

## "20-20 Voice" Newsletter

2018 Collection Tubs update: **£693.38p**



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Well folks we have a great start to the month as our annual "All you can Eat" meal night at the fabulous *Chef & Spice* restaurant turned out to be a brilliant night! With a total of 96 diners turning out it was our best night yet, much helped by the goodly people from **Coping-with-Cancer**, with whom we are jointly fundraising certain events. Among our number were the Kinmonth Ward, Cliff Wheatcroft (Ward7 & Radio Fox), "Team Somani" - our supportive Dentists and, most importantly another laryngectomee who braved publicity with no little aplomb! Well done that man I say 😊.

Bumper raffle draw & "Stand-up-Bingo" for 'after meal' entertainment with, of course, **Mr Willie Thorne** hosting the evening for us in his usual brilliant manner. Our top prize (a superb afternoon tea) donated by the **Belmont Hotel** was happily claimed by our friend of 20yrs+ 'Maggie D' .....and I have a feeling that she will fully enjoy the delights put before her! 🍌. The best night we have had thus far, showing that we are getting bigger and stronger all the time folks. The next 'Curry night' (as some are wont to call it) will be Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the **Cuisine of India** (Wigston). Don't forget that there are only 75 seats available so book your tickets early folks !

Some of you may have seen the facebook posts but if not then please be aware that we now have a representative in Glasgow: welcome to [Liz Stander](#) who's dear old dad is going through the 'RT' system at the moment-hang on in there 'dad'! Liz has all the paraphernalia to get started as our bona fide` agent/rep'e for this charity but she needs to look after 'dad' first & foremost.

Another round of 'tub collecting' has arrived and we kicked off with our local **Post Office** who's weighty tub revealed **£20.64p**-keep it up mobsters!

**And now for the wonderful news that we have been waiting on and we are the only charity to set a hospital up with this equipment - which will greatly broaden the great work that our SLTs do!** There is a newly developed [system in place](#), known as **IOBI**, which has been developed especially for oral/throat cancer sufferers and deals with tongue pressures etc. Now you might not think much about the waggly lump in your mouth, apart from when you bite it, but you try talking without one! Try eating without a tongue! Try licking your lips even! A [glossectomy](#) is the removal of the tongue & a partial glossectomy is the removal of a cancerous part of the tongue. What this fantastic little machine does is to inform SLT's (Speech & Language Therapists), who can now measure the strength of the tongue in certain conditions, which gives the SLT the information upon which they can work so as to strengthen the tongue in readiness for speech and/or moving food to the swallowing area. This is a fantastic invention and I am delighted to inform you all that this device is a first for the **Leicester Royal Infirmary** and that we are the first charity to purchase such advanced technology for any hospital. **I have been reliably informed that there are only two other IOBI sets in use in the Midlands!** At a cost of almost £5,000 it is a major investment but the amount of good it will do for our type of cancer sufferers is immeasurable - **without your invaluable help we couldn't do it!**



**Terrible news to hear** but one of our newer larys failed to cope with valves/Blom Singer fittings etc. I know exactly how disappointing this process can be, especially when, after months of faith & hope....it fails and talking simply doesn't happen. Well now I'm very happy to say that **this charity** has been contacted about this awful situation and '*the person*' has been informed that a brand new Tru-Tone will be on its way Monday morning (15<sup>th</sup>) [it is 😊]. It is sent on a 'loan basis' and will return to this charity when the user has finished with it. It is a doubly sad case as his local hospital simply cannot afford to stock any Tru-Tones. Thanks to **all** of you out there that **help** this charity for we are able to turn '*this persons*' life completely around - and when you hear utter despair literally turn to tears of joy.... **well folks, it can't really get much better than that can it!** 😊

**Meanwhile, down there in Kent we have some astounding results from our representative Jo Ann Aaron who has been putting herself about a bit on behalf of the charity, so there will be some excellent news coming in over the next few weeks** 🙄

A Saturday night treat at the **Blu Breeze** for Fish n Chips and swapped the tub over - **£34.11p!** followed on Monday by a triple hit starting with **The Queens** (Barwell) **£16.95** (and a superb lunch with the boss!), **The Bulls Head** (Stoney Stanton) **£29.57** & **The Fox & Tiger** provided a phenomenal **£48.97. What a days collecting!**

The 'tubs' are mounting, just check the top r/h/side of this newsletter and I'm hoping that we can top the grand this financial year folks. Keep up the good work everyone...**Phil J**