

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN



So here is the Summer edition of Chatter and I can't really believe that in fact the summer itself has just about disappeared. After all that wonderful sunshine, I've just been drowned over a couple of days so-called cricket watching at Lords. And Margaret and I are just off for a week in Cornwall which does not bode well weather-wise. That part of the country is apparently inundated with visitors who have decided to holiday at home, given the recent heatwaves, so I hope that our visit will not be too inconvenienced – at least we're staying with our son and family.

I expect the good weather has also affected the Association's Branch and Group activities and we have little to report in this issue.

You will see that we caught up with an old friend on her walk and we formally thank Peter Wallis Bellman for all his efforts whilst being a member of the Branch and an Association Visitor. Good luck Peter! And also thanks go to Ruth (Paynter) for holding another very successful coffee morning in our continued efforts to raise awareness.

So that's it – but please make notes of the forthcoming lunch meeting dates and in particular that of the Christmas Lunch date.

Peter Thompson

WINNERS OF RECENT 100 CLUB DRAWS

Recent winners include:

April 2018 – Tom Raper

May 2018 – Simon Benyon

June 2018 – Richard Pratt

July 2018 – Jim Stark

Well done everyone and thank you for taking part. The draw for August 2018 will take place at our next BMC meeting on 4th September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the **first Tuesday** in the month don't forget our monthly get-togethers (2pm – 4pm) which are held at "**The Barrows**" (previously known as Christians) in Crimple Hall on Leeds Road just outside Harrogate.

The next **lunch** will be at **The Old Spring Well** on 17th October 2018 and the **Christmas Lunch** has already been booked in at **Millstones** on 12th December 2018

We are looking at arranging a Social event in the Autumn and will let everyone know more in due course

GOLF EQUIPMENT



We would like to put on record our thanks to Peter Wallis Bellman who was a long standing member of the Yorkshire Dales Branch. During that time Peter was instrumental in gathering and reselling second hand golf equipment to raise funds for the Association. He has now retired but on checking our records as best we can, we estimate that the amount he raised was well in excess of £20,000. A staggering amount and we wish Peter all the very best in his retirement. The residual stock has now been transferred to St Michael's Hospice, with whom the Branch works very closely, in order that sales may continue through their shop network

FOR ALL DOG LOVERS



Charity Shih Tzu Fun Day and All Breeds Fun Dog Show

Held in support of



Monday 27th August

Show Opens at 10.30 Judging starts at 11.30pm

Have a go Agility 11.30pm – 3.30pm (Freymor Agility)

Pony Rides 1pm – 1.30 & 2pm – 2.30pm

Wharfedale Terrier Racing Heats - 1.30pm and Final at 2.30pm (all breeds welcome)

BBQ from 12pm Tombola – Face painting – Stalls – lots of prizes

Supported By The Shih Tzu Club

Acrecliffe Equestrian Centre – Bradford Road – OTLEY – LS21 3DN
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A Few Snippets from the National Website

Over 75 councils have now adopted the MND Charter - Over the last few months volunteers have been working hard to get their local councils to adopt the MND Charter as part of the Association's **Champion The Charter** campaign, and have now reached a total of 76 councils! Adopting the Charter is the first step in building a relationship with councils so we can work together to ensure people with MND get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

The Access to Welfare (Terminal Illness Definition) Bill - On 18 July Madeleine Moon MP, the chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on MND, presented her Bill to reform the Government's definition of terminal illness for the purpose of accessing benefits. This Bill proposes to remove the requirement of "a reasonable expectation of death within six months" for people to access benefits through the Special Rules for Terminal Illness process (SRTI). This requirement simply does not work for a highly unpredictable condition like MND, as it is not possible to predict with confidence how long someone will live with the condition. As a result, most people with terminal conditions aren't currently able to use the SRTI process to claim their benefits. For example, only around 40% of people with MND who claim PIP used the SRTI process, with nearly 60% going through the normal process. This is a problem because for people who are terminally ill, the SRTI process is much more appropriate than the standard benefits application routes. The process is much quicker and people can be fast tracked to the top rate of benefits. It avoids stressful and difficult assessment processes and filling out lengthy forms or attend inappropriate work coaching interviews. The Bill presented by Madeleine Moon MP would replace this definition with a clinical judgment by an appropriate health professional. This means that doctors and consultants who know their patients and understand their conditions could make an informed judgment about whether they are terminally ill, without worrying about an arbitrary six-month requirement. It would help people with MND access their benefits more quickly, without having to jump through unnecessary bureaucratic hoops. Having passed through First Reading on 18th July, the Bill will now proceed to a Second Reading which is expected in November. The MND Association would like to thank Madeleine Moon for tabling this important Bill, and we hope the Government will support it at Second Reading in order to achieve a benefits system that works well for people living with terminal illness.

Benedict Cumberbatch birthday fundraiser – The Association is very pleased to be benefitting from an initiative supported by Benedict Cumberbatch's fans who are raising money in celebration of Benedict's 42nd birthday on 19 July 2018. Every year the twitter account [@cumberbatchweb](#) choose one of Benedict's favourite charities and encourage their 128,000 followers to donate to that good cause, instead of sending Benedict gifts or cards. This year Naomi Roper, who runs the account, asks for support for the MND Association and has organised a Just Giving page which (at 12th August) had raised over £19,000, Amazing! <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cumberbatchwebmnd>

BRANCH WEBSITE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Please let us know if you would like to publish something on either our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MNDYorkshiredales> or our website www.mndyorkshiredales.co.uk . Or perhaps you might like to contribute to Chatter? It would be lovely to publish something from one of our members - just send your article to Ruth Pridmore

Can you help us save money by sending you paperwork by email instead of the Royal Mail?
If you have an email address just let Ruth know and she will add it to the database.

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