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# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

4 February 2015



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# AGENDA

1. Introduction and Welcome - President
2. Guest Speakers. Introduction - Chairman
  - **Dr Rosemary Fricker**, Senior Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences, Keele University. Parkinson's Research - Now and The Future.
  - **Gill Carberry**, Branch and Volunteer Support Officer, Parkinson's UK.
  - **Susan Milne**, NHS South Cheshire CCG, Parkinson's Nurse Update

## REFRESHMENTS

3. Apologies for Absence - Chairman
4. Approval of the Minutes of AGM held 19 February 2014
5. Branch Report - Chairman
6. Election of Committee - Branch and Volunteer Support Officer/Chairman
7. Any Other Business

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**MINUTES**

**1. Introduction and Welcome**

Branch President, Ray Stafford, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

**2. Guest Speakers**

Branch Chairman, Dennis Fricker, introduced our guest speakers.

Dr Simon J Ellis MA MB Bchir CertMedEd FRCP MBA MD, Consultant Neurologist, University Hospital of North Staffordshire, spoke on Developments in Service and Treatment of Parkinson's.

Rebecca Ward-Dooley, Branch and Volunteer Support Officer, Parkinson's UK, talked about the work going on in the North West Region and gave an overview of the roles of Parkinson's UK staff.

Dennis Fricker thanked Simon and Rebecca for their attendance. He then announced that the Branch would like to give Honorary Membership of Parkinson's UK to Dr Ellis and his team so that they continue to be updated on the work of the organisation at national, regional and branch level.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Geoff and Jean Sheridan.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of AGM held 5 February 2013**

Minutes of the AGM held on 5 February 2013 were proposed by Jackie Fricker, seconded by Carole Buckingham and approved by the meeting.

## 5. Branch Report

Dennis Fricker referred those present to the Branch Report contained in the AGM documentation.

He thanked everyone connected with the Branch for their help and friendship during the year.

## 6. Presentation of Cheque

Dennis Fricker presented Rebecca Ward-Dooley with a cheque for £2,000 to be split £1,000 for Research and £1,000 towards a Support Worker.

## 7. Election of Committee

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
President (Hon)	Ray Stafford	Dennis Fricker	Carole Buckingham
Chair	Dennis Fricker	Bob Bennion	Sue Marsh
Vice Chair	Jenny Sadler	Sue Marsh	Bob Bennion
Treasurer	Angela Allinson	Sue Marsh	Bob Bennion
Secretary	Lesley Greenhalgh	Sue Marsh	Bob Bennion
Fund-Raising	Linda Cooke	Lesley Greenhalgh	Jenny Sadler
Membership	Carole Buckingham	Lesley Greenhalgh	Jenny Sadler
Committee	Mike Card	Lesley Greenhalgh	Jenny Sadler
	Andrew Fricker	Lesley Greenhalgh	Jenny Sadler
	Geoff Sheridan	Dennis Fricker	Mike Card
	Jean Sheridan	Dennis Fricker	Mike Card
	David Kinsey	Dennis Fricker	Mike Card
	Eileen Kinsey	Dennis Fricker	Mike Card

## 8. Any Other Business

Dennis Fricker thanked out-going committee members Sue Pickup and Sandra Gott for everything they had done for the Branch. This was endorsed by all those present.

Sue Pickup reported that a donation of £750 had been received in memory of Eric Barnes. Half will be sent to Head Office and half retained for Branch activities.

Rebecca Ward-Dooley thanked the Committee and the Branch for everything that they do for Parkinson's UK.

# BRANCH REPORT

The Branch, and ultimately Parkinson's UK, would not exist without its members, volunteers and friends, the support they give and fund-raising they carry out. The Committee would like to thank everyone connected with the Branch for their help and friendship throughout the year.

## 2014/15 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dennis Fricker (Chair)  
Jenny Sadler (Vice Chair)  
Angela Allinson (Treasurer)  
Lesley Greenhalgh (Secretary)  
Linda Cooke (Fund-Raising)  
Carole Buckingham (Membership)

Bob Bennion  
Mike Card  
Andrew Fricker  
Geoff Sheridan  
Jean Sheridan

## FUND-RAISING

Many events, both big and small, have been held this year to raise money for Parkinson's UK. Every penny raised is gratefully received and all fund-raisers thanked for their tremendous efforts.

### Party for Parkinson's

The Party for Parkinson's, organised by Branch members Sue Pickup and Carole Salmon at the Civic Hall in Nantwich in October, was a great success both socially and from a fund-raising perspective with more than £2,500 being raised.

Entertainment was provided by the excellent Matt Stafford Duo.



### Quiz Night



12 teams competed in the inaugural Crewe and District Branch Quiz Night run by quizmaster Wynn Jones at the Crewe Vagrants Sports Club. The evening was a great success raising £200 and enjoyed by all who attended.

## Musical Afternoon Tea



Bob and Hilary Bennion opened up their garden for a lovely afternoon of tea, cakes, music and laughter in August raising in excess of £1,300 in the process.

Entertainment was provided by theFunkyChoir.com, some of whom are also members of Parkinson's UK.

## Family Fund-Raisers

Branch Secretary Lesley Greenhalgh and her daughter, Emily, undertook a Skydive and Marathon respectively raising money for Parkinson's UK. Together they raised £2,900 which went through Virgin Money Giving straight to Head Office.



## Mid Cheshire Scooter Rally and Beer Festival

The Mid Cheshire Scooter Rally and Beer Festival was organised by the Rotary Club of Northwich Vale Royal in July at Blakemere Village. Branch members helped Rotarians and other volunteers staff the event.

