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Barnsley & District Branch NEWS

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COMMUNITY FUND



Terry received a cheque for £647 from the president of Barnsley Rockley Rotary Club.



This hardy lot turned up for a walk around Manvers Lake, despite the inclement weather!



Shafaq Hussain Ali gave a very interesting talk on the importance of oral health at our August branch meeting.



Our awareness stand at Locke Park gala.

Chair's Chatter

Not only have we had glorious weather this summer, but we have also enjoyed a wide range of branch activities that have enabled us to keep in touch, socialise and maintain our wellbeing.

Alyson has done a great job of arranging our summer walks programme that has included, Wentworth village, Cannon Hall, Wentworth Woodhouse, Manvers Lake and Dearne Valley Country Park.

We were sorry to learn that one of our long-standing and highly valued members had been unwell and unable to attend activities for several months. We understand how disappointing and isolating it may have felt not to hear from anyone at the branch during that time. Please be assured that this was not due to a lack of care. Parkinson's UK does not support a welfare officer role and, under its safeguarding procedures, volunteers must not make unsolicited contact with members who are absent from group activities, whatever the reason. Anyone who would like help or support is warmly encouraged to contact a committee member or call Parkinson's UK's free, confidential helpline. Contact details are on the back page of the newsletter.

As you know, I shall step down as chairman of the Barnsley branch at the AGM in February, making this my penultimate newsletter! Despite repeated appeals, no one has yet volunteered to lead the group. We also urgently need someone to produce the quarterly newsletter, a fundraiser and health and safety coordinator. Volunteering can make a real difference to our members and carers, so please consider whether you (or your family and friends) could use your skills and experience to help keep the branch running. If you would like to join us or find out more, please contact myself or Ann-Marie.

Best Wishes,

Terry

Help For Carers

Did you know that, if you live in the Barnsley area and are currently caring for a person who has a clinical diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease or Parkinsonism, we offer up to 4 hours per calendar month of FREE respite care in your own home? The service is delivered by a local care agency, enabling carers to have some much-needed time off.

For further details contact Doris Wragg our Branch Secretary, on 01226 744670, or email info@barnsleyparkinsons.org.uk

Coming Up...

20th Oct	Afternoon Tea with live entertainment at Holiday Inn, Dodworth 1:00pm - 4:00pm (£10.00 per person)
	Please note: There is no branch meeting in October
5th Nov	Ten-Pin Bowling at Barnsley Bowl, Carlton (10:30am for 11:00am start)
17th Nov	Branch meeting – Speaker: Barnsley Carers Service
26th Nov	Carers' Pamper Day at Holiday Inn & Bannatyne Spa (meet 9:00am)
15th Dec	Christmas Party at Emmanuel Church (1:00pm)
	Please note: There is no branch meeting in December

Recent Donations

Mary Chipchase Funeral Collection £205.50

Barnsley Rockley Rotary Club £647.00

From two Dodworth Community Groups £1,600.00

Mark Guest Sponsored 10k Race £842.00

Dave Taylor Sponsored Climb of the Munros £1,069.00

The Ebenezer Wesleyan Reform Chapel £1,000.00

Silkstone Common Cottage Bakery £31.29

Alyson Francis £100.00

Obituaries

Neville Prior passed away on 16th June. Our thoughts are with his wife, Pat, family and friends.

Mary Chipchase sadly died in May.

Our sympathies go out to her husband, Peter, family and friends.



A tee-rific shot, Lesley!



Carers' Pamper Day

We are delighted to announce that arrangements have now been made for Carers' Pamper Day 2026! This ever-popular event will take place on Thursday 26th November at the Holiday Inn and Bannatyne Spa on Barnsley Road, Dodworth. The treatments are strictly limited to those people who are currently caring for a person with Parkinson's. If you think you may be eligible to participate this year, please contact Alyson Francis as soon as possible. Her number can be found on the back of this newsletter.

As always, people with Parkinson's will be able to enjoy some fun and games until all the carers have had their pamper treatments. Afterwards, we shall all come together for lunch at the Holiday Inn.

What Happens When?

Branch Meetings	3rd Tuesday of the month, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Emmanuel Church.
Exercise Classes	Weekly on Wednesdays, 1:00pm to 2:00pm and 2:30pm to 3:30pm. 2:00pm to 2:30pm is time for a drink and a chat. Emmanuel Church.
Boxing Classes	Weekly on Fridays, 11:00am to 11:45am. Afterwards time for a drink and a chat. Wentworth Community Hall.
Golf Driving	1st Thursday of the month, 11am. Sandhill Golf Club (April to September)
Natter Café	2nd Thursday of the month, 10:30am to midday. Falco Lounge.

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