MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY SUTTON COLDFIELD & DISTRICT BRANCH

MS

Multiple Sclerosis Society

Charity No. 207495

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OCTOBER 2004

A TREASURER'S TALE . . . A SINKING FEELING ?



Jayne & Ray Robinson have invested in a canal boat for leisure & pleasure.
From now on they will be known as
"Rosie & Jim" after the kid's TV programme !

(See page 9 for the explanation of this picture)



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Mike and Vicky look forward to receiving any items from you to add to your bulletin. Articles, reports, funnies and experiences are welcome.

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MS HOMEPAGE

YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for all your help on all our collecting days this year.
We've managed a total of
£1,763.62

DONATION

We have received a very generous donation from the TGWU of £866 .20

A Very big THANK YOU to all the people who have been involved in raising this money.



CHRISTMAS STARS

This year we will be selling the "Christmas Stars" which now have a new design.

These will be available at the Clifton Road Centre and at the Monthly meetings as from October.

KEEP LOOKING GOOD

Mary, our beauty therapist will be at Clifton Road on :—

Monday 25th Oct.	11.00am
Monday 22nd Nov.	11.00am
Monday 20th Dec.*	11.00am

A price list is available at the Centre.
*venue to b e confirmed.

WANTED

Entertainment Team

To arrange activities for our Wednesday Night Social evenings at the Westfield Court Hotel.

Please contact Mike or Vicky for more details
☎ 686 2415 or 686 6523

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HOMEPAGE (CONTINUED)

Are you still being a "Smartie"?

How are you getting on?

We are still waiting for all your full tubes. We hope you're not becoming a "Smartie" Addict! We still accept £1 coins, pennies, five and twenty p's?

(We don't mean ***that*** sort of pee!)

Keep them coming!

MS DIRECTORY

MS Society, MS National Centre,
372 Edgware Road London NW2 6ND
☎ 020 8438 0700 www.mssociety.org.uk

MS Help line
☎ 0808 800 8000 9am—9pm

Asian MS ☎ 020 8438 0700 or 07968 771576 Email: spatel@mssociety.org.uk or sshah@mssociety.org.uk

Gay and Lesbian MS support Group (GLAMS) GLAMS Helpline ☎0808 800 8000
Email: glams_ukgroup@hotmail.com

Mutual Support (Armed Forces)
Contact Richard Ludford on ☎ 01666 824709
www.mutual.support.btinternet.co.uk

Rishon Multiple Sclerosis Aid Group
Support for Jewish people with MS
Contact Harry Bibring ☎ 020 8950 9212
Email: bibring@onetel.com

The Shane Project
Support for African and Caribbean people affected by MS Helpline ☎ 020 8805 1579
Tues:- 10am-2pm and Thurs: 6pm-8pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

24th	Maria Burnleigh
26th	Ashley Jones
27th	Lynn Shakespeare

NOVEMBER

7th	Harold Powers
9th	Lisa Yates

DECEMBER

5th	Richard Burgess
20th	Sue Foster



Looks to us that we are still missing a lot of Birthdays !!!! - Give us a shout or forever hold your piece !

Mollie Bird

Sadly passed away on 6th September 2004

A long standing member and ex-Chairman who was greatly instrumental in setting up our Sutton Coldfield MS group. She is fondly remembered by her friends for :-
"The pen from York" & "Buckingham Palace"

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY
SUTTON COLDFIELD & DISTRICT BRANCH

MONTHLY BRANCH MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m.

Westfield Court Hotel

Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield

ADVICE & INFORMATION CENTRE

Monday and Friday 10am 'til 3pm

Clifton Road Youth Centre

Clifton Road

Sutton Coldfield

0121 354 8593

email :- suttonms@hotmail.com

Website : - www.mssociety.org.uk /branches/ west_midlands / sutton_coldfield/

COMMITTEE FOR 2004

CHAIRMAN	Julie Leeson	0121 308 4089
SECRETARY	Pauline Commander	0121 382 1385
TREASURER	Jayne Robinson	0121 308 5641
WELFARE	Anne Forbes	0121 384 3639

CARAVANS

OH DEAR ...

It has come to our attention that there have been a few problems with our caravans this year. There has been damage, breakages and lack of consideration for the 'next occupants' such as failing to replenish the gas cylinders.

These caravans are here at a very reasonable cost for your enjoyment and pleasure and the committee will happily ensure that all facilities are as you would like to find them.

We can only do this if we know about them!

0121-308 5641

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Rates for Members		Rates for Non-members	
UNITY FARM		**UNITY FARM**	
October	135.00	October	215.00

PLEASE NOTE. There is an electric scooter here for the use of guests. This is the one that was previously housed at Clifton Road Centre.

NORTHAMPTON

Rates for Members		Rates for Non members	
BILLING		**BILLING**	
October	90..00	October	140.00

Bookings can be made at The Clifton Road Centre **ONLY**

(see page 5 for opening times), where a deposit will be required.

Preference will be given to MS sufferers.

Universal Questions

1. Why does your gynaecologist leave the room when you get undressed?
2. If a person owns a piece of land do they own it all the way down to the core of the earth?
3. Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
4. Is it possible to brush your teeth without wiggling your arse?
5. Why is it called Alcoholics Anonymous when the first thing you do is stand up and say, 'My name is Bob, and I am an alcoholic'?
7. Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
8. Why does mineral water that 'has trickled through mountains for centuries' have a 'use by' date?
9. Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp no one would eat?
10. Is French kissing in France just called kissing?
11. Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here and drink whatever comes out'?
12. What do people in China call their good plates?
13. Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their crotch when they ask where the bathroom is?
14. What do you call male ballerinas?
15. Why is a person that handles your money called a 'Broker'?
16. If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
17. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
18. Why is it that when someone tells you that there are over a billion stars in the universe, you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint somewhere, you have to touch it to make sure?
19. Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
20. Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out of the window?