The event attracted scooterists from across the UK and raised £8,000 for charity. Parkinson's UK was one of the four charities the Rotary Club chose in 2014 to split the proceeds between.



**Total Branch Income: £10,884**

Fund-Raising: £5,348

Donations: £4,436

In Memory: £1,100

## **DONATIONS MADE**

**£8,375** Parkinson's UK Head Office - Administration and Research

## **PARKINSON'S AWARENESS WEEK**

The Branch used the Community Hub in Crewe Market Hall to promote Parkinson's Awareness Week with a static display and literature available to take away.

An article in the Crewe Chronicle promoted the event and several people made contact with the Branch as a result.



## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **Afternoon Tea, Rookery Hall**

The annual Afternoon Tea, this year held at Rookery Hall in Nantwich, was very well attended with some gorgeous food being served.

### **Christmas Lunch, Hunter's Lodge**

69 members and friends attended the Christmas Lunch with entertainment provided by Saxophonist/Clarinetist Sue Walker and Quizmaster Wyn Jones.

### **Monthly Lunches**



Lunches were held at Minshull's Nursery throughout the year with a wide range of speakers providing entertainment and information to many Branch members.

### **Winsford Sub-Branch**

The monthly Winsford sub-branch meetings continue to be well supported with everyone helping to make the afternoons enjoyable. Programmes for the meetings have included a slide show and talks by Marion Rogers and Sue Hughes.

### **Monthly Catch-Up, Duke of Gloucester**

Numbers attending the informal meetings at the Duke of Gloucester have remained high. A light buffet is always provided free to members.



## EVENTS ATTENDED

- Local Group Network Forum
- Sandbach Today
- Senior Health and Wellbeing Fayres
- Learning through Collaboration Event
- Carers Information Event
- Local Group Network
- Parkinson's UK Together
- Research Projects Discussion

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank the following for their support this year. Crewe Vagrants Sports Club, Rotary Club of Northwich Vale Royal, Crewe Golf Club, Mr and Mrs W A Jackson, Rotary Club of Crewe, St Mark's Church Shavington, Kings Friend Lodge and many individuals too numerous to mention.

Thank you to all the supporters of the Matt Strafford Event - ROI Investment Limited, Richard Joseph, Bentley Motors, Bridgemere Nursery, Minshull's Nursery, Crewe Alexandra Football Club, Morning Foods, Pretty and Pampered, The Residences Restaurant, Helen Venables, Suzi Quatro, Mark Mellor, and The Funky Choir.com and event organisers and branch members Sue Pickup and Carole Salmon.



# ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Part 1: Conducted by Regional Representative

Chairman: **Dennis Fricker**

Part 2: Conducted by Chairman

Members retaining position:

Vice Chair: **Jenny Sadler**  
Treasurer: **Angela Allinson**  
Secretary: **Lesley Greenhalgh**  
Fund Raising: **Linda Cooke**  
Membership: **Carole Buckingham**

Members on the committee:

**Bob Bennion**  
**Mike Card**  
**Andrew Fricker**  
**Geoff Sheridan**  
**Jean Sheridan**

Other nominations will be accepted from the floor.

## 2015 EVENTS

### CREWE BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Branch lunches will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 12.30 for 1 pm, at:

Minshull's Nursery, Eardswick Lane, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 4RQ

Lunch is subsidised for members. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 10 February	Branch Lunch - Minshull's Nursery - 12.30 pm
Tuesday 10 March	Branch Lunch - Minshull's Nursery - 12.30 pm
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	<b>Quiz Night - Nantwich Cricket Club - 7 .30 pm</b>
Tuesday 14 April	Branch Lunch - Minshull's Nursery - 12.30 pm
Monday 20 April	Visit to Trentham Gardens inc Tour of Gardens and Lunch
<b>Monday 20 to Sunday 26 April</b>	<b>Parkinson's Awareness Week</b>
<b>Sunday 10 May</b>	<b>Walk for Parkinson's - Shropshire Union Canal Challenge</b>
Tuesday 12 May	Branch Lunch - Minshull's Nursery - 12.30 pm
Tuesday 9 June	Branch Lunch - Minshull's Nursery - 12.30 pm
Monday 13 July	Wedgewood Visit - Factory Tour, Museum and Afternoon Tea
<b>September</b>	<b>Marquee Fund-Raiser - Ravensmoor</b>
December	Christmas Lunch - Hunters Lodge

### WINSFORD MEETINGS

These take place on the last Wednesday of the month between 2 - 3.30 pm:

The Dingle Centre, Winsford Library, High Street, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 2AS

### YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

The YAHs meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 7.30 pm:

The Duke of Gloucester, University Way, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 5NW

**If you would like assistance in getting to any Parkinson's event, please contact the Branch.**

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### Information and Support Worker

For information on Parkinson's, benefits and local services and/or for support in getting your voice heard or your needs assessed please contact your Local Information and Support Worker:

### **Susan Hughes**, Central and East Cheshire

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E-Mail: [isw.ccheshire@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:isw.ccheshire@parkinsons.org.uk)

### Head Office, Parkinson's UK

Telephone: Free confidential helpline: 0808 800 0303  
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E-Mail: [hello@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:hello@parkinsons.org.uk)

Charity Number: 258197

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### VOLUNTEERING



The Branch is always looking for volunteers to help out at fundraising and community events. If you, or someone you know, would like to help - maybe selling raffle tickets, helping at a can collection, manning a leaflet stand or even joining the committee - please contact us.