
Greetings

This is the last newsletter of this year. How quickly the years seem to pass!

We welcome Paul Haddock; a new committee member, who in the past has done voluntary work for the Lions, and who I am sure will help the Hampshire MGA branch in the future.

Membership

There is an important problem that all our members should know about. Many of you have inadvertently allowed your membership of MGA to lapse.

When you need to renew your membership, the renewal notification may be sent to you with other mail from Derby and you may not notice it.

If you are a member, when you receive mailing from Derby, after your name and number there should be a “/M” (for example)

Ethel Bloggs 123456/M

or

Ethel Bloggs 123456/MGA

also showing also that you have agreed to gift aid.

If the “M” is missing then you are a “lapsed” member and can no longer vote at Branch or National Meetings, or hold office.

Ethel Bloggs 123456/S

or

Ethel Bloggs 123456/SGA

shows that Ethel is a supporter and is not able to vote.

If your membership has lapsed, and you to wish to retain your membership, **please contact MGA at Derby Tel : 01332-290219 or email jane.knape@mga-charity.org** and ask for your membership to be reinstated.

The Committee strongly advise people to renew their membership when asked to do so by MGA HQ at Derby, and not to assume that their membership will continue indefinitely if they do not renew it.

If you have a problem with this, please
Joan Finney
Membership Secretary.

Fund Raising

The last Newsletter included income up to 31st December and I am now reporting on the period from 1st January to 31st August 2009.

Donations

The committee would like to thank the following for their generous donations.

Mrs. H. M. Miles	
Mr & Mrs Young	
Mrs E Britton	
Mrs S Curtis	
Mrs S Lowe	
Mrs C Bourne	
Mrs M Moore	
Total	£271.00

Events

Mrs J Perry Coffee Morning	£200.00
Liphook Bridge Afternoon	£505.00
AGM	£60.87
LiDBA Bike Ride (2008)	£90.00
LiDBA Bike Ride (2009)	£2,178.20
Marathon (Dr Mary Campbell)	£1,870.00
Stokes Bay World Walk	£598.00
Garden Party (Mr & Mrs R Soar)	£305.00
Total	£5,807.07

Collections

Tesco Whiteley	23/24 January	£183.00
Tesco Petersfield	2 February	£130.08
Tesco Southampton	7 February	£202.50
Petersfield	6 June	£242.25
Hedge End Collection	14 August	£290.00

Total **£1048.13**

Collection Tins

The Greyfriar, Chawton	£243.20
Gables News, Liphook	£46.34
Total	£289.54

Sale of Goods

Sale of woollens	£25.00
Sale of cards	£66.00
Total	£91.00

In Memoriam

Ken Noble	£385
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A Note from the Treasurer

Those of you who attended the AGM will know that we finished the Financial Year on a very high note with a "profit" of £11,538.36. By the Year End we had sent a total of £11,000 to Derby, to be used to further the work of the charity. This was considerably more than last year's £7,000.

You will see that 2009 has got off to a good start and we have already sent off £7,175. I should explain that Tony White had asked that the £175 he raised in a raffle at his place of work was to be used for "Research" purposes only and therefore kept separate. Thank you Tony.

Dr. Mary Campbell entered the London Marathon and not only did she finish in the incredible time of 3h:30m:09s but she raised £2,592.55 on line for the MGA, she donated the £1,870.00 raised off line to the Hampshire Branch.

This year there has been a change in the way we have handled the Sponsor Money from the LiDBA Bike Ride, now we can claim back Gift Aid on donations.

When he joined the Committee Paul Haddock mentioned his interest in Fund Raising and, true to his word, Paul has made a very significant contribution to our "Events". Well done Paul.

Alan Whitehead

Future Events

**Bring and Buy Sale
and
Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 26th September 09
10am-12 noon
at**

Tel Jackie Perry

Chandlers Ford Charities' Christmas Market

**Saturday 14th November
9.30am-12 noon
at
Methodist Church
Bournemouth Rd
Chandlers Ford**

Various stalls, raffle and refreshments

A donation of cakes is requested

Bliss Fair

**Saturday 14th November
9am-1pm
at
Haslemere Hall**

And

Haslemere Christmas Market

**Sunday 6th December
10am-4pm**

Any new or nearly new gifts would be appreciated

Events this Year

In February, Jackie Perry arranged a lunch at the White Horse in Ampfield, which was enjoyed by many people from the branch. Also in February, the Committee were busy making and serving tea at the Charity Bridge Afternoon at Liphook, their reputation for a good tea is getting well known! Over fifty people attended the branch AGM, and heard Dr Alex Armstrong talking about Myasthenia. An interesting discussion ensued, on the need for Myasthenics to know as much as possible about the condition. Dr. Armstrong also emphasised the importance of careful monitoring of the drug regime of MG patients.

Thirty four riders took part in the LiDBA Cycle Ride in June. Their sponsor money is now being banked, and we should know the total amount raised, by October. The riders have worked very hard and raised a lot of money; our grateful thanks go to them and to the people who have given so generously.

Steve Saunders, RO, organised another Stokes Bay sponsored walk in July, a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon with branch supporters and friends.

We were lucky to have a sunny afternoon for our boat trip on the Wey Navigation in August. The majority of the passengers were branch people and we were delighted to meet two families joining us for the first time.

Brian Openshaw writes 'August saw members and friends once again enjoying the delightful surroundings along with ' A SLICE OF CAKE and CUP OF TEA ' at Marion and Reg Soar's 'Open Garden' afternoon, during which there was a Raffle, Bring and Buy, Cake and Card stalls, altogether raising £305.00 for MGA. Our thanks to Marion and Reg for this event, and to all their willing band of helpers'.

The numerous collections, raising over £1,000, have been an onerous task, for the Committee members. We would appreciate more people helping with this task in the future.

Many thanks to all of you, who have contributed and supported the branch during the year, it is with your help that the branch has been so successful.

Joan Finney

In Memoriam

With regret I inform you that Ken Noble passed away on the 7th of April. Although a sufferer of MG, he also had other health problems.

Ken and his wife Norma have been long and loyal members, and we thank them for their support over many years.

We send our sincere condolences to Norma, family and friends.

I am saddened to have to tell you that Daphne Crook passed away on 16th August, aged 91 years.

A sufferer of MG for approximately 60 years, she developed other health problems in her later years. She was one of our most long and loyal members, supported by her late husband Les and all their family, for which we thank them. Daphne was helpful, willing, kind and cheerful just a lovely person to know, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

We send our sincere condolences to her son Roger, daughter Barbara and their families.

Barbara Openshaw