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October Newsletter

In September, as Neil Longhurst was not able to come along our Chairman, Bob, gave an interesting talk with illustrations on his experiences with his small aeroplane taking us round the countryside.

Report from Chairman:-

This year's National AGM was held on Saturday 13th September near East Midlands airport; two of our pwmnd attended along with Committee Members Alvin Hale and Bob Hodgson. It was fascinating and useful to compare notes with others in the MND world and sit in on the various workshops. Retiring chairman, Mark Todd, introduced our new chairman, Alun Owen, who has many years experience as an AV. The keynote address was by Prof. Ammar Al-Chalabi who managed to describe very technical aspects of the disease and research in language that we could all understand, We all found the day very worthwhile and were pleased we had made the trip up the M1.

ICE-BUCKET CHALLENGE: Our Chairman, his son and a Branch member were brave and took part. Donations on the justgiving site is now just over £4million and the grand total £6.8million. National Office are considering how best to spend it but approximately £1million has already been earmarked for PhD projects.

Our September "drop in" afternoon was covered by the Surrey Advertiser and the report appeared in the paper on the 5th September helping particularly to raise awareness of MND locally.

As our Treasurer is away for four weeks we are sorry we do not have a complete list of donations this month but these will be included in our next newsletter.

There was however a darts event held at Tongham on Sunday 14th September organised by Richard Carter which raised £572.63 overall. They were pleased with the result and are thinking about making this an annual event. Our thanks to all who took part.

THUMBS UP CLUB: August and September 2014 DRAW

August

1 ST Prize	No. 271	Lucia Woodward	£40.00
2 nd Prize	No. 234	C Jackson	£30.00
3 rd Prize	No. 174	D Harding	£25.00
4 th Prize	No. 286	H Jenson	£20.00

September

1 st . Prize	No.175	S Aves	£50.00
2 nd Prize	No.238	T Whitehead	£30.00
3 rd Prize	No. 97	D Ralph	£25.00
4 th Prize	No. 65	A Hopwood	£20.00

Can we remind you that it is not too late to take part in the Thumbs Up Club. If you would like to participate contact Sallie on 01483 274337 for a share number form to commence from 01.11.14 (£12 each share per year by cheque payable to MNDA Cranleigh “Thumbs up Club” or STO”.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 25 th October	Flea Market in Cranleigh Village Hall (Desperate need for Tombola prizes – please contact Sallie to arrange delivery or drop off).
Saturday 15 th November	Charity Stall at The Guildhall, Guildford – Eczema Society.
Monday 1 st December	Christmas meal. Details later.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for fundraising or alternatively would be prepared to arrange an event the Committee would be happy to help you in any way possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The 14th ‘Drop-in’ session Wednesday 1st October – especially for people with Motor Neurone Disease, their carers, family and friends, to have the opportunity to meet one another over light refreshments. For the people it concerns – please drop in at any time between 2 and 4 pm at The Refectory, Guildford Cathedral. If you have any concerns about coming along/need help with transport or would like more information please contact Mary Carr 01483 419774 or r.hodgson357@btinternet.com.

Our next Branch meeting will be on Monday, 13th October in the Guide Hall, Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8AF at 8 p.m (doors open at 7.30 p.m) – ramp for wheelchair access. At this meeting Peter Durrant will be presenting another talk about his travels with Caroline; you may remember he entertained us last year with a description of cycling through the

beautiful National Parks of the USA – now he is returning to continue the story of their adventures, this time in South America.

Details of the Christmas lunch will be in our next newsletter in November.

We look forward to seeing as many people on the 13th October.

Kind regards

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