

Coffee Morning at Mapplewell

After a stormy night, the sun came out specially so that everyone would be encouraged to attend our coffee morning. We had an excellent turn out by members of the church and also by our own members. We would like to thank all the many people who baked, came to help on the day or just came to sample the lovely cakes. Special thanks go to Anne and John Birkinshaw and Sheila Butt, members of the church, who worked very hard on the day to help make it a great success. Well done to all concerned!

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CORONA VIRUS

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Now for some good news....

Fundraising

Coffee Morning, Mapplewell	£311.00
Tesco, Penistone Collection	£389.30
Paul Sinha Concert	£141.00
Retired Police Officers	£5272.08

Many thanks to everyone involved with these events. The contribution from the Retired Police Officers Association is particularly eye-catching.

Chair's Chatter

In these difficult times I suspect that rather than chatter, what you want to know is how this branch and its activities have been or are being affected by the Coronavirus and what is being done about it. The first information from head office was that people with Parkinson's are no more liable to catch it than other members of the public. The World Health Organisation (WHO) doesn't seem to agree. Parkinson's is on their list of conditions which renders the patient 'vulnerable'. Follow the advice.

At an emergency committee meeting last Monday the following actions were taken and subsequently, information obtained on what is likely to happen. Let me begin with branch services covered by contractual agreements.

The exercise classes are cancelled until further notice. Bronia remains on the payroll for the time being and is looking into ways to keep you up to scratch at home. You are familiar with the exercises, please continue to do them regularly.

At any one time Crossroads carers and/or their families may be affected and unable to work. If this happens essential personal care tasks, medication etc. will be prioritised. The service provided to this branch under the service level agreement will not be on this list.

In relation to the Counselling service visits to the Hospice are for all practical purposes not allowed. You may be contacted by Jan, but on this I am not certain. If this presents problems contact Carolyn, the Parkinson's nurse or the national helpline.

Otherwise, in relation to our programme, everything else is cancelled, Carers' Day, tin and bucket collection at Barnsley FC, World Parkinson's Day etc. We will keep an eye on the possibility of restoring Carers' Day in September but all events in Locke Park are now cancelled. The Blackpool Experience has also been cancelled.

Chair's Chatter cont.

The committee plans to have a 'distance' meeting in a few week's time to review the position and we'll keep you posted. Follow the advice, wash your hands and keep safe.

Philip

P.S. This is the last newsletter for the moment as the printers are closing.



Cheque Presentation



Bowling Winners



Mappewell Coffee Morning