

Winter 2011

## World-leading MND research in Sheffield

Funds raised by Branch members played a part in making the brand new "SITraN" (Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience) centre in Sheffield become a reality. The £12million research facility is set to make Sheffield a world leader in MND research. Professor Pam Shaw, who many will know, will head the Institute and said "The ground-breaking institute will enable us to create a centre of excellence, dedicated to generating much more effective therapies for patients with MND".



Branch Chairman Tony Gould and Peter Thompson attended the official opening by HM The Queen in November and Tony commented "We were very proud to see that money raised by the Yorkshire Dales Branch played a part in making the centre possible. The research into MND is so critical, not only to those living with MND in our area but worldwide".

### OSCARR WINNERS!!

The winner of the "Funtastic Fundraising" category of the MND Association Oscars this year (that is Outstanding Support, Care, Awareness & Revenue Raising) was none other than... your very own Yorkshire Dales Branch!! Well done to everyone for our wonderful fundraising last year - and let's make this year even better!



### Great North Run

The total raised by our 8 runners is now a fantastic £3,500!! Well done to Alan and Graeme Pratt, Carla Wainwright-Smith, Sebastian Contreras, Marion and Joe Haskin, Martin Westwood and Jonathon Smith.

*Keep on running.....!*

The Scarborough Support Group and the Brown Cow at Hinderwell, near Saltburn-by-the-sea, raised £123 with the charity domino drive.

***Thank you and congratulations to all our fundraisers for a fabulous effort!!***

Why not think of a "fantastic" fundraising idea too? Have a great time while you help the Branch to fund care and research into MND.

## Harrogate Antiques Fair 2011

Not sure how to celebrate the Royal Wedding?? Help is at hand! We are the nominated charity for the Harrogate Antiques Fair, which runs from

**28<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011**

**...and WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Could you help at the Gala evening on 28<sup>th</sup> April? Or help us to celebrate The Wedding on 29<sup>th</sup> April? We would welcome help on any of the days, to run our stand, sell raffle tickets for our specially commissioned artwork and spread the word about why helping the MND Association makes a real difference. Please contact Tony Gould if you could spare a bit of time to join us.



*'The most prestigious antiques fair in the North of England ....'*  
**The Times**

*'Maintains the highest standards while remaining a friendly and informative experience for both exhibitors and visitors'*  
**Yorkshire Post**



### Innovative partnership to support people living with MND

The Branch has joined forces with Saint Michael's Hospice in Harrogate to provide funding to help employ the area's first MND specialist support worker. The worker will support people at home and in the hospice. MND Association Branch Chairman Tony said "What is vital is that we work with people living with MND and their carers to shape a service that is right for them". This means that as well as our own volunteer Association Visitors, there will be additional support available for people in the area.



### Diary dates...

- The Branch AGM is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00pm at Harrogate Mind, Acorn Centre, 101A Station Parade, HARROGATE HG3 1EL. The speaker is Dr Janine Kirby from SITraN
- Walk to D'Feet MND - all welcome to our second sponsored walk at Swinsty & Fewston reservoirs, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Info from Tony Gould (see end of newsletter)

***Hope to see you there!!***

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