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Motor Neurone Disease Association South Yorkshire Branch

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Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the South Yorkshire Branch Newsletter

Despite the typical English summer weather, the Branch managed to hold several successful events, which you can read about in this edition. We would very much like to hear from you about any ideas you may have or events you would like to see organised to promote awareness and/or fundraise for the Branch. In the last newsletter, I asked for your thoughts on the re-commencement of Open Meetings and I still welcome your ideas and comments, so please do send them in, along with any other item you feel would be of interest to our readers.

A Reminder of Events planned for the Autumn

Please take a look at the remaining planned events for 2023 and how to get tickets.

We would love to see you at any, or all, of these events planned for the winter nights.

Please do come and join us.

Finally, please join with me in wishing Bare Legs Brian good luck as he undertakes the MNDA London to Paris Cycle Challenge at the sprightly age of 80. This is a 311-mile ride over four cycling days with one of the days just short of 100 miles and one over. All the money raised in sponsorship will be coming to the South Yorkshire Branch to aid us in our work to help people affected by MND. If you would like to support him, go to his JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BareLegsBrian

Christine

Change of Branch Contact Details

Please note the change to Branch Contact details.

Ann Quinn and I are currently sharing this role.

Please contact me, (Christine Naylor) by **telephoning 0114 2653774**

Contact Ann by **e-mail** via mndvisitor@gmail.com

Chairman's Report

Dear All

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the South Yorkshire Branch newsletter. I hope this finds you well. A lot has happened over the summer with the highlight for many being the fabulous and inspirational performance of the Lionesses in the World Cup. Other news has been less uplifting with climate issues once again being centre stage and the human cost worldwide reminding us of the need for consideration, reflection and action in times of hardship and adversity.

As a Branch we continue to try and deliver our core tasks for the people of South Yorkshire living with MND. We have raised significant funds once again in this financial year mostly due to the fantastic generosity of the people of South Yorkshire. We

also held our second annual Fun Day at Gulliver's Valley with over a hundred adults and children enjoying all the delights of the theme park.

We have a very packed itinerary in the remainder of the year so see what is planned elsewhere in this newsletter. We are also in the process of reconsidering and reconvening the much-loved Open Meetings across the region so again watch out for news about that in the coming months.

As ever, I hope you enjoy the articles in the newsletter and don't forget, if you feel that you want to get more involved with anything that we do, don't hesitate to get in touch on the numbers and emails at the end of the newsletter.

All the very best.

Andrew

2024 Calendar of the MNDA South Yorkshire Branch

The Branch will shortly have a Calendar for 2024 which will consist of photos taken by our Chairman. Calendars will be priced at £10 and will be available for purchase at the remaining fundraising events this year. If you are unable to get to these events, details of how to purchase them

will be published in the Winter newsletter. Please consider getting your 2024 Calendar from the South Yorkshire Branch – they will make an ideal Christmas gift as well as helping to raise awareness and fundraise at the same time.

Treasurer's Report

It is nice to be able to report that finances have improved in the last few months, due especially to the events that we have held. I would like to mention the Woodhouse Band Concert organised by Trevor Peacock, the Upper Denby Folk Day organised by Mel White and particularly the Dronfield 41 Club who donated £2,500 from the proceeds of the golf day held at Hallows Golf Club. In addition, we have just held another day of golf at Dore & Totley Golf Club which raised over £2,000. The result of all this is that our income for the quarter to June was £12,390 with a further £11,530 in the months of July and August. We now have an amount of £20,297 in the bank, of which £5,743 is restricted and £14,554 available for meeting grant requests. In the quarter to June, we paid out £11,680 in grants with a further £7,633 being paid out in July and August. There are grants payable in the pipeline of £6,967. We are paying out much more in grants than we ever have and are therefore helping more people in more ways.

