

"20-20 Voice" Newsletter

January 2015

Welcome all and a Happy New Year to all our supporters far & near-may 'the force' be with you and may the world treat you well in 2015.

We kick off with fantastic news regarding our pre-**Christmas Quiz**, very well organised and promoted by our secretary Kym. Although only 9 teams actually turned up on the night it was one hell of a battle between five of them until the final round where the winners, The Pukka Pie Boys" played an absolute blinder: 10/10 using the Joker = 20pts..... victory indeed. The lads, pictured here with our auctioneer Willie Thorne, gave a mighty roar as



The "Pukka Pie Boys"

they were announced the winners. Our good friends at Quorn (who shall of course remain nameless) were awarded the highly prized set of 6 x "20-20 Voice" decorated wooden spoons. May they stir the pot of knowledge well for next year beckons already! We want to make this an annual event so we sincerely hope that the PPB's come back to defend their hard fought title next December. 🙌😊🙌

We were fortunate enough to secure Radio Leicester's ace radio show host Rupal Ranjani as the 'quizmeister' on the night. She did a cracking job, keeping the banter light, fast & furious-great fun. Our sincerest thanks go to both celebrities for donating their valuable time to us. I have been 'on the radio' with Rupal



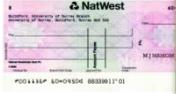
and she really is a kindly soul when interviewing Daleks! 😊 She tried to show the wife & I this "Twittering Tweeting" biz last night so that we could get into "trending" (pardon?) but it was all too fast for us! Let's hope we improve by this time next year! Anyway, the night raised a fantastic £1,074 which has put us another step forward to buying the [EBG](#).

Remember last month's attention grabber?

Next month: exciting news re "20-20 Voice" awareness campaign & also "the sudden appearance of a monkey!"

With the brilliant assistance of our 'Lary team' at the LRI, we have now perfected the questionnaire for all larys, possible larys and even 'wannabe' larys to complete so that we can prepare our findings for distribution to doctors nationwide. Yes, they are over worked, yes they have caseloads aplenty but with

head & neck cancers on the increase (**remember: 600% in the past decade**), we need to ensure that GPs know exactly what to look for and when to start the ball rolling to send those 2 week emergency ENT appointments out. Early diagnosis is the key to our particular type of cancer and now that we are providing the correct diagnostic equipment, our experts are in the position to diagnose far, far earlier than before. Not only will we be saving lives, we will be saving voices too – for if they (surgeons/consultants) can ‘get in’ early enough they can rid the body of the affected tissue **BEFORE** it takes hold. (Smaller print for emphasis)



The day before the Quiz I received an envelope with a cheque in the sum of **£500** made payable to “**20-20 Voice**” - with a request for complete

anonymity, so all I can say to “**A. N Other**” is thank you very much indeed. Have you all twigged it yet? A ‘*monkey*’ is the slang terminology for £500! 😊



I was also informed that Libby’s girls (Lulu Jewellery, Quorn) ‘did’ the **Santa’s Fun Run** a few days ago and raised a magnificent **£374.00**! Just goes to show the generosity of people when they put their minds to helping out a worthy cause-tremendous effort!

Yes folks.... One of these was a “20-20” Santa!



We have also purchased an *i-pad* (in memory of Lynne Davey) for the **Kinmonth Ward** so that pre-op & post-op laryngectomee’s can ‘talk’ to the world-even without a voice-box. We are making great strides folks and it is with your help that we are doing so.

Christmas Day saw me emptying a collection tub from Kym over in Loughborough. A magnificent **£86.29** emerged, so that puts Kym’s tub firmly at the top of the ‘Tub Leaderboard’. Now if every tub produced that..... !

