

Tyne & Wear Branch

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Cheque Presentation to Dr TL Williams of the Newcastle MND Care Centre



In November 2009 the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants held their annual charity dinner, and in 2009 Motor Neurone Disease was their chosen charity.

Mike Ranson's (president of NSCA) father suffered and died from motor neurone disease over 30 years ago and it was his way of saying thank you for the help and support he and his family received at the time.

A fantastic sum of £2600 was raised on the night of the dinner. The Society wanted to buy a piece of equipment to be given to the Newcastle Motor Neurone Disease Centre for the use of patients in the North East of England. After consultation with Dr Williams it was decided that a Cough Assist Machine would be purchased.

This particular item of equipment cost £3300 and the Tyne & Wear Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Centre kindly made up the difference.

Mr Ranson and Ken Hylton (president of the Tyne & Wear Branch of the MNDA) presented the cheque to Dr Williams at the MND patient/support group at the Marie Curie Centre on Friday 5th March 2010.

Meeting Dates – Tyne & Wear Branch:

Held at 2nd Floor Multi Media Suite, Gateshead Civic Centre, 6-00pm – 8:00pm

June 10	September 9
July 8	October 14
August 12	November 11
	December 9

Meeting Dates – Sunderland Support Group:

David Graham Room, Bradbury Centre, Stockton Road, Sunderland, 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

May 19	September 15
June 16	October 20
July 14	November 17
August 18	December 15

Up-Coming Events

The Great North Walk

Fancy a challenge? Why not enter the Great North Walk and get sponsored for MND. This is a 10 mile walk and this year is taking place at Gisborough Forest & Walkway on the edge of the North Yorkshire moors, on the 27th June 2010, all information on how to sign up for this can be found on the Great North Walk website. If you're not up for the challenge but would like to sponsor Marian, our branch secretary and her friend Sue, in their efforts please contact Marian on 07977628928

'Shake a Tin' collection at the Metrocentre, Gateshead

On the 28th August 2010, Bank Holiday Saturday, we are doing a 'Shake a Tin' collection at the Metrocentre Gateshead to raise money and awareness of motor neurone disease, and to highlight the support available to patients and their families in the North East of England. If you could spare a couple of hours to help 'shaking a Tin' could you please contact Ken Hylton on (0191) 2365847

Great North Run

Sunday 19th September 2010 is this year's Great North Run. We have plenty of people running in support of motor neurone disease and we would love some help manning our tent and meeting & greeting the runners as they come in. If you are able to give us some support on the day please contact Martin Boyes (0191) 5485847

Just some of the great support we had in the Great North Run in 2009



Newcastle MND patient Support Group:

Marie Curie Centre, Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne
1:00pm – 3:30pm first Friday of each month:

May 8th	September 3rd
June 4 th	October 1 st
July 2 nd	November 5 th
August 6 th	December 3 rd

Event Dates:

27th June 2010
Great North Walk

28th August 2010
Metro Centre 'Shake A Tin'

19th September
BUPA Great North Run

The Tyne & Wear Branch Wishes to Thank and Pay Tribute to Two Member's Who Have Moved on to Pastures New

Vera Coleman

Vera was secretary of the Tyne & Wear Branch for 22 years.

Vera was instrumental in setting up of the Tyne & Wear branch back in 1988 as Jane Evans from the MNDA Association recalls:-

'Vera was one of the prime movers in getting a branch set up on Tyneside. She had had contact with the MND Regional Care Adviser when her husband, Frank, had MND, but I first met her at a meeting to set up a steering committee with the aim of founding a Tyneside Branch. This was, I think, in January 1988. The Branch had it's first meeting in April of that year and Vera was elected Treasurer but found herself doing the secretaries job as well when the person who had volunteered failed to turn up at any of the subsequent meeting.

Vera booked our first fund raising event at the Metro centre at the end of July 1988.....

Vera's long service to the branch has been amazing but I often think that her most significant contribution to the work of the MND Association in the North East came during that first year, when at the AGM in Birmingham . One of the proposals on the agenda was from members of the Durham Branch that a new RCA should be appointed for the North East. After near disaster because of the Durham representatives having to leave for their train, so the proposal was put forward by Jane and Vera got up and, in seconding the motion, explained, from her own experience, what a difference it made to have an RCA and how bad it was that such a large region as the North East of England should be without one.

Result: Motioned carried unanimously and Hilary Shaw was appointed the following April. On the way home just an hour or so later I remember feeling quite euphoric

Extracts from letter to Vera Coleman

Ken Hylton – Branch President adds

'You have more than fulfilled your obligation to society, and you now deserve many years of T.L.C. It is nice to know you are now in comfortable accommodation, with relatives and friends close at hand so that you are not alone. We offer you our thanks and love'

Alan Riddle

Alan's departure to foreign climes (Leeds!) is regarded by the Tyne & Wear Branch members with great concern and as a substantial reduction to our operational capabilities. There is now a void which we must attempt to fill, but it is extremely unlikely that we will have 100% success!

Your natural ability as an organiser has benefited the branch since 1994 (we think) and we are very please that you are maintaining contact with us.

Your films of the GNR gatherings together with detailed clerical records have contributed immensely to the enjoyment and success of those functions over the years.

Similarly, you never failing attendance at the Metro Centre from 'setting up' to 'closing down' together with extensive hours of collecting are acknowledged with gratitude. Those functions, of course, were of necessity followed by hours of counting!

Returning to your expertise as a photographer, we have enjoyed talks from time to time following your travel abroad. Our appreciation was enhanced by the fact that your bulky and heavy equipment had to be carted by public transport

Please accept our thanks for all you have done for the branch, and in the meantime be assured that we miss you greatly.

Extracts from letter to Alan Riddle

Useful Contacts

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