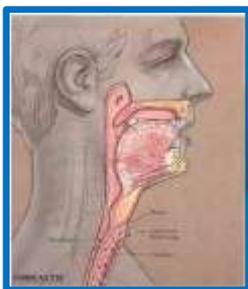


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"20-20 Voice" Newsletter

Oct2015

Hiya
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Hi all, there's a 'New Kid on the Block' this month as we have teamed up with "GoCardless"! – a superb way of sorting out Direct Debits etc with no hassle: now that has got to be a bonus in any language! It's simple to use (got to be for me!), reliable & easy to set up: Win/Win! Any one who would like to donate £5 per month-here you go!

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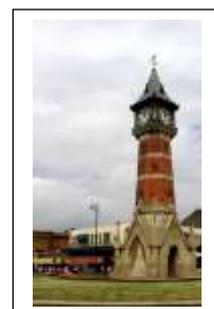
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Not the greatest start to any newsletter folks but I'm afraid that we had to say goodbye to old friend [Bob Rattigan](#) (Bob Ratts to the locals of Barwell). Life & soul of the pub, Bob passed away in his sleep, with the cremation taking place at Nuneaton Crem'm on Monday 7th Sept. Only

family flowers were requested as was 'no black' – not Bob's style at all. The after-service celebration ("**Bob's Bash**") was held in his local pub, The Queen's Head, Barwell and an excellent turnout there was too! The family kindly asked for all donations to go to this charity with a total amount of £xxx.xxx being raised. The Queens head also weighed in with £20.87 courtesy of the resident collection tub on their bar-another splendid effort indeed! Bob was a great supporter and he always 'chucked the scrats' in our collection tub: our deepest sympathies go to the family and thank you Bob, may you rest in peace my friend.

As stated in last month's newsletter we had less riders for the **Skegness** bike ride than normal but ... and I say BUT ... the results of the sponsorship were incredible Our team from Barrow-upon-Soar (Team Helen) have, raised an incredible **£1,000.00+** –which, I think, will guarantee the **ladies involved** having the pleasure of spending the 'team sponsorship prize' kindly awarded by [Karl Storz](#) (Medical Suppliers). I don't have any exact figures as yet folks but I am pretty sure that even with less riders we have still just cleared £2,000! Well done all and please note: we have a new and exciting ride planned next year!



 Back to the ground floor again and we are pleased to announce that the winner of the 2 Tigers tickets that we had the honour of raffling off was our local barmaid, **Penny D**, who slaves away behind the bar of the **Aberdale Public House**, Shackerdale Rd, Leicester. Our thanks go to all who participated and I'm pleased to announce that the raffle raised **£50** for the pot.



A nice little titbit for you all as we have linked with [Radio St Austell Bay](#) on the south Cornwall coastline where Katherine M & I will be joining them, by phone, for a couple of 'on the air' interviews – dates to be determined. It's all part of expanding our circle of supporters, getting more people involved.

I have just heard that our prize winners will be hotfooting it to Cromer for a couple of nights very shortly so we will get first hand reports of the delightful [Cromer House](#) 'straight from the horse's mouth' (guest perspective) – and don't forget that we also have good friends in Skeggy at [The Southwold](#) ! ***



More good news folks and this time from our friends in Portugal no less Becci Rich & husband Trev (who is wheelchair bound sadly), run the Karaoke & music department at the **"The Old House"** in the 'new-town' part of Albufeira (there's

another area known as the 'old-town' just to confuse things[!]). Becci set her stall out to encompass **"20-20 Voice" Cancer** within the area as they have a laryngectomee living there, so we sent over wristbands, c/tubs & stickers to see what we could achieve. I am delighted to report that on the 19th Sept we banked £60 from our Albufeira Allies (you see folks, "AA" is not all bad 😊) so it looks like we have a foothold in an area where many ex-pats decide to settle. Good work Becci, long may it continue 🤗 *There may be a little bit of 'insanity' occurring over there soon..... but more of that later* 🤗

Another option for us is [Total Giving](#), another donation website that favour our charity. Having surpassed all previous computing (non) skills I managed to set all this up yesterday (24th) and this is the link we need to use apparently! <http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/donate> Only time will tell if I have done this correctly – or not! 🤗

*****Cromer House:** Our **prize winners** have just returned from their stay in Cromer House and sent the following text. **"Hi Phil, back home again, sadly, beautiful place, lovely couple, so nice & friendly and can't believe how close to sea/beach. Thank you so much"**. Well..... I think that says it all folks, don't you?

🤗 If you fancy a few nights on the Norfolk or Lincs coast then you know where to book in with no hassle!

[Cromer House](#) or [The Southwold](#)



With a few more bits & pieces (cash) to come in it most certainly looks that we have surpassed the £2,000 mark for this year's bike ride – and don't forget that with far fewer riders that is a tremendous achievement. *** And there's 'gift aid' on much of that too! ***

Our annual meal: We ended September with our annual meal night at the fabulous [Chef & Spice restaurant](#), with 53 people attending-and what a night it was folks! Our restaurateur took it into his head to make a speech, which stunned your scribe to silence for a few minutes (unusual I know!) and then **Mr Rob Willson** proudly presented our cheque for **£10,000** for the *'Biopsy Grabber'* we promised to buy our ENT department some time ago



🤗. Our good friend & patron **Mr Willie Thorne** kept the room in high spirits as he proceeded with the raffle - amid much amusement & laughter-and even ended the evening with a mini auction. As supporters filed in they found a tube of **smarties** with an instruction leaflet; this caused some amusement as we asked the new owners of each tube to enjoy the contents at their leisure and then to fill the smartie tubes with 20p pieces: we even gave them the charity bank account details for when they has accomplished the task!

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It will be interesting to see how much this initiative actually raises. We have to thank Mel at (Oadby) for donating the Smartie Tubes and I will keep her informed of progress 🤗. All in all it was a brilliant night and you can see the report on our [face-book](#) page where all updates are recorded. Best news ever: Syed agreed to include us on his little 'table cards' denoting certain charities-brilliant news indeed!

The evening actually raised **£590.07p** with one diner (completely separate to our event), after my speech, donating a pocketful of loose change to our raffle ladies – without even wanting a ticket! How nice was that? Quiet month next month as I need some rest after all this excitement but keep up to date with our [face-book](#) page folks!