

Huntingdonshire Branch Newsletter

July and August 2019

Collections

Street collections (the first time our Branch has done this) yielded £337.56. We had four collectors on the street in St Ives, five in St Neots but only one in Huntingdon. If more had been available in Huntingdon the figure might have been about £500.

A collection at St Neots Co-op with a rota of six collectors produced £289.54.

An important feature of events like these is that we usually have people asking for information about Parkinsons and Parkinson's UK, and often meet recently diagnosed people.

Thank you to all those who laboured, particularly Geoff Matthews and Serena Gilbert who have no connection to Parkinsons but offered, without even a request, to do a two-hour shift on an uncomfortably hot day. Everyone who took part is greatly appreciated.

Ladybird Boat Trip, Monday 8th July, 11.00 to 1.00

Please note that this trip is only available to those who have previously booked. Eighteen have booked at the time of writing, and the boat can only take twenty. Anyone who would like to take the two remaining places must please contact David Rudd immediately. When they've gone, they've gone.

Arrangements for the day. The boat leaves Hartford Marina at 11.00, travels upstream as far as Godmanchester Lock, then downstream as far as Houghton Lock, returning to disembark at Hartford Marina. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available onboard. No arrangements have been made for lunch. There is no ticket price, but you will be asked for a donation which will go to the Ladybird Trust, the charity which owns the boat. (The actual cost of running the boat for two hours is about £200.) [So you don't pay to get on but you pay to get off]

Arrival.

When entering the site there is a white building and metal fence in front. This is Marina reception. Turn right and then almost immediately turn left into the small road which leads to the petrol pumps and the mooring to the Ladybird. After offloading passengers please park in the assigned places. Allow time for parking.

Parking

Cars park behind the Marina building. If this is full then drive through and park in the spaces on the right side as you enter the Hartford Mill site.

Strawberry Tea, Waresley Garden Centre. As many of you know, this event is the monthly meeting for the St Neots Group, but members from the other areas are always invited. Numbers were down this year to 25: usually over 30. However the chat decibels were as high as ever, and it was good to see so many smiles as friends got together to drop crumbs from the delicious scones, and grow cream and jam moustaches. There is a photo on Facebook – see *Parkinsons UK Huntingdonshire*

Local Adviser

Kelly Boulter, who succeeded Marianne Fountain, has left already!

But we are covered for the time being. The published phone number for Kelly (the same you may have stored on your phone for Marianne) will be monitored and answered by Mrs Waters our nearest PLA. I have left Marianne's phone number in the footer of this newsletter for the time being.

David Rudd

SOCIAL AND SUPPORT

St Neots at Old Market Court, Tebbutts Road, St Neots PE19 1DJ

Monday 15th July: Speaker Julia Hurford: 'I Hiked China'

Monday 19th August: Speaker Chris Jones, 'From Griffins to White Harts. The story of St Neots pubs.'

Ramsey, at Rainbow Centre, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey

Wednesday 10th July and 14th August. Mutual support meetings.

St Ives at The Dolphin Hotel, Bridgefoot, St Ives.

Wednesday 3rd July Speaker tbc

Wednesday 7th August speaker tbc

EXERCISE AND THERAPY

Tuesdays 11.00 am

St Neots, at Pilgrim Hall, United Reformed Church, Moores Walk, St Neots

Chair-based exercise with ~Gareth. 07702 285840

Alternate Tuesdays (2nd, 16th, 30th July, 13th, 27th August) 1.00 pm

Huntingdon, at MS Centre, Mayfield Road, Hartford

Singing for fun and well-being with Madeline 07513 605971.

Thursdays 1.30 pm

Huntingdon, at Methodist Church, High Street, Huntingdon

'Love to Move' specialist exercise with Sarah-Jane 07712 658001

Fridays 11.00am

St Ives, at Crossways, Ramsey Road, St Ives.

Chair-based exercise with Becky 07928 026509

Looking ahead.

Just past the summer solstice it seems early to be thinking about Christmas – but it has to be done.

The Christmas lunch will be at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall as last year on Monday 16th December. Please make a note in your diary. Christmas Lunch contact: Sally Beaman 01480 462379

Ian Mackintosh is again working to produce a Branch Christmas card. Last year we sold 5000 and hope to do so again. Please keep it in mind.

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