

# South Essex Branch Newsletter January 2019

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**Registered Charity No.294354** 

www.mndsouthessex.org

### **Christmas Lunch & Pantomime**

During December MND South Essex hosted two events. The first was Christmas lunch held at Waves in Southend. 40 people attended and the food was delicious. The two waitresses worked very hard but with forty people and only two of them the service was rather protracted.

25 people attended the pantomime at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. This year's pantomime was Aladdin which included the dance troupe Diversity lead by Ashley Banjo



### STAMP OUT MND - Used Stamp & Currency Appeal

<u>www.stampoutmnd.co.uk</u> are collecting stamps & currency to raise funds for MNDA.

The website explains where stamps, etc can be sent including free postage.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### MND SOUTH ESSEX BRANCH AGM – SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

 This years AGM will be held at 12:30pm in the dining room in the day centre at St Luke's Hospice, Basildon followed by a light lunch. Please inform Debbie Darke if you are planning to attend so that we know how many to cater for – 01702 219913 or <a href="mailto:rowananddebbie@btinternet.com">rowananddebbie@btinternet.com</a>

We are also able to provide transport if it is required

- From 10am-4pm Hand & Foot massages will be given in the day. room and Flix Films will be giving virtual reality experiences in the dining room. Priority will be given to those living with MND and their carers.
   Pre-booking is essential so please contact Sandy Lambert – 01702 305759 or sessexmnd.sel@gmail.com
- Members may put themselves forward to become a committee member
   please contact Debbie Darke to register your interest.

### In Memory of John Scowen



Come join us for a night of Dinner and Dancing Raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association

Date: Friday 12 April 2019

Time: 7pm – midnight
Orsett Hall, Prince Charles Ave, RM16 3HS

**Dress Code: Black Tie** 



Ticket Price: £55

What your ticket includes: Prosecco on arrival, a three course dinner with half a bottle of wine, live entertainment, opportunity to take part in the raffle and other activities and dancing until midnight!

How to book a ticket:

To book a ticket please contact Sophie via email sophieuni@hotmail.co.uk

Tables are seated in groups of ten so if you want to sit together please book together by emailing your names and email addresses to Sophie. If you do not book together we cannot guarantee that you will be on the same table.

We look forward to seeing you and raising as much money as we can for families like ours! Love Jane, Sarah and Sophie XXX

## **Future Events & News**

# SOUTHEND WALK TO D'FEET MND - SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

MND South Essex Branch are holding their annual sponsored walk on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 starting at Leigh-On-Sea and walking along the seafront towards Thorpe Bay distances vary from 1.5miles to 10 miles

Please contact Sandy Lambert for registration forms & sponsor forms Or download the forms from www.mndsouthessex.org

#### Chinese Meal – 27th March

MND South Essex Branch are holding their next fundraising dinner at Zen City in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff.

The cost is £15 per head.

Please contact Debbie Darke if you want to attend:
01702 219913
rowananddebbie@btinternet.com

#### WWW.EASYFUNDRAISNG.ORG.UK

Did you know that donations can be made to MND South Essex Branch whilst shopping online via:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mndsthessex

#### **DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING**

	Donations
Gillian Trevelyan	£30
Hilary Barry	£60
P O Main Rd Hawkwell (tin collection)	£79.30
Tin Collection	£26
Canvey Methodist Wives Club	£160
Dr Alex Moon	Tribute Funds
	In Memoriam
D E Noble	£60
In Memory of Janet Caines	£298
In Memory of Mrs Smith	£90
In Memory of K Battersby	£20
In Memory of RC	£1,079
In Memory of MW	£1,670
In Memory of PP	£130
Indian Charity Meal	Fundraising £1,715
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Sale of Xmas cards & Puddings	
Walk to D'Feet	£230

Grateful thanks to all donors and fundraisers

#### **HOW IS YOUR FUNDRAISING USED?**

During 2018 the MND South Essex Branch provided funds to those living with MND for a variety of reasons. These included:

bathroom alterations; stair lift installations & rentals; quality of life grants as well as carers & young persons grants. Specialised equipment for home use, holistic treatments. The funds were also used for our summer & Christmas lunches, and for tickets to the pantomime.

Please contact Sandy Lambert so that she can explain the process for receiving practical support in a timely manner.

### **Dates, News and Contacts**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- The health and social care professionals who work with our people with MND
- The many donors and supporters of the Branch
- · Mike Searle, for our website www.mndsouthessex.org
- St Luke's and Fair Havens hospices for their continuing care and hospitality
- Grant Flashman for printing and folding our newsletter

#### Aims of the Association

- To provide care and support for people living with MND
- To promote scientific research and provide funding to specialists seeking to find treatments and ultimately a cure for this disease
- To speak on behalf of people with MND, demanding the best possible standards of care and campaigning locally and nationally
- To increase awareness of this disease

### **Dates for your Diary**

February 8	2.30-4pm Dropin
	Fair Havens
March 5	2-3:30pm Drop-In
	Thurrock Garden Centre
March 9	12:30pm AGM
	St Luke's
March 9	10am-4pm Open Day
	St Luke's
March 27	7.30pm Chinese Night
	ZEN City, Westcliff
April 5	230pm-4pm Dopin
	Fair Havens
May 7	2-3:30pm Drop-In
	Thurrock Garden Centre
May 19	Walk to D'Feet
	Leigh to Thorpe Bay
May 20	8-10pm Open Meeting
	St Lukes

Fair Havens Day Room Stuart House, Second Avenue Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 8HZ

St Luke's Hospice Day Room Nethermayne, Basildon SS165NJ

Thurrock Garden Centre South Ockendon RM15 6DU

ZEN City 123 Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff SS0 7EW

#### Who's Who in the Branch

THE COMMITTEE

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