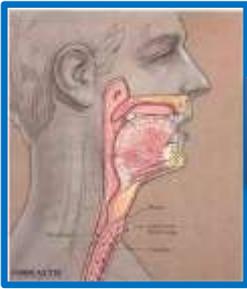


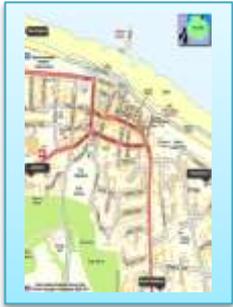
Raffle Draw: Tony & Sandra are off to Comer

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“20-20 Voice” Newsletter

July 2015



There’s happy news & sad news to kick-start this month’s newsletter folks, so let’s get on with the better bit first shall we! As highlighted above we are delighted to announce that ‘Tony & Sandra’ will be ‘jetting’ off to Cromer for a couple of nights (maybe more-who knows?) as they won the top prize in our Fashion Show raffle. I have informed Terry & Jan at Cromer house and they are simply waiting for our winners to contact them. Thanks guys for a wonderful prize.



Sadly we saw the other side of the coin on the 6th June as some of ‘the lads’ did a LOROS fundraising bike ride on behalf of Martin xxxxxxxxxxx who recently lost his dear mother – we extend our sympathies to Martin & family The lads rode to Skegness AND back: **186.1 miles in 11:22:49** a truly remarkable effort indeed!

Monday (8th) saw us in the studio at **BBC Radio Leicester** where we appeared on the Rupal Ranjani “Happy Heroes” spot discussing the fashion show – you can listen in here → [RADIO](#). (forward 01:09:30 & click play). This is only part of a fantastic & exciting fundraiser we are embarking upon at the beginning of July – more of this later folks. The meeting with the De Montfort University team went very well and after their immensely successful Covent Garden show in London, we are now all guns blazing for the 19th folks. However, sadder news later that afternoon informed me that old friend, snooker star & patron Willie Thorne has been [diagnosed](#) with prostate cancer-but, thus far the portents are good as it seems that the disease has been caught at a very early stage: More tests are imminent. I’m sure that you will all join me in wishing Willie good luck and a speedy exit from this malingerer!



The fashion show: well what can a man say to such an absolutely stunning performance by the 12 girls & 3 boys that *walked the walk* and commanded the catwalk? It was stupendous & way, way beyond what I had imagined was going to happen as they strutted their stuff for 55 minutes, showing off a whole array

of different outfits, ranging from the skimpy to the more modest fashion wear. A whole host of designs, colours & materials were on show on Friday night and I am not in the least bit surprised that the DMU ‘rocked London’ a fortnight ago! All praise to the girls for it takes no small amount of personal commitment, nerve



& courage to parade as they did but I think that the applause told them everything they might have needed to know, as our audience lapped up every minute of what can only be

described as “The best show this town has ever seen”. A word here for the ‘Contour’ team leader, Gillian Proctor, who devised & produced this magnificent show – and of course to all



the backroom staff (I never realised what a complicated business this fashion show ‘biz’ was until last Friday!) who helped to create this behemoth of sheer beauty. I truly hope that this is the start of a lasting relationship between “20-20 Voice” Cancer & the DMU – and all I can say to those who missed out on the night is that if next year’s show is anything like this one then you’ll need to book your tickets early! 😊

😊 It really was something right out of the top drawer as our young designers really let loose with flair & creativity, they are the futures designers and we are proud to be able to give them the opportunity to showcase their work in Leicester. The proof of audience happiness was a tumultuous final round of applause as they all took to the catwalk together to wave goodbye. More importantly I was congratulated by many for providing such a fantastic show (hilarious as it was the DMU in reality 😊) with many promises of ‘spreading the word’ for next years show. I agree with that completely, for those who missed out this year will certainly be wishing that they hadn’t! A massive thank you to Gillian Proctor and her marvellous team of ‘young professionals’. We presented Gillian with a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the end of the show and I will be sending each of the girls a signed certificate of thanks -which of course they will treasure ‘for ever & a day’ 😄



Just some of the designs & fashions on display on the night

..... and now for something completely different folks!

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/a-song-for-cancer>

Now then good peoples, we are embarking on a massive fundraising venture with our friend & singer [Ray Coates](#). Ray is compiling an album of “Songs for Cancer” ([The Voice Within](#) already on sale etc) but, as we all know only too well these things take money, so, having searched high & low, north, south, east & west for a solution..... we then hit upon the “Crowdfunder” idea. What we need is to raise £10,000 so that Ray can complete the album in studios (not cheap these days), pay for musicians, pay for studio time, pay for both discs & hard copy, advertising, postage and many other annoying ‘little’ expenses along the way. We are

looking for 1,000 generous souls who would be happy to donate **£10.00** [**\$15** USA) minimum or [200 people @ **£50** [**\$75**] would be nice] toward the cost of this production.

This appeal is going world-wide on all Laryngectomy websites as will the album & we already have radio stations lined up for plays of various songs etc.



Every copy sold thereafter will raise funds vital to the purchase of diagnostic equipment for ENT Cancer units nationwide. Please note that there is now a [full page](#) on our website dedicated to the "[Crowdfunder](#)" idea so any of you can enlighten yourselves as to how this works – just remember one important thing: all money raised from the sale of the album comes directly to "**20-20 Voice**" Cancer. The album will be entitled "**Jigsaw Me**", and the lead track is that very song – a beautiful, heart rendering song about picking up the pieces after being diagnosed with cancer. Should any of you wish to donate/pledge, there is a list of various amounts on our [Crowdfunder](#) page with various 'awards' for donors – just a small way of thanking your for your help.

We **launch** this **fundraiser** on **July 1st** and also ask for your participation in this scheme. I'm hoping that I have boxes full of 'Awards envelopes/packages' to send out from our local Post Office! 🧡. You can donate anonymously if you wish-there's even a box for that!

That's about it folks, we hope you enjoyed our news. Next month has a surprise for you all as we may well be venturing 'stateside' for a not so small venture!

Best wishes

Phil J

ps... A quick word for all larys 🌞 whilst the sun is beaming away please make sure you

drink plenty of fluids and keep hydrated    keep out of the sun too as dry stoma's are very irritating! Stay safe!

Don't forget the **Leicester** → **Skegness** annual bike ride on Sat: August 22nd – Registration forms available from the office: admin@2020cancerappeal.org

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