



Parkinson's UK

For every Parkinson's journey

Barnsley & District Branch NEWS

July 2026



Wentworth Walk



Tombola Stall



Cannon Hall Walk

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Jo Thompson, our newest volunteer, helping out at the coffee morning



Which one's the raffle prize?!



Our President, Ian McMillan

Chair's Chatter

Welcome to our summer newsletter. It's been a busy and rewarding few months for our branch, with many chances to raise awareness, spend time together and support each other.

In April, we marked World Parkinson's Day with the Town Hall lit up in blue and an awareness stand in the town centre. It was a great way to raise the profile of Parkinson's in our community.

At the end of May, we held a successful coffee morning at Staincross Methodist Church. Many thanks to all the branch members who helped by serving refreshments, selling jigsaws and offering handmade cards for all occasions.

Special thanks go to the grandchildren of Jim and Linda Thomas, who helped their parents set up and run the tombola stall, and to Ann Marie for baking an amazing 144 cakes for the event. Your help was greatly appreciated.

June brought the first of our summer walks, organised by Alyson. The route from Wentworth Garden Centre to the church gave everyone the chance to enjoy fresh air, good company and the summer scenery.

Our annual outing this year was to Bakewell and was enjoyed by everyone who came along. We also attended the annual Classic Car event at Locke Park with our ever-popular plant stall. Thank you to all who donated plants, and special thanks again to Ann Marie for propagating and nurturing 300 plug plants.

It is wonderful to see so many members giving their time, energy and talents to support our branch events. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. Your kindness and commitment make a real difference, and we look forward to more summer activities in the weeks ahead.

Best Wishes, Terry



Trip to Bakewell

Coming Up...

21st July	Branch meeting - Speaker: Harmony In Motion
23rd July	Aly's Amble - Wentworth Woodhouse (10:30am start)
9th Aug	Awareness Stand at Locke Park Gala
12th Aug	Bounce Into Summer - Awareness stand at Goldthorpe cricket ground (12 noon - 4pm)
18th Aug	Branch meeting - Speaker: Shafaq Hussain - Maintaining good oral health
27th Aug	Aly's Amble - Manvers Lake (10:30am start)
15th Sept	Branch meeting - Speaker: Carolyn Arnott, Parkinson's Nurse
24th Sept	Aly's Amble - Dearne Valley Country Park (10:30am start)

Recent Donations

Tesco Collection (Stairfoot) £279.41
Staincross Coffee Morning £314.90
Brian Francis' Funeral Collection £228.50
Peter Barradell's Funeral Collection £670.00
Enid Hibbert £50.00
Pilley Hub £50.00
Shaw Lands Trust £1,500.00
Laura (Physio) £1,100.00
Locke Park Plant Sale £312.10
Cottage Bakery £35.07
Goldthorpe Development Group £76.50
Hays Travel £311.92

Obituaries

Brian Francis sadly passed away on 8th April.
Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Alyson, family and friends.

Peter Barradell passed away on 28th April. Our thoughts are with the loved ones he left behind.

Blue Badge Campaign

Many people with Parkinson's have voiced their concern that Local Authorities issuing Blue Badges don't understand that the condition is progressive and incurable or that symptoms fluctuate. Therefore, Parkinson's UK is launching a new campaign to fix the broken Blue Badge system in England... and they need our help! They would like us to send a pre-printed postcard* to the leader of our local council, asking them to ensure that the council uses health professionals to assess applications and to cease reassessments for people with Parkinson's. Barnsley has recently appointed a new council leader (William Brown) so let's remind him of their legal duties regarding Blue Badge assessments!!!

* Pre-printed postcards are available at the branch meeting.

Carer's Payment

Are you aware that you could claim a one-off support payment of up to £300.00 per year from Barnsley Council?

To be eligible, you must be an unpaid carer (18 or over) who is caring for someone over 18 who requires support and lives in the Barnsley borough.

It is up to you how you spend the money. It could be used for a short break or for travel expenses or to fund a hobby to support your wellbeing.

To start the process of getting an assessment, contact Barnsley Adult Social Care team on 01226 773300 or send a message to:
adultsocialservices@barnsley.gov.uk

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.
Aly's Amble	4th Thursday of the month (April to September)

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