If you wish to donate, cheques should be made payable to 'MND Association South Yorkshire' and sent to Mr P Hebblethwaite at 55 Newfield Lane, Sheffield S17

3DD or you can pay directly to our account 02972378, sort code 30-96-09. You can call me on 07729 118 590 or email me treasurer.mndasy@gmail.com

Paul

Grants Report Update

Up to mid-August, there have been 119 requests to the Branch for grants support. This compares with 73 in 2022 to the same date. Of these, 35 were Quality of Life Grants, 52 Cost of Living Support Grants, which are paid from the MNDA National Office, 12 Support Grants, and the rest were shared equally amongst the Carer's Grant and the Children and Young Persons Grant. The Support Grants are for equipment such as adaptations, hoists and specialist chairs and these have to be requested by a Health and Social Care Professional.

The other grants have helped towards having short breaks or holidays, decorating and other small improvements to the home, and assisting with mobility issues.

All the other requests can be made by people affected by MND or their relatives, AVs and friends. If you wish to know more, please contact me at brian.jackson@mndassociation.org

Brian

Surhabi



The Branch Committee would like to say a huge thank you to Surhabi, a cultural organisation in South Yorkshire consisting

of medical professionals who promote the arts and at the same time support local charities. Surhabi has supported St Luke's Hospice, the Rotherham Hospice and Bluebell Wood amongst others. They held a fundraising event at the Aesael New York Stadium in Rotherham on Saturday 1st July. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to raise awareness of MND and supporting the Association with a donation of £8,000 from the event.

Gulliver's Valley Fun Day 2023

On June 17, eighteen families (which included 47 children) enjoyed our second day at Gulliver's Valley. The weather was very kind to us and everyone welcomed the opportunity to meet others and share experiences. This year we were able to meet for lunch which added to the enjoyment and the group even had photos taken by the staff. Our own photographer, Andrew, had a very busy day snapping away to create a wonderful selection recording the day. Huge thanks must be made to the 10 volunteers who helped to make

the day such a success. By request, we are likely to repeat the day next year. We are also looking into organising an event for the older young people and we will keep you informed of the progress.

Brian



Charlie's Challenge



Once again, the hardy cyclists from Doncaster Wheelers braved the elements for their annual ride to the Humber Bridge and in Ian's memory, and true to form, it rained, rained, rained!! But, like one of the cyclists said "It wouldn't be a Challenge if we had perfect conditions". Apart from when covid prevented their

ride, this is the seventh year the Wheelers have undertaken the challenge, raising money for the South Yorkshire Branch. This year they raised £570 plus £225 via the Just Giving page. The Branch is grateful for their continuing support by organising this cycling event.

Summer Events

Summer Garden Party

SJS Mortgages

A huge thank you to Danny Galvin of SJS Mortgages (pictured here with our Vice Chair, Julie Ward) who organised a garden party at his home to raise funds for the South Yorkshire Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.



Golf Days

Whilst the weather has not exactly been summer sunshine all the way, it was kind enough to us to allow us to hold some very successful days of golf.

Dronfield 41 Club held a day at Hallows Golf Club and presented our Treasurer with a cheque for £2,500. This event has been hosted by Dronfield 41 Club for some years and the Branch are very grateful for their past and ongoing support.



Dore & Topley Golf Club opened their course not only to their regular members but invited and encouraged members of other golf clubs to take part. A tombola was held with many generous donations gifted by their players. The day was ended with superb homemade Pie, Chips and Peas. Thanks to all those who took part on the day, to the catering staff at the club, and to the Captain, all who gave the Branch Committee members who attended such a warm welcome.

Sutton McGrath Hartley, Chartered Accountants, held a golf day at Chesterfield Golf Club on 1st September in aid of the MND South Yorkshire Branch. Over 100 golfers took part and their generosity to the cause was truly amazing. Thank you all.

The Texas Scramble format provided an enjoyable day, and the course was in superb condition. Our grateful thanks go to SMH Director, Jonathon Dickens, to Ross Jordan and Brendan Hall who organised the event and all the SMH Staff who assisted. A magnificent total of over £6,000 was raised on the day, all of which will go to support those families living with MND in our area. SMH Group provide support to the Branch throughout the year, including sponsorship of our Newsletter, which is very much appreciated.

