

## "20-20 Voice" Newsletter

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**We started with a bang my friends!** Sat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept saw Willie Thorne & I at the Athena Theatre for the [LCBBS](#) (Leicester Charity Body Building Show) where we had a 'stake' at the invitation of the shows instigator & promoter Mr Ian Measures to whom we are extremely grateful.

The day raised **£300** for **"20-20 Voice" Cancer** which is a great start to our 'FVR' project – of which we will talk later! 😊

By now you will all be aware that we **were** **Pride of Britain** Charity Award **FINALISTS:2017!** The good lady wife decided that she should put me forward some months ago and then waited to see what happened – thus I found out on Saturday night (2<sup>nd</sup>) and we had to wait until Monday night for the 100% OK from **ITV**. We are 1 of 4 finalists who are filmed & asked various questions to do with the charity, which I think we did quite successfully 😊. I truly think that I managed to convey the full horror of waking up a full laryngectomee & Tracy R/ Javed Uddin certainly conveyed the need for what we are doing and will continue doing, long after these awards have been forgotten. I was/am amazed at being selected? Well folks, it's not often that 'my *ghast*' is '*flabbered*' but a few days later I was told that I was being dropped from the 'final four' as I **wasn't 'PC' enough** for ITV; ie, I speak as I find and not as the PC brigade foolishly think everyone should. So, now we all know that the Pride of Britain has nothing to do with **merit** but all to do with being **POLITICALLY CORRECT** in this world of political corruptness. Great shame really as it would have projected the charity to national awareness but I will not bow down to these despicable types who try to govern through fear & threat. Onwards & upwards we march!



**Headliner:** Our **new** email address is now: [admin@2020voicecancer.org](mailto:admin@2020voicecancer.org)

And great news from Witcham (Cambs) as the **White Horse** pub has weighed in with **£30!** Back at home our **ENT Dept** conjured up another **£25** from **wristbands**-well done mobsters.

NICHE Magazine have produced a lovely piece of editorial on my now portly self, and the charity, so if anyone out there is in doubt of what we are & what we do-the loony bin awaits their arrival! You have a read here → [https://issuu.com/niche-magazine/docs/niche\\_magazine\\_issue\\_22](https://issuu.com/niche-magazine/docs/niche_magazine_issue_22)

And just a reminder for you all that we still need more people signed up to our bonus site



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**Aberdale** pub produced another **£15** from football cards-keeping it going girls I say! 🤗

Our trip to the **Hilton Hotel** (E.Mids Airport) was a success as we spoke for about twenty minutes of the full horrors of this disease, how we are treated and what can be done to improve our situations. We presented our “Awareness Survey” to the assembled which caused many an eyebrow to raise and no little consternation too and I know now that we **ARE** on the right path for **EARLY DIAGNOSIS** is the key to survival of the person and survival of the voicebox. Further to this (*and for one very special person amongst our number*) I am absolutely delighted to inform you all that the **Macmillan** project is going ‘full steam ahead’. **Macmillan** are paying for the magical machine that we call Robbie the Robot into which the FVR is connected thus all internal images can be shown, on screen, and recorded as we do in the LRI. Further to this two doctors are being trained (from Oct 1<sup>st</sup>) on how to use the FVR. This means that any patients that have oral/throat problems can be directed to a special “FVR Surgery” which will be held once/twice per month at a designated surgery so that they can be ‘scoped’ by our specially trained Dr’s. Only then will they, if need be, be fast-tracked to ENT or back to their own Dr for further treatment. Just think of the time (up to 15 months) saved in diagnostic time and the patient stress of ‘anxiously waiting’ for the dreaded news! Another major factor: Caroline has pointed out the phenomenal savings to the **NHS** by following our suggested ‘pathway’- it’s estimated that more than £1/4 m will be saved in the 1<sup>st</sup> year alone!

Where is our role in all of this you might ask for we have achieved our ‘ED’ (early diagnosis) we had originally mapped out for this charity (massive hat-tip to Mr Andy Moir). Strangely enough although **Macmillan** have funded this entire programme & purchased the big ‘engine room’ computer robot etc they are going to be falling short with the FVR’s – and that, ladies & gentlemen, is where we step into the breach. OK, at £15,000 per FVR they are not cheap but I know that each and every one of us will feel proud in the knowledge that we are a massive part of this new ‘ED’ system being set up for without the money for the FVR’s the system will fall down! It is our privilege to work with, and supply, the FVR’s and if Nottingham is a success then we will roll out this same **Macmillan** system in Leicester & Derby – the East Midlands triangle. That will be a fantastic feat for a charity that only got going 3 ½ yrs ago- so go on folks, do it, give yourselves a hearty round of applause for without your support we wouldn’t have got this far so quickly! 🤗 **And at this point we must reiterate our sincerest thanks to all at GEOSYNTHETICS over in Hinckley who really got this charities fundraising on a roll ! Thanks you guys & gals-look where we are now thanks to your fantastic input** 🤗

Phil.J

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