

"20-20 Voice" Newsletter

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Hi to all of you out there. We can start the month with news of a fantastic **£630** donation, raised, sadly, at the funeral of one of our own, who passed away in early February. May 'Alan S' rest in peace.

More good news in that the charity has been invited to take a stall at a forthcoming 'Symposium' where top medical professionals & academics will be in attendance. This invite has come from ATOS Medical & Countrywide Supplies who are fully behind our 'Early Diagnosis' drive 🙄.

I know it's been in the newsletter before but I need to remind you that we have entrants in the 5K BigFunRun in Nottingham, Glasgow & Edinburgh-fancy joining in?

Now here's a bit of news for you all as our patron, Mr Willie Thorne, has been taking part in a [TV version](#) of the "Full Monty"! Our snooker star is among those set to [bare it all](#) for [All New Monty: Who Bares Wins](#). He and his fellow castmates will be going nude to raise awareness for testicular and prostate cancer. Our Leicester born snooker star is currently helping friends out part time in Spain and also helping the charity here in England, plus things are slowly coming together for us too. Sadly, our Charity Golf Day hasn't!

And don't forget that April 20th is our **Tea/Coffee & Cakes** morning where you can garner plenty of support for this charity: 'Lorrie C' has already received all the paperwork needed for her event down there in Hampshire - *GO GET 'EM GAL!* 😊. **Who's next?**

24th March folks? Anyone? Nope it will nothing to any of us but north of the border we have a Sports dinner going on at the Royal British Legion in Bathgate nr Armadale (Edinburgh way 😊). We applaud **Jo Ann MacDonald** & Co for their tremendous work on this event for this charity will be the recipient of any funds raised on the night. Now for your information Jo Ann is the daughter of our dearly departed friend **Leo Thomson** who is somewhere 'up there' and no doubt attending to a fine Roe deer. Many of **Leo's** family & friends will be there on the night and I have no doubts that a 'wee dram or three' will be sunk in his honour! I will update you with proceedings folks 😊.



Don't forget folks, April 15th is the day, or rather evening for all those who look forward to a monster scoffing session as we approach our Spring Meal Night, held at the fabulous Cuisine of India (Kelmarsh Ave, Wigston). 7 for 7.30pm for superb dining, cracking raffle & Stand-up-Bingo to go at! Tickets only £16 per head available from admin@2020voicecancer.org

Great news from 'Our ladies' in the Discharge Lounge! Not only do they beaver away prompting our wristbands, they hold a raffle every year and have donated £60 to "20-20 Voice" Cancer again this year. Splendid effort ladies but now you have a new challenge as we begin our 'Smartie Savers' fundraiser! The rules are simple folks – we provide a tube of Smarties, you enjoy them & then keep popping all your 20p pieces in the empty tube until it is full up to the top! We have our Discharge Lounge (14), Ward 17 (10) & Physio Dept (30) [all Glenfield] joining in the fun so let's see what comes in 😊 Now if any of you out there have a few people at work that you think would like to play they simply give a call and we'll send the relevant amount off to you. Great game eh folks 😊.

SG dropped me a line a few months ago asking if she could have one of our little 'loose change' boxes to chuck all her change in. Friday (22nd) saw me nipping over to Loughborough to collect said 'loose change' box which was found to contain a superb £21.22p. A letter of thanks and a certificate were soon forwarded to this good



lady-anymore of you out their fancy hosting a 'loose change' box? Doesn't matter how long it takes to fill it and every penny helps & even Euros help us to help others! 😊

And now the news we have all been waiting for, if we have been taking notice that is, as the "Sports Dinner (& drinks) went ahead in Scotland on Sunday 24th March, with this charity being at the very heart of the proceedings. Many of those attending knew Leo Thomson who sadly left us a few months ago, but his daughter Jo Ann has carried on the great work that he and I were planning for Leo was a great fundraiser in the West Calder area and also a great supporter of [St Johns Hospital](#) in Livingston. Indeed, Leo & consultant Guy Vernham had become great friends before Leo's sad demise and we had already contributed some 'Boogie Boards' to help throat cancer sufferers communicate which Leo had opined were a fantastic purchase. We shall be buying further 'necessities' for St Johns as we continue our great work. We could not do what we do without your invaluable help so it is with great thanks to Jo Ann & family that I can tell you that the "Sports Dinner" has raised approximately £2,000. A final figure is not available yet as Jo Ann is still receiving wedge from the participants. Wonderful occasion, wonderful lady and a wonderful outcome-more news when I get it.

Phil J

What a cracking way to end the year! 😊