

# Parkinson's Halifax

## NEWSLETTER

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### Eric Hunter – Poet and Raconteur



A regular at Jim the Cat Luncheon, Elland Cricket Club, Eric has also performed his poetry at, Bang said the Gun, Sheffield City Hall, Turn the Page at the Book Corner in Halifax Piece Hall and on stage, by personal invitation from Snake Davis, at the Square Chapel.

Eric's most recent performance was entertaining around 150 people at a conference at Leeds University, entitled, Communication Matters.

Putting his skills to good use, Eric is happy to speak to large or small groups, during daylight hours, at any event or lunch. In return, a donation or prominently placed collection box, in lieu of a fee, would be most acceptable. This helps to raise much needed funds for Parkinson's UK. By funding research, Parkinson's UK is looking to find better treatments and a cure in years not decades.

All proceeds go to Parkinson's UK, Halifax and District Branch.

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**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.**

Need help? Call the Parkinson's UK confidential helpline for free on **0808 800 0303**

**Opening times:** Monday-Friday: 9am-7pm, Saturday: 10am-2pm (Closed Sundays / Bank Holidays)

"Trained advisers, can provide information and advice about all aspects of Parkinson's, such as:

- \*medical issues, including symptoms and treatments
- \*employment and benefits
- \*health and social care
- \*emotional support."

## Share your views on whether cannabis helps your Parkinson's symptoms

Last November the government reclassified cannabis-derived medicinal products so they are available on prescription.

Currently there is little evidence that cannabis can ease a person's Parkinson's symptoms. But we often hear that it can help relieve some people's symptoms.

We have launched a new survey –

[www.parkinsons.org.uk/cannabissurvey](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/cannabissurvey) to capture the experiences of people with Parkinson's of using cannabis-derived products and the impact they have on their condition.

If you live with Parkinson's but haven't tried it, we also want to understand what questions and concerns you may have about using it.

We'd love as many people with the condition to complete it and share with their networks. It closes on **Sunday 24 March 2019**.

We plan to use the results to inform our future work and help us develop our policy position. All responses are confidential and will only be used anonymously.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Laura Cockram on [campaigns@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@parkinsons.org.uk) or 020 7963 9349.

### Snake at Square Chapel 2017

The other night at Square Chapel, five lads took to the stage  
Wearing the kind of apparel that once were all the rage.

They hit the first chord, spirits soared  
The audience roared their delight  
You could tell from the bell we were in for a heck of a night

Eeeee Classic Sax in Halifax, and the quality were grand  
Just what you'd expect from Snake Davis, his saxophone and band.

This is third poem I've written about Snake  
My wife thinks I'm going loopy  
She says "there's no law but at 74,  
you're too old to be a groupie."

My mask-like face is here to stay -  
softened when I hear Snake Davis play.

Eric Hunter (Written May to September 2017)



If you would like to see your poetry published here, please send it to [lillybelly@hotmail.com](mailto:lillybelly@hotmail.com)

All issues of the NL can be viewed online at, [www.parkinsonshalifax.org.uk](http://www.parkinsonshalifax.org.uk)

## Dates For Your Diary

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Singer: Julie Dee**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Singing Group: Landlubbers**