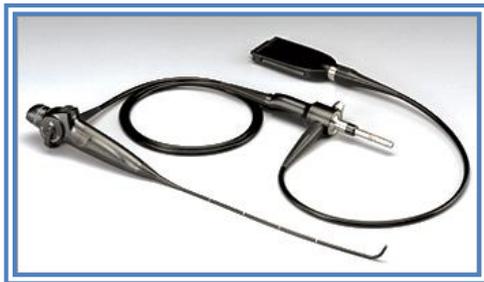


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Last month's newsletter was sent out a few days early for obvious reasons as the CoronaVirus works its evil magic through our ranks. Most of us are now self-isolating and this has given us the opportunity to tend to gardens, home decorating & those niggling little DIY jobs that we all have the *'tomorrow will do'* mentality about-and I'm no different. Well folks, this last couple of weeks has been a complete shock to the system as I have found, much to my chagrin, that there is so much now that I cannot do anymore. Setting the much loved 'binfire' & filling with all the garden debris and chopped wood used to be a 10-15 minute job: today 1hr 10mins..... and panting like a marathon runner! A simple walk up the garden to the summerhouse, 147ft, knackered and needing to sit down to regain some form of breathing composure. In short folks, I have realised that I have reached the top of my hill and only the downward slope beckons me now! But we will march onward folks - with a bit less of the outdoors methinks! 😊

Onto brighter news folks as our award from **Carling/Everards/Semple** has obviously had to be postponed due to the *'lemonade virus'* but we are working (already) on a major event in July (hopefully) **and** our Autumn Meal Night at the fabulous **Chef & Spice** on Tuesday, [29th September](#). For all those that booked a seat/table for the Spring Meal, I can only apologise.....but Boris ordered all restaurants closed! Tickets are now available @ **£17** per head 😊

You will notice that [Wonderful.org](#) has disappeared from our favoured charities list – I'm afraid they have shut up shop. We thank them sincerely for all their charitable work and are obviously sad to see them leave the scene. So, we are now utilising [VirginMoneyGiving](#) for all online donations. Please help us by utilising the **Gift Aid** button as it gets a nice 25% from the gov't.

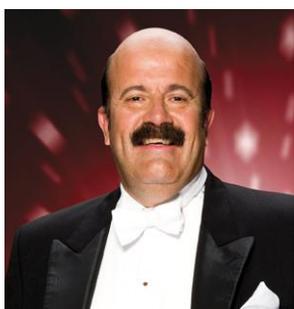
Some really cheerful news from Nth Kent where our area representative, Jo Ann xxxxxxxx has volunteered, and been accepted to help out with deliveries of foods, medicines etc to the elderly in her community. What a wonderful gesture from a wonderful lady!

Take note folks, and take heart, because in 2008/9 'the flu' took 13,000 lives per week before it was done – we are in lockdown & way, way below that figure as yet!



More cheering news as we have contacted a brilliant guitarist, Paul Adby, who lives about 40 miles from Leicester in Congleton – and my goodness me folks he can play! Tonight (10th April) Paul played a 35 minute ‘set’ of magical instrumentals from the late 50’s & 60’s to raise a few bob for this charity. You can [listen to Paul here](#). Not all that many turned up tonight so I will ask Paul if he would kindly put another ‘show’ together for us and I will let you all know when it will be on. The great [Hank Marvin](#) would have bowed in respect listening to this man’s guitar playing tonight!

(14th Apr) I have just had the most joyous news folks: not only is our Kent area representative alive & well she has been informed by her local [Sevenoaks Roundtable](#) that they have donated **£1,000** to our charity, which more than makes up for our lost ‘feasting evening’ on the 6th! (We will undoubtedly make up for that on Tues 29th Sept @ the **Chef & Spice** restaurant!) 😊 Thank you all.



Rather sad news to impart as our friend & Patron, **Willie Thorne**, has been diagnosed with Leukaemia. [He has been treated](#) with Chemotherapy in a Spanish hospital and has a nurse coming to see him daily in home. Poor old WT also has the pain of gout to contend with and that is being treated at the same time. I’m sure we all wish Willie the best of luck and hope that his recovery is fast & permanent. Keep your chin up WT! 😊

Jill Saxby, 1985 Miss Great Britain, will take over as our patron for a while.

Looking forward, hopefully, we have now re-dressed the front page on our website so that you can see what we have lined up in the coming months! a...Our **Autumn Meal night** at the fabulous **Chef & Spice** takes place on Tuesday evening, **29th September**, so all those that booked for our Spring Meal and missed out can enjoy a great night out – see you there folks. The price remains at £17 per person, with £1 going to “The SYED Foundation”. We will have a **7 Tier** raffle on the night and also our hilarious game of “Stand-up-Bingo”, which I think you have all got the hang of by now! [Tickets available](#) now folks 😊 b...Our 2nd bonanza is the new **Inflatable 5K Fun Run (Sept 5th)** being held at **Nottingham Racecourse**-28 inflatables to conquer-what a day of fun 🤪 get in touch folks for if don’t want to partake you can still fundraise for us!

c... We are putting together a fabulous Motown Charity Night her in Leicester but it is difficult to make firm arrangements as yet because of this virus lockdown. Updates to come folks!

Phil J