

"20-20 Voice" Newsletter

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Greetings all: it doesn't look much to most people, but to us larys a stoma lamp is an essential bit of kit when visiting the stoma nurse or consultant! A hospital reached out to us and explained that **XXXXXXXXXX Hospital** had not replaced the previous, broken lamp and therefore they were performing at only 50%. Believe you me folks, they are no more as we purchased, decorated & posted a new lamp to them!

.....and now some 'not so good' news as we lost a dear friend last weekend (7th) as Leo Thompson, a firm supporter of this charity, passed away suddenly whilst in hospital being treated for a horrible stoma discharge. He was worried that the 'BigC' had returned and was on maximum anti-biotics to clear up a chest infection. [West Calder](#) will be less of a place without him – RIP Leo!



 **Today Wed:12th Sept,** we held our first Dental Seminar, thanks to the kindness of the **Belmont Hotel** in Leicester. I feel fairly confident that those who bothered themselves to turn up did learn a fair old bit about Head & Neck cancers-and the subject of ED (early diagnosis) was much to the fore in the seminar. My heartfelt thanks go out to our patron, Mr Willie Thorne, for speaking in regard to his deceased brother Malcolm who was never diagnosed correctly until it was too late. I must also thank Mr Neel Somani for his precise speech on how cancers can 'present', how they are not always easily spotted and the need for early diagnosis. I feel that the event created some much wiser people! Well done all.



I do remember the fabulous 70's where one needed to 'Boogie on down' to be 'cool'-fabulous Disco times my friends but I had completely forgotten the word 'Boogie' until they were mentioned in relation to electronic devices that enabled larys to communicate. Hence, four (4) 'Electronic Boogie Boards' were despatched northwards to St Johns Hospital in Livingston (Scotland) so that patients were not isolated in a world of non-communicado! Amazing what you learn in this game I can tell you folks: Boogie on down I say! 

And now we need to welcome **Liz (Feely)** up in Glasgow who is caring for her dad (who has recently joined our exclusive 'Lary Club'). I say welcome because **Liz** has seen what we are doing, what we are trying to do & what we aim to do & has agreed to be our Glasgow representative and broaden our empire somewhat. Of course **Liz** was a bit daunted by the

prospect but it has been explained that we take our time and she won't be bombarded with demands for this, that or the other to happen. Indeed, we like the 'slowly, slowly, catchee monkey' approach for we always have to be aware of the **LACK of AWARENESS** out there. **Liz**...welcome to the team from myself & the Trustees, your business cards will be with you.

Final reminder for all those who enjoy fine dining, exotic foods, a few drinks in superb company and the chance to win a prize or two! **October 2nd** is **OUR NIGHT** at the wonderful **Chef & Spice** restaurant where, for a mere £15, you can eat all you want.



We present ourselves there on October 2nd and as we are in cahoots with our friends at **Coping-with-Cancer** we are hoping to fill all 150 available seats. We need to be there for approximately 7pm for a 7:30 start but there is a full bar available for your enjoyment. There will be 'spot prizes' and, post meal, we will be holding a 7-tier raffle plus our new addition to the fun: "**Stand Up Bingo**", where the aim is **NOT** to cross any numbers off your card/s. It's great fun, with a special prize, but can YOU be 'last man/woman standing'? 🙌 There is plenty of parking available in the area and also a local taxi firm if required and of course we will be entertained by your most congenial & eloquent host Mr Willie Thorne- 'doing the biz'! Tickets from admin@2020voicecancer.org (text: 07757 382970 or carl.walter@c-w-c.org.uk – tickets sent by return of payment. See you there 😊

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Further news on the Boogie-ing biz as we have sent another 4 Boogie Boards to Jo Ann MacDonald who will present all eight (8) to Ward 19a, St Johns Hospital, Livingston – something that the hospital ward has been crying out for – **Helping Hands** are very happy to help! I think we will find a very happy consultant up there shortly! 😊

Finally, we are entering into a 'new world' of speech & language therapy and I'm almost sure that this charity is at the fore-front of this brilliant advancement for those who suffer what we suffer – sound dramatic??? This IS dramatic! More news next month!

This newsletter is going out early for all those who need a nudge about our fabulous meal night next Tuesday: 2nd Oct.....details above

Phil J