Universal Truths

1) Triangular sandwiches taste better than square ones.
2) At the end of every party there is always a girl crying.
3) You've never quite sure whether it's ok to eat green crisps.
4) Everyone who grew up in the 80's has entered the digits 55378008 into a calculator
5) Reading when you're drunk is horrible.
6) Sharpening a pencil with a knife makes you feel really manly.
7) You're never quite sure whether it's against the law or not to have a fire in your back garden.
8) Nobody ever dares make cup-a-soup in a bowl.
9) You never know where to look when eating a banana.
10) Its impossible to describe the smell of a wet cat.
11) Rummaging in an overgrown garden will always turn up a bouncy ball.
12) the most embarrassing thing you can do as schoolchild is to call your teacher mum or dad.
13) Every bloke has at some stage while taking a pee, flushed half way through and then raced against the flush.
14) Old women with mobile phones look wrong.
15) Driving through a tunnel makes you feel excited.
16) You never ever run out of salt.
17) Old ladies can eat more than you think.
18) There's no panic like the panic you momentarily feel when you've got your hand or head stuck in something.
19) Despite constant warning, you have never met anybody who has had their arm broken by a swan.
20) the most painful household incident is wearing socks and stepping on an upturned plug.
21) People who don't drive slam car doors too hard.
22) You've turned into your dad the day you put aside a thin piece of
wood specifically to stir paint with.
23) Everyone had an uncle who tried to steal their nose.
24) In every plate of chips there is a bad chip.
25) Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

WELL DONE



Iris Langley, one of our members, who plays for the Moor Hall Golf Club Ladies Team played in a friendly match against Brocton Golf Club Ladies and scored a magnificent

"hole in one"



The "whoops" of delight were heard not only throughout the entire Golf Club, but throughout the whole of Sutton.

Congratulations and Well Dome Iris !



A TREASURER'S TALE . . . A SINKING FEELING ?



"Rosie & Jim" (alias Jayne and Ray Robinson) recently went to buy a canal boat. It was taken to the slipway for the surveyors assessment and while Ray was up a ladder on the boat, Jayne moved a little closer to observe. At this point. MS decided to interfere with Jayne's legs and subsequently entry into the 'cut' was inevitable ..... not just up to the knees, but a total immersion!

A cry for help was heard by Ray who zoomed to the rescue and left a totally soggy Jayne sitting amongst an audience of ducks!

It was a "quacking good performance" !!



MESSAGE BOARD

THIS IS YOUR PAGE TO PIN UP NOTICES

CHRISTMAS NOSH

We will be having our usual Christmas Buffet at our monthly meeting at The Westfield Court Hotel on Wed 1st December.

We will be collecting names straight away. Please give details to Jayne ASAP.

Clifton Road Centre closes for Christmas after Friday 17th December & re-opens on Friday 7th January

For Sale

Aqua Soothe "TravelLite"
Folding lightweight scooter

Cost £1800 new - will accept any reasonable offer. ☎ **0121 354 8593**



Illustration is of a similar model



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Invacare ***"Twister"*** Power-chair

This is a very sophisticated chair, capable of :-raising, lowering, tilting etc.

Offers in the region of

£1250 - £1500

☎ **0121 354 8593**

FILE 'O FIXITS

A Directory of skills, tradesmen and people who can help you. Please send us your contacts so we can expand this list.

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Whitehouse Building Services

27 Birch Croft Rd. S/C

0121 311 2751



CLEANER Private & Commercial

J Clean **JAYNE**

Mob: 07901 991170

Home: 0121 525 4285



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STEVE BROWN

Mob: 07803 504611—0121 351



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STEVE WARDELL

For further details
contact Vicky Pennicott 0121 686 6523



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PETE CROSS - 0121 329 2963

MIKE MORRALL - 01827 874077



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MICK DOUGHTY of Sutton Coldfield

Home 0121 329 2779



ROOFER

ROY SWINDALE

Home : 0121 357 6114



Have you used one of these contractors?

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Your comments would be much appreciated to assist others.



ALL THE ENTRIES ON THIS PAGE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY OUR MEMBERS. THEY HAVE ALL DONE EXCELLENT WORK, PROVEN TO BE VERY HELPFUL, RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY AND DISABLED FRIENDLY.

THE M.S. SOCIETY CANNOT TAKE RESPOSIBILITY FOR THESE RECCOMMENDATIONS.

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Mr. Simmons

0121 382 2305



PLUMBER

WATER AND GAS CORGI REGISTERED

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Home: 0121 353 7772



CARPENTER **RCM**

Robert's Carpentry & Maintenance Services

Home : 01922 459984

Mob : 07855 026726



DIARY DATES 2004

Here are the next 3 months' events for your diaries.
Please come along as we'd love to see you all.

OCTOBER

6th Natter Night - Westfield Court Hotel 7.30 - 10.00

16th-17th National AGM, Warwick Conference Centre

25th Mary - Beautician - Clifton Road 11.00am

31st Happy Halloween!

NOVEMBER

3rd Games Night - Westfield Court Hotel 7.30 - 10.00
with Soup Kitchen & Crusty Bread

22nd Mary - Beautician - Clifton Road 11.00am

DECEMBER

1st Christmas Buffet - Westfield Court Hotel 7.30 - 10.00
+ Funny Speaker

17th Christmas "End of Term Do" - Clifton Road 10.00 - 3.00

20th Mary - Beautician - 7 Maney Hill Rd S/c 11.00am
☎ 0121 - 686 6523

You should have completed all your Christmas shopping by now, so just ENJOY!