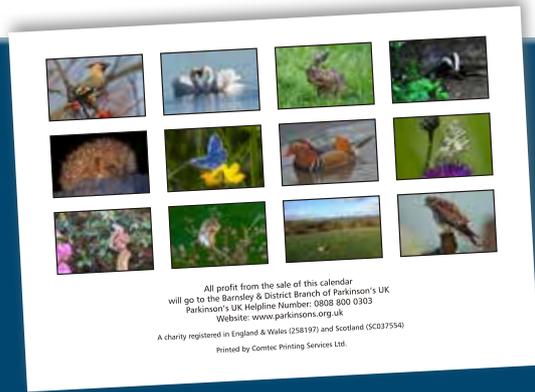


NEWS

Barnsley & District Branch



Available soon! See page 2

Thank you!

IT'S been a busy time for the branch's magnificent fundraisers.

Sandra and Bronia organised a Race Night at Ardsley on 7 April, where everyone had a great time and raised the magnificent sum of £500.

On 28 April we raised £310 for Parkinson's at a coffee morning at Staincross Methodist Church. This was very well attended and the cakes provided were much appreciated. Many thanks go to the people who helped and also to those who spent time baking for the event.



Thanks to Sandra, Bronia, friends and families, the Race Night in April raised £500 for the branch

We were also grateful to Anne and John Burkinshaw and Sheila Butt who are members of the church and kindly helped on the day.

The most recent event was a Quiz Night at Dodworth Miners' Welfare on 16 May which was organised by Eric Evans and his

family. It was a very entertaining evening with most questions set at a reasonable level apart from the extremely difficult picture quiz.

It certainly taxed the powers of one team.

Again an excellent amount of £500 was raised.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

17 July Meeting – Raymond Walker, Barnsley Now and Then

31 July Walk – Dearne Valley Park

12 August Tombola Stall – Locke Park Gala

19 August Walk – Langsett Barn

21 August Outing – Harewood House

28 August Walk – Elsecar park and Heritage Centre

18 September Meeting – U3A Choir

25 September Walk – Cannon Hall

16 October Meeting – Sarah McHale, The New Town Centre

Please note that a change to the programme means that Heather Mortiboys will now visit us to talk about research in January 2019.

Further information

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Chair's Chatter!

SINCE I last wrote we have had our second summer walk, round Worsbrough reservoir in almost summer-like weather, enjoyed by 15 members and friends.

We have also staged the fourth of our annual carers' days. The completed assessment sheets of the carers' day once again gave every indication of a very successful and greatly enjoyed event.

However, one aspect seemed to tell a different story. Of the 19 people who originally registered to attend, no less than nine dropped out beforehand, that's very nearly 50 per cent, for one reason or another.

Bannatynes require at least six weeks notice for a group booking to organise the increased demand on staffing levels. For carers of people with

Be sure before you book - the branch still has to pay...

Parkinson's a lot can happen in six weeks and I have already spoken to Bannatynes about reducing this interval.

But even so, previous drop out rates have been nothing like 50 per cent. One wonders whether perhaps one or two of the excuses given were not properly weighed against the problems that were caused to the organisers.

However the committee is quite satisfied that the carers' day is very worthwhile and we will continue with it. But the committee has also decided

that the £5 contribution towards the cost of the meal will have to be paid in advance and only returned in the event of an emergency preventing attendance.

As a matter of interest, if this had been applied this year only one or two of the registrations would have qualified for a rebate.

I hope everyone feels that this is a perfectly reasonable request and the £5 is after all a voluntary contribution. If anyone has a particular problem with any of this (hospital appointments, falls and suchlike), please have a word with me before you put your name down.

Enjoy your holidays and I hope to see you on our forthcoming walks.

Philip Thompson

CALENDARS ON SALE IN AUGUST

IT'S never too early to think about next year and in particular next year's calendars.

In August our calendars for 2019 will be available to buy for the cost of only £6.

