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A little bit of good news for our charity 'beastie Boy' who finished 2nd on his first attempt in this country! Racing Post write up:- He has now recovered from his 'knock' and is entered on the 8th Dec: I will update asap. Update: Our boy failed to 'eat up' so he was withdrawn, but he's now entered at Wetherby on Sunday 27th Dec 😊.

Great news from 2 of our newer supporters as they both had their larynx done this week (Dec 2nd) and both have come out of the operation in rude health. Well done gentlemen, we are proud of you both, now **relax** and get on with all that healing! 😊

It's not very often that I feel like to 'crow' on my own behalf but today (Dec 14th) I received a very surprising and joyful email from a person I hold in great regard. She is a writer and well published author who knows the **Working Men's Clubs** from their setting up by the Reverend Henry Solly, through their 'hey-days' of the 70's & 80's and right through their sad demise, thanks mainly to the Smoking ban, and the present-day situation. Dr Ruth Cherrington is not so much knowledgeable, but AN AUTHORITY on Working Men's Clubs and her books are easy to come by on [Amazon](#).

She picked up on my World Cancer Conference speech/talk regarding throat cancers, the why's & where for's, the struggle to survive and the bigger struggle to learn to talk without a voicebox. This is what she had to say in an email tonight:

"Hi Phil (re: WCC -online)

I have finally sat down to watch and listen to your presentation at the above-mentioned conference. You were amazing. No other word for it. You tell your story in your own fine words, just being yourself and you manage to link it to so many of the processes and problems people face. The talk is both educational as well as campaigning. It's also moving and funny, because you're a man with a great sense of humour. But you're also very seriously committed to the charity you founded and to saving people's lives. To saving their voices. The focus on awareness really comes across and made me think more than twice. So

Raffle drawn early for Christmas....and the winner is **Ms A** from Kent: Ticket **No: 6**

😊 your prize is on its its way shortly **Ms A** 😊

much here Phil, so well done. Thank you very much. And thanks for always being your old self even though so much has changed for you.

With my very best wishes to you and Tina.

Ruth C xx

(Well folks, it is not often that my 'ghast' is well & truly 'flabbered' but this did it!)

Back to reality folks and our proposed 5k walk on Sunday 27th December has, for obvious reasons been cancelled as no one has any idea how much longer this Coronavirus malarkey will continue to be drawn out. It is flu season yet flu casualties are down 90% & PCR tests have been found to be 100%FALSE positives by none other than Cambridge University! This situation really has become an utter-shambles with so many cancer sufferers being ignored because of it! It is a national disgrace! We will try to arrange for an Easter 5K walk.

What a lovely surprise this morning as we received a lovely donation of **£350** from 'Team Helen' who have always supported this charity. 'Team Helen's' annual fundraiser was cancelled ("surprise, surprise" said Cilla! 😊) so they have simply been saving bits & pieces all year long-and, most importantly, they added the Gift Aid to the donation, for which we are much obliged! 😊



We have had two people agree to keep a Jam Jar handy for all their 20p pieces until the jar is full-are their anymore willing souls out there that are willing to wash an old jar out and give a new use on behalf of **2020 Voice Cancer**? *give us a shout* 😊

We are also looking for goodly people to hold a coffee morning on our behalf, any Saturday, in the merry month of May-when it should be nice and warm. We will provide all the posters/flyers that you will need to announce your event and the literature to create the awareness of our charity. Any offers?

Raffles & Tombolas are easy to sort 😊

We have another option for April 4th, which is Easter Sunday next year as we are planning a series of 5K family walks around different parts of the country. We will help with all posters/flyers etc.

A great opportunity to raise sponsorship and there'll be a £25 Shopping Voucher to the highest fund raiser too! Can you arrange a walk?

Our Patron, Jill Thorne, has now put the great WT's snooker cue up for public auction. Willie used this same cue from the age of 14 and is now a giant piece of Snooker History, a complete one-off. I can tell you that the highest bid thus far is £2,000 but people are still putting in bids so if you want a piece of the legend that was Willie Thorne then simply email jillthorne26@gmail.com or admin@2020voicecancer.org for info or bid.

**Happy
Christmas
to you all**

Phil J