

Parkinson's Halifax

NEWSLETTER

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Annual Dinner Dance

Over 200 people attended this years annual fund raising dinner at the Shay, on Saturday 24th September. Our regular MC Pete Emmett was on form ensuring that everyone had a really good evening.

Pete was joined by local comedian and my very good friend Lea Roberts. He soon had everyone laughing with his very unique, observational sense of humour and quirky stories which reflect life in Halifax.



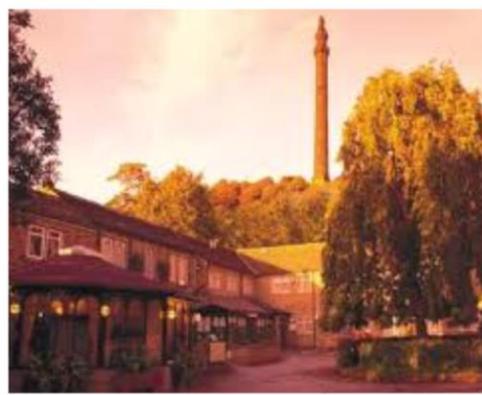
As usual Magic Bob kept guests amused, along with caricaturist Mike Bryson during dinner.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the auction of a personally signed Mohammed Ali drawing, which had been donated by Garfield and Marlene Owen. It's fair to say that most people were left astounded as two prominent local businessmen fought it out. Finally though the unique item was sold for an amazing £2,000.

The event raised over £8,000 for Branch funds!

Martin Uttley
Organiser

Tower House Quiz Night



The Tower House Hotel, Pye Nest, made us a very generous offer – they wanted to hold a Charity Evening for Parkinson's, Halifax Branch. There was only one date we could consider, 21st October 2016. We didn't have a lot of time to prepare, but we felt it was too good an opportunity to miss. We decided on a Quiz Night, so I got cracking with the questions!

The team at the Tower House were amazing. They offered us free supper, a compere for the evening and the promise that they would organise the raffle and auction. Our only worry – would we get enough teams to make it a worthwhile project?

The Tower House raffle and auction were superb; they had pulled out all the stops. Nine teams puzzled on subjects as diverse as Kanye West to the worst smelling fruit in the world! Something for everyone!

The winning team romped home, proving their team name "Alive and Kicking" was certainly appropriate. Sincere thanks to the Tower House and all those who supported the evening.

The evening was a great success, raising over £700.

Joanna Emblem

Organiser

Photograph: Beth from Tower House Hotel





Meet Committee Member... Martin Uttley

My name is Martin Uttley and I joined the Committee in 2010 after the untimely death of my father, Bill, the then Branch Secretary. At first my brother Ian and I shared the role of Secretary, vacated by dad, but unfortunately Ian struggled to get to the Branch meetings due to work commitments and left the role. I continued as secretary until last year when Eileen Kenny volunteered to take on the role which allowed me to take a step back, I still sit on the committee along with my mom Elaine and would like to thank and congratulate Eileen for the excellent job she is doing.

I have three 'grown up' children, Nicole 22, Ryan 22 and Chloe 19 and if you have ever attended the Parkinson's dinners at the Shay you will have noticed them and my wife Kerri rushing round helping me organising the tables, seating the guests and collecting the money. Their support and dedication both on the evening and in the months building up to the night (along with Ian Barraclough and a number of other people) getting raffle prizes and selling tickets/tables is outstanding, without all their help and assistance the evening would not have been anywhere near as successful as it has been.

My day job is at Robert Wade Cars in Sowerby Bridge where I have worked for 27 years and was lucky enough to take over the business 12 years ago when Bob retired, I can barely remember where I worked before selling cars I have been here that long !!! (although I did work with Branch member Ken Lambert sometime in the last century). I am proud to be part of what I consider to be a dedicated and hard working group of volunteers who form the Halifax Branch Committee and look forward to helping, in whichever way I can, local people like mom who live with and battle against PD every day.

Next Bag Packing Fund Raiser at M&S, Halifax

The next Bag Pack will take place on 18th November 10am – 4pm at M&S, Halifax. If you can spare an hour or two please contact *Ian*:
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"I love music from most eras and from various genres. I consider that we need to keep in mind why we broadcast, and to provide interviews, information and friendship to those living with Parkinson's, helping to keep spirits up and let people know that they are not alone."

Parkinson Cricket and Me

Friday 18th November 2016
From 12.30pm at £12.50 pp
Lunch and speaker at
Elland Cricket Club
(Hullnedge, Elland, West Yorkshire. HX5 0QY)
Speaker from Parkinson's Halifax Branch: the very funny

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To reserve your place/s, contact Eric:
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www.parkinsonshalifax.org.uk

Dates For Your Diary

3rd December

Christmas Lunch 1pm - 5pm £5 Per Member/Carer, *Don't Forget To Bring A Wrapped Gift.*