

## "20-20 Voice" Newsletter

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**A CAUTIONARY TALE FOLKS:** I sometimes get berated for 'trawling' through laryngectomy websites, groups, chatrooms etc but it purely to invite more & more larys to read our newsletter so that they can see what we are trying to do FOR future larys. Of course the secondary reason is simply that the more of us there are the more common knowledge can be accrued and at the end of the day we all have a slightly different tale to tell – and it could be something that saves a life! This week alone we have garnered ~~seven~~ (78) new newsletter readers so that is ~~seven~~ eight more stories, ~~seven~~ eight more knowledgeable heads and ~~seven~~ eight more opinions to fall back on!

\*\*\*\*Hi all, and we start the news with great news that we are finally starting to get our name around the shires as our friend GW, in Lincoln, has agreed to become our Lincolnshire representative as the position 'gives him a purpose again'. Now I can easily relate to that feeling for once a lary you feel very much alone & useless in this old world of ours.

**Welcome aboard Mr Gary Westwood**, the Trustees have now officially endorsed you so you know the rules my friend: "**do what you can, when you can & however you can but do not make yourself ill doing it!**" That's that sorted then, anyone else want to step forward?

**Wristband sales in the Osborn Building raised a fantastic £49.00. Well done all.**

**The Bulls Head (S Stanton) raised another £34.74 – well done Nirad & team**

**Fox & Tiger have starred with a fantastic £42.14 – couldn't get another penny in there!**



As some of you may have seen on our Facebook page we trotted off to Glenfield Hospital, **Ward 17** actually, and presented them with 6 brand new nebulisers. Ward 17 has now been designated as the 'respiratory ward' where suffering COPD/larys can be repaired and thrown out to fight another day 😊. I have been 'hospital free' for a tad over 1yr – a remarkable achievement for me, so today was a bit of a personal thank you to all the Ward 17 staff as well !

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, saw **Willie Thorne** (our patron) & I meeting with the **Coping-with-Cancer** bosses to discuss our joint venture on June 13<sup>th</sup> – our **Charity Golf day @ Kilworth Springs Golf Course**. A great meeting where agreements were made and we will be working together on several projects and have offered them a 50% share of our **meal nights**

on **Apr 16<sup>th</sup>** & **Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Carl has assured us, with a smile, that he will have plenty of willing eaters! Onwards & upwards folks! Remember: the **Chef & Spice** seats 150 bodies – let's fill the place!

\*\*\*\*\* And but just a few days later I ask you to bid welcome to **Mr Dougie Lawson** who dwells in the Reading area of this goodly country. I say the same to you my friend *“do what you can, when you can & however you can but do not make yourself ill doing it!”* Dougie has already advised me of contacts available and that is what we need folks – contacts – more on both our new Area Representatives later folks.



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I am absolutely delighted to add Embridge Consulting (UK) Ltd to our mega fundraising day (May 18<sup>th</sup>) as these goodly people have decided to walk from Northfleet (Kent) down to Chipstead where we should all meet up around 6pm for drinky poo's & severe resting of aching feet! The 'merry mobsters' of Northfleet will be walking the 16 miles to the Bricklayers Arms and raising donations on the way: *“Those boots were made for walking, and that's just what they'll do.....”* [go for it Nancy!](#) 🧡 🎵

So - Two major companies setting out to raise funds for this little known charity – we are starting to get somewhere at last folks! The raffle prize list at the **Bricklayers Arms** is phenomenal and topping the list is 2 tickets for the Queens Club, Wimbledon, in June!

E-mail tonight from London telling me that the list of donors with regard to the Mark Aaron appeal is 'quite healthy' – so I wonder who will collect the most on their sponsors sheet? This could be very interesting indeed folks.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** and at long last the wheels are firmly in motion for our l-o-n-g awaited purchase of the monitor needed by the **Kinmonth Ward**: it seems that not only circus performers have to jump through hoops to get results! Our good friend (Mr Tim Diggle) has again ordained the actions needed and the cheque for **£3,076** has been presented to his eminent self and the paperwork is being rapidly sorted → Leonard Cohen: [Hallelujah](#) !



Yes folks it's 'Loony Tunes' time as our fearless Trustee (**Hayley**) takes herself off to ride around in an aeroplane before chucking herself into the ether at about 13,000ft. Safe landings are envisaged as she will be strapped to some hunky

expert, so if you fancy supporting Hayley's Birthday Jump - then help her to reach the **£1,000** mark if you can: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/50th/459863> (August 2nd)

**One last note for your considerations: we are already running low on tickets for our “Spring Meal” at the fabulous [Cuisine of India](#) so if you want tickets then I'm afraid that it is down to ‘fastest fingers on the buzzer’ folks!**

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