Formal thanks go to all the above golf clubs, their supporters, the players, catering and bar staff, greensmen and all who contributed in any way in enabling us to raise much needed funds for the Branch.

Volunteering

Vanessa Kirby-Firth joins Sheffield Grants Team



The Branch is happy to welcome Vanessa Kirby-Firth to the Grants Writers team, who has joined Daisy Joustra, Esme Harvard and Siobhan Taylor in applying for potential grants which might be available to us. The Summer Newsletter included some background to why Daisy, Esme and Siobhan want to volunteer for the Branch, and Vanessa has contributed the following.

“I first engaged with the MND Association in September 2022 when I saw an advert seeking grant writers. As well as my full-time role I was looking for something else to do in my spare

time. I have experience of grants management and working in the community and charity sector, so this seemed like a great opportunity. I didn't know much about MND but after researching it I quickly realised that this was a charity I absolutely had to lend my skills to.

My role within the South Yorkshire Branch is as Grants Mentor. So far, I've been involved in delivering some training to the volunteer Grants Writers, proving feedback on funding applications and supported at the Family Fun Day at Gulliver's Kingdom.

I really enjoy working as part of the Grants Writers and the South Yorkshire Branch have welcomed us all warmly, providing us with much needed information for the team to apply for various pots of funding to help provide the ongoing support of people and families affected by MND. We're currently waiting for the outcome of the first application the team have applied for, so please keep your fingers crossed!”

Vanessa

High Sheriff of South Yorkshire

Summer Reception

Our Vice Chair, Julie Ward, represented the South Yorkshire Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association at the South Yorkshire High Sheriff's Summer Reception, hosted by Sheffield University in July. The High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, Professor Jaydip Ray, PhD, MS, FRCS (pictured here with his wife) is committed to supporting the association and helping our branch to raise the profile of Motor Neurone Disease in the South Yorkshire area.



Can YOU spare some time please?

Volunteer with us

The Branch would benefit from more people to help with all the tasks it undertakes to support people and families affected by MND in our area. Let us know if you would like to volunteer in any way. You do not need to become a committee member. We're an informal and friendly group but we are a dedicated team of people who would welcome any help you can give in the time you may have available to give to volunteering with us.

Volunteering might include:

Baking cakes or selling raffle tickets at fundraising events

Helping out at events - meet and greet or set up and take down stalls or photography

Fundraising

General administrative tasks

Please contact our Branch Secretary for an informal chat if you feel you can help in any way. Her contact details are

Christine.naylor@mndassociation.org
or Chris222@sky.com
or 0114 2653774

Soak A Scientist 2023 - Every August until a Cure



In addition, for only £1, donors can soak a scientist with a full bucket of water, buy a tombola ticket or make a donation. We were delighted that after several years' break during the pandemic, that the organisation of this popular fun day went ahead again. The sunshine brought the crowds of adults and children along and it also helped to get all the white coats dry again between the soakings!

**Best
event total
raised to date**

Nearly £800 was raised on the day which was the best total to date and it will go towards funding some research equipment for the institute. Many thanks to everyone taking part and we look forward to the continual success of this annual park outing.



The Soak A Scientist event in Sheffield's Endcliffe Park has taken place every August for many years. It was an idea created by some of the brilliant scientists at SITraN, Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience, following the original Ice Bucket Challenge. It is essentially an opportunity to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease and inform the public about MND and the research taking place to find effective treatments and ultimately a cure. In conjunction with the South Yorkshire Branch funds are also raised by the sale of homemade cakes, biscuits and MND merchandise. In

Branch Volunteers' Service Recognised

Congratulations again to our long serving volunteers, some of who recently received a milestone award

Ann has been with the Branch for a whopping 20 years, thank you so much for your continued support, hard work and commitment to supporting people living with MND and their families across South Yorkshire

Chris & Dave accepted their 10 years' award, both contributing to vital operations in fundraising and producing the branch newsletter and being the Branch Secretary

Trevor received his 5 years' award; he continues to be a lead on fundraising events such as brass band nights and organising concerts, which is not an easy task and takes quite a lot of time and energy to deliver on this.