They feature stunning photographs of wildlife and have been produced exclusively to raise funds for our branch of Parkinson's UK.



FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Exercise: Two sessions each week, one seated, one for those more able. To enrol, contact our Local Advisor (details on page 3).

Help for Carers: A limited amount of free care is provided enabling carers to have some time off. Contact Local Advisor Sharon Gray (details, page 3)

Counselling: Confidential free counselling is available, by referral from the Parkinson's Nurse Carolyn Hodkin (details on page 3), to people with, or affected by, Parkinson's.

BRANCH NEWS ROUND-UP

Gala prizes needed

NOW is the time to get rid of unwanted Christmas presents and unloved Tombola prizes!

We are busy collecting items for Locke Park Gala on 12th August so please turn out your drawers and cupboards to make space for your next winnings.

You can give items to any member of the committee, who will make sure that they go to the right person.

Thank you in advance!

Grants available

PARKINSON'S UK 'Take Control' grants are currently available in Yorkshire and Humber.

The grants help people affected by Parkinson's to improve their lives. Certain conditions apply and detailed information is available on the Parkinson's UK website.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website or alternatively, applicants can speak to Sharon Gray for advice.

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The back-room team at the recent fundraising coffee morning in Mapplewell (see front page story)

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Christmas - again!

LAST year we changed the format of the Christmas party and afterwards realised that not everyone was delighted with the change.

So recently we asked you to tell us what you would prefer.

The result was a large majority in favour of restoring the previous format.

So, this year, we will be going back to the U3A Choir and, hopefully, they will allow for more participation from the audience.

There will also be more raffle prizes than last year. Anne-Marie will be providing the buffet again.



TWO views from our recent branch monthly walks: at Locke Park in April (above) and at Worsbrough Reservoir in May.



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The Story of the Archbishop Holgate Hospital and Almshouses

This story begins with a visit to Barnsley Hospital by a resident of Almshouse No 14, whose husband has Parkinson's and who happened to pick up one of our information leaflets.

by Philip Thompson

Rona and I later had a call out of the blue explaining that the Almshouses residents held a weekly coffee morning and the proceedings from the last of each month were devoted to a charity and Parkinson's UK had been selected for February 2018.

So suitably equipped with display board and leaflets we went along. The function was held in a brand new community centre on the site, The Ebor Centre (Holgate was the Archbishop of York).

There weren't too many people there of which two had Parkinson's, one a resident and the other a visitor. But there was a lively interest in our display with lots of questions, but with us strictly avoiding any with a clinical content.

But the shock came at the end when the proceeds were counted and handed over, specifically for the branch: the incredible sum of £543!

To put this into perspective, this represents a third as much again as a whole day's collecting at the Tesco Penistone store.

We were quite overcome by this level of generosity, following as it did the grand tradition of their



Archbishop Holgate Hospital and Almshouses in Hemsworth

‘There he repressed papism, kept the Scots at bay and suppressed rebellions against the king’

founder in his many endowments all over Yorkshire, including of course Barnsley in the shape of the Holgate Grammar School.

Archbishop Holgate, educated at Cambridge, started as a humble priest who came to the notice of Henry VIII and became his chaplain, having been befriended by Thomas Cromwell.

He rose through the ranks, acquiring wealth as he went, until he reached the dizzy heights of President of the Council of the North and Archbishop of York.

There he repressed papism, kept the Scots at bay and suppressed rebellions against the king. He endowed hospitals and schools throughout

Yorkshire in York, Hemsworth (the school was transferred to Barnsley), Malton, Sedburgh and Pocklington.

But on the accession of Edward VI his star began to wane and when the sickly Edward, died to be followed by the catholic Queen Mary, he found himself in the Tower.

However, unlike many clerics and Archbishops of Canterbury of the time, he avoided being burnt as a heretic by forfeiting £1,000 with a promise that he would disappear into obscurity.

Remarkably, he subsequently regained much of his wealth and estates which had been seized by the crown on his imprisonment. Now that's what I call a survivor!