprised that it didn't put him off doing something similar again.

Chris's dad Derek who had MS died in December 2014 and it is in his memory that Chris undertakes these challenges.

I was at the Jubilee Hub together with Peter Travers and Dorothy Lewis to welcome and congratulate Chris on his success. He was a little bit late it was about 12:45 PM when he arrived to be greeted by friends and family waiting for him. After a few minutes break he did a



lap around Orford Park at a more leisurely pace with members of his family.

Chris was pledged sponsorship of £1300 well done to all associated with arranging and supporting the runners to complete this event.

Starting Early

New results have highlighted the advantages of starting treatment early – even before a diagnosis of MS is confirmed.

The original BENEFIT study involved 468 people with early signs of MS, called clinically isolated syndrome or CIS. Eighty-five percent of people with CIS would be expected to develop MS at some point.

The aim of the trial was to see if people with CIS would benefit from early treatment. To do this, people taking part either took interferon beta-1b immediately after their symptoms began, or a placebo (dummy) drug.

The 278 people involved in the BENEFIT study were monitored for 11 years. Anyone taking the placebo automatically switched to the active treatment after two years, or earlier if they were diagnosed with MS.

The study found that people taking interferon beta-1b early were 33% less likely to be diagnosed with MS than those taking it two years after initial symptoms.

Early treatment also delayed the first relapse and reduced the number of relapses among participants. However, everyone taking treatment within two years of a CIS diagnosis experienced roughly the same worsening of disability and MRI activity over the course of the study.

Ludwig Kappos, the lead researcher working at the University Hospital in Basel said: "Our study adds to the evidence supporting treatment at the earliest sign of the disease and indicates that early treatment has a long-lasting effect on disease activity."

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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.

12th July 2016
Members 116

Prize	Num	Name
1st	018	Peter Travers
2nd	076	John Paice
3rd	116	Michael McNamara
4th	043	Stephanie Atherton
	066	W M Dooley
	087	John Curley
	099	J Wrenshall
	102	J Moston

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

9th August 2016
Members 116

Prize	Num	Name
1st	102	J Moston
2nd	101	Les Bayliss
3rd	099	J Wrenshall
4th	006	Elaine Magill
	018	Peter Travers
	045	Julie Richards
	053	Dougy Burke
	080	Michelle Senior

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Forthcoming Events

13th September	Social St Josephs Club Penketh 7:30 pm
17th September	Ryfields coffee morning 10 AM
21st September	M & S Gemini coffee morning 10:30 AM
3rd October	Pub lunch Chapelford 12 noon

Requests for transport - Jeff Richards 07738609018

Donations & Fundraising

July & August


Anon	£5
J Enright	£10
Adelaide Hough	£85
Inner Wheel Astley	£400
Birchwood golf club	£510
Lowry Strings	£405
June raffle	£101
Subs & donations	£258
Anita Dubique Ashton	£30
July 100+ club	£320
DAD tombola	£371
August raffle	£28
August 100+ club	£320
	<u>£2843</u>

Our Thanks to all involved

Coffee Morning/Lunch Club

Future dates in September onwards are 21st of September and then 19th of October both mornings 10:30 AM at Marks & Spencer's Gemini. Just think you could get some early shopping for Christmas it's nearly there by then.

Many thanks Louise. Email milobead@tiscali.co.uk




MS Nurse Clinic

0151 529 5645

Woolston Clinic
2nd Monday of the month
2 PM

Support Your Branch

Join the hundred+club



Attend Socials

Outings

Executive Committee September 2016

Branch Officers

Chair	Mr Paul Harrison.....	01606 892151
Treasurer	Mr John Burke	824041
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