A big 'Thank you' to all of you for giving your time, sharing your skills, and working towards a common objective of ensuring people living with MND and their families are well supported across South Yorkshire.

Julie



**South Yorkshire
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**An Evening with Julian Jones Sunday
8th Oct 7.30pm**

Accompanied by
NICOLA FARNON
one of the best double bass players in the UK
SIMPLY STRINGS
Yorkshire's finest string trio
Doors, Bar and our famous cake stall opens at 6.15pm
Niagara Conference and Leisure Centre, Niagara Rd, Sheffield, S6 1LU

**Tickets are £15.00, available from Trevor Peacock on 0114 242 2956 or
trevorpeacock56@gmail.com. In conjunction with Lynne's Live Lounge
(07931528388)**

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Motor Neurone Disease Association Charity Ceili

in conjunction with Pontefract Folk Club



with The Hooliemen & friends
Sun 26th Nov 2023

7-10pm doors 7pm

Tickets : £10 advance or £12 on door
email symnda@yahoo.com

at
Featherstone Community Centre
Victoria Street Featherstone WF7 5BB
monies raised shared between West & South Yorks
MND Association's Charity Registration No. 294354

There is no bar so bring your
own drinks, & picnic/snacks

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Events

Support Group Meeting Dates

- 1 In Sheffield** – Peer Support Cafe meetings are held on the **last Wednesday of the month** from **2 00 pm until 3 30 pm** at Greenhill Methodist Church, School Lane, Greenhill, Sheffield S8 7RL
- 2 In Barnsley** – Peer Support Group meetings are held on the **last Monday of the month** from **2 00 pm until 3 30 pm** at Emmanuel Church, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley S75 1DT
- 3 In Doncaster** – Peer Support Group meetings are held on the **first Tuesday of the month** from **11 00 am – 12 30 pm** at Aurora Centre, Montague Hospital, Adwick Road, Doncaster S64 OAZ
- 4 Rotherham** – Herringthorpe Reform Church, Wickersley Road, S60 4JN - held **every six weeks** on **Thursdays** at **2 00 pm until 4 00pm**. Next meeting dates are **12th October** and **30th November**.

All people across South Yorkshire who are affected by MND are welcome at any of our support meetings.

Current Planned Events to End of 2023

Julian Jones & Simply Strings in Concert	8th October 2023 @ Niagara Conference Centre (details from trevorpeacock56@gmail.com)
Quiz Night	20th October 2023 @ Tapton Hall Teams of 7 welcomed. Tickets are £17 to include Pie & Pea Supper Please see further information and how to get tickets elsewhere in this newsletter
Stannington Band Concert Movie Music	Sunday 12th November 2023 Remembrance Day Niagara Conference & Events Centre (details from trevorpeacock56@gmail.com)
Ceili The Hoolimen & Friends	Sunday 26th November 2023 Featherstone Community Hall, Victoria Street Featherstone, WF7 5BB (details from Mel at Chalks50@yahoo.com or telephone 07870 298985) Please see poster in this newsletter.
This is a joint event with West and South Yorkshire MNDA	

Please do come along and join us.

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Jill and John's

Quiz Night with Pea and Pie Supper

In aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association South Yorkshire Branch

Friday 20th October 2023

7 00 pm for a 7.30pm start

Bar from 6.45 pm

Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, Sheffield S10 3BU

ONLY £17.00 EACH

Maximum number in a team 7

Prizes for the **RAFFLE** would be appreciated

IF YOU LIKE QUIZING BRING YOUR FRIENDS and ENJOY a GREAT NIGHT

Pre- ordered Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available

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Jill and John Hill

78 Dransfield Rd, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5RQ

I would like places at the Quiz night on **Friday 20th October 2023**.

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Number of Gluten Free meals

OR

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