



TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL NECK BREATHERS

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards you sent. Wendy and her husband have gone abroad for a month for a well earned rest in the winter sunshine so this message is coming from Carole. There is plenty to report so I will get to it right away. With best wishes for 2004 from all the Trustees.

Regards Carole Stainton

Race Night 2003

Once again we had a very successful fund raising activity with a profit of £2900. Many thanks to everyone who participated by either buying horses, raffle tickets or making donations. There is also the Gift Aid to reclaim at the end of the tax year, thanks to those of you who completed the declaration. The results are printed later in the newsletter and hopefully all prizes have been safely received as they were dispatched by Wendy before Christmas.

Seminar at The Royal Marsden

We were pleased to be invited by Platon Medical to set up a stand at a seminar in October entitled **Rehabilitation after Total Laryngectomy: A Patients Journey** held at The Royal Marsden Hospital in London.



Victoria and Carole at The Royal Marsden

Our younger daughter Victoria accompanied me to the event where we met many health professionals who were interested in the work we do. We have welcomed several new members as a result of the contacts made there and we welcome those of you receiving our newsletter for the first time.

Letter from a Member

I am sure members will be interested to hear of an experience from one of our female friends who lives near the coast.

“Walking in the local woods with a friend the other day we met an unusual situation that may interest Larys.

A blind lady who had let her guide dog off his harness for a free run stood completely confused – it proved to be because she heard my “voice”. My friend was able to explain that I use a Servox, and we discovered that the lady’s house is fitted with Servox instruments that answer her when she presses a button – such as telling her the time.

She is very brave to venture so far from home with the help of her dog, but we found she walks into small obstacles, such as mud, so we look forward to meeting her again and guiding her along a cleaner route. Perhaps in summer we can take her to the beach for a paddle.”

Collecting Boxes – Can Anyone Help?

We have been offered some collecting boxes which will be printed with our name and logo and supplied free of charge to us. If anyone would be willing to be responsible for placing a box in a pub, club, shop, surgery, clinic or similar location and emptying the cash for us at regular intervals please contact me at the office address. Many thanks.

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Rotary Club of Clay Cross

Ray Mountain, one of our Derbyshire members, invited me to speak to the Rotary Club about the work of the Trust as they have been fund-raising on our behalf.

I enjoyed a very pleasant evening with their members and was most grateful to receive two cheques from them, one from the Master Printers and one from the Rotary Club.

Ray raised an interesting query:

"As you may notice, I am wearing a purple ribbon at the Master Printers Ball, a statement for man against cancer, instead of a black tie. The few laryngectomees I know who attend formal functions are uncomfortable in a fastened collar and wear a cravat. However, this is usually removed shortly after arrival because of general discomfort. I am trying to establish a replacement for a black bow tie for us guys – any ideas?"

Please send any suggestions to the office so I can share them with you all.



Ray receives the cheque at the Master Printers Ball



Carole receives the cheque from Rotary President, Morris Rhelan

Louise Bass

Louise from Weston-super-Mare is a keen campaigner for the rights of laryngectomees and writes about her recent activities:

"The Integration of Community Equipment Services (ICES) is a department of health funded organisation overseeing the integration of health and social care with regard to equipment and relevant services. There is currently a discussion as to how the problem of communication aids should be looked at.

One strong proposal is that because of the specialised knowledge required these aids should be in a separate category. To date no decision has been reached. The integration of health and social care should be completed by April 2004 in line with the government's NHS directive. Earlier this year I accepted the invitation to join the national User Panel of ICES. We meet in London four times a year, to join one must actually be a user of an aid.

Our recommendations are passed to the

External Reference Group, then on to ICES and thus reach the department of health. Users are expected to take their turn attending the External meetings and reporting back to the panel. We are also encouraged to attend our regional meetings which take place every two months.

This meeting consists almost entirely of Occupational Therapists and Social Services staff. I think I was the only non staff member present. It is an opportunity to let others know we exist, usually most of the participants at meetings have never met a laryngectomee.

On the User Panel there is only one other communication impaired person, he has Motor Neurone, no speech so uses a kind of typetalk machine."

Louise is very keen to have contact with other laryngectomees and would welcome letters on any topic to Mrs L Bass, 9 Grove Road, Milton, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS22 8EY louisemary@lbass.fsnet.co.uk



Cheque presentation from Sovereign Healthcare

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Once again we were very pleased to welcome Mr Leslie Morgan who presented a cheque for £1500 to the Trust from Sovereign Healthcare, who have generously supported our work for many years. We were made very welcome at the Town Hall by the Mayor of Calderdale Cllr Geraldine Carter who accepted the cheque on our behalf.

Christmas Lunches

A number of lunches have been held in various towns and Wendy and I have enjoyed meeting laryngectomees and their partners at these very enjoyable relaxing functions. As our father used to say it is such an important part of the rehabilitation process to be able to get out and meet others in a social setting.



Members at the Halifax Christmas Lunch



More members enjoying the Halifax Christmas Lunch



Top table guests at the Halifax Christmas Lunch

Winners of Absent Owners Races



Race Night Winners Janet Rushworth and Irene Theabould receive their prizes from the Mayor of Calderdale

Race 1	Thorn Geraldine	Sommerville	Race 13	Evans Selwyn	Lucky Chantel
Race 2	Lobley Mrs GM	Lucky Lobley	Race 14	Hulett Albert	Windy Weiler
Race 3	Rushworth Mrs Janet	Valentine	Race 15	Pogose Mrs J	Purple Patch
Race 4	Havenhand TK	Hotel Victor	Race 16	Newberry G	Fissy
Race 5	Gill John	Down Time	Race 17	Bass Mrs LM	Scrabbling Around
Race 6	Marshall Eric L	Golden Eagle	Race 18	Bower L	Manvers
Race 7	Belcher C	Lloyd	Race 19	Edwards Alec	Paddock Pal
Race 8	Biggs Mr F	My Choice	Race 20	Baldock Mr	Gossop's Gal
Race 9	Bond Denis	Buttons	Race 21	Tolfts Mrs V	Alfie
Race 10	Best Mr JF	Defers Joy	Race 22	Bray Mrs B	Bussy
Race 11	Dean Mrs HM	Bill Dongo	Race 23	Crosby J	Crosby Don
Race 12	Oswald Nikki	Bill	Race 24	Morrow William	Jumping Jack

Winners of Raffle Prizes

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