

GOSPORT AND FAREHAM BRANCH OF THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

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Dear All



October 2014

It's time for another newsletter which will bring you up to date with all our activities until Christmas.

A date for your diary! - (MS Society ones available for £3.99!!)

We have booked our **New Year Dinner Party for Saturday 10th January 2015**. As usual this will be held at the Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club, Plamerston Drive, Fareham PO14 1DJ 6.30pm for 7pm.

I am sure you will agree that this is an excellent venue and the meal is always delicious.

I will send more details and a menu for you to choose from in mid-November.

Annual Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 6th December opening **12 mid-day until 3pm.**

An earlier time than usual in order to be able to dismantle everything in the daylight!

I have booked both the Nicholson and the David Bogue Hall, Stoke Road Gosport PO12 1QA (opposite the White Hart) in order for us to keep any opposition at bay!

Can I make my usual appeal for toiletries, home made cakes, suitable items for Christmas presents and bottles of all kinds for the bottle stall. I can collect.

We also need helpers on the Friday evening to start setting up the stalls and of course people to man them on the day. There is now a disabled toilet between the two halls.

Please encourage family and friends to come along, its good fun. I have it on good authority that Father Christmas will be attending and you can even have your photo taken with him!

Christmas Lunch Party

Will be held at the White Hart Pub on Thursday 18th December 1pm for 1.30 start. Address is The White Hart, 195 Stoke Road Gosport PO12 1SE. The meal is great value at £9.49 for 2 courses and £11.49 for 3 courses. Coffee and mince pie £1.49 extra.

Although we are the only group booked into the pub on that day, in order to ensure that everyone is seated comfortably numbers have to be restricted to 35, so it will be a case of “first come first served”, which I’m sure you will appreciate.

Please fill in the form enclosed with this newsletter and give/send to Sian our Social Secretary with payment. Cheques made payable to Gosport and Fareham M.S. Society. To the following address

Mrs S. Barker
42 Blackbrook Road
Fareham
PO15 5DQ

Please note that this will replace the coffee morning which would have been at the Golden Bowler.

Donation instead of Christmas Cards

Mave is again offering the chance to make a donation (which we use to give gifts to housebound people with MS) instead of writing Christmas cards within the group. This was a great success last year – thank you for your support. She will bring a sheet where you can write a Christmas message to our events or you can email one to be added to the sheet to m.hiseman@hotmail.co.uk.

Pantomime Trip

The Pantomime at the Mayflower Theatre Southampton this year is Cinderella featuring Brian Conley and Gok Wan and promises to be Southamptons biggest pantomime yet.

Sian has provisionally booked ten seats for a matinee (2pm) on Monday 29th December – to include five wheelchair spaces. I enclose a booking form. We can arrange transport and can book more seats if necessary. Please let her know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

Collect and Scoot Service

If you live in the Fareham and Gosport Area and use Fareham Shopmobility but have difficulty getting there, a new service is starting that will be just right for you.

Their friendly driver will collect you from your door and transport you to Fareham Shopmobility where a scooter/powerchair will be waiting for you.

After your hire the driver will take you home and can help you with your bags. All of this is for a small fee depending on where you live.

For more information call on 01329 282929, you do need to book this service beforehand.

Store Collections

Karen has arranged the following store collections before Christmas

Saturday 1st November – Sainsburys Broadcut Fareham PO16 8SU

Friday 21st November – Asda Gosport Dock Road PO12 1SH

Friday 12th and Sat 13th December – Tesco Extra North Harbour, Clement Attlee Way Portsmouth PO6 4SR

Please contact Karen if you can help even if its only for an hour. Her contact details are tel: 01489 570450 and email: karenreeves1111@hotmail.co.uk

Easy Fundraising.org

With Christmas fast approaching, it is a perfect time for those of us with internet facilities to be reminded how to raise some easy money for our branch at no cost to you.

By shopping online, thousands of stores including Argos, Amazon, Play.com, M&S, Toys R Us, etc.etc.etc donate a cash percentage to our branch.

It is so easy to do and it's free.

- 1) Simply log on to easyfundraising.org
- 2) Register for free
- 3) Choose Gosport & Fareham MS Society as your cause.
- 4) Choose which retailer that you want to shop with from the really large list and then shop as you would normally.

Every stage is easily found with a mouse click.

You will see how much money has been donated by the shop / store from your purchase.

It really is so easy to do so please, please do it and save the website on your favourites to use all year. Ideally, make it a shortcut on your desktop to remind you to use it.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

M.S. Specialist Practitioners

Annabella is now back from Maternity leave and either her or Simon and can be contacted on

Tel 02392 681067 Team e-mail hp-trMSTeam@nhs.org

Page Turner

An automatic page turner is available for anyone who needs one. Contact me on 02392 581406. It's been hardly used.

Dates for regular activities over the Christmas Period:-

Physio - last date before Christmas will be 11th December restarting on the 8th January 2015

Yoga – last date before Christmas will be Tuesday 16th December restarting Tuesday 30th December

Craft – the dates for the craft sessions at the Golden Bowler are:-

Monday 10th November 11am – Making jewellery

Monday 8th December 11am – making something festive with Rachael

Monday 12th January 11am - To be arranged

Monday 9th January – something for the garden

Phone Ruth on 01329 318451 mob 07817 358672 if you would like to attend.

Julie Hawksworth

Julie is part of the Fareham & Gosport MS Society Welfare Team. She has MS herself and qualified as a psychiatric nurse and bereavement counsellor in 1991.

If anyone needs a listening ear she is available to talk almost anytime, for advice or just a natter - remember you are not alone.

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I hope you find something of interest to you in the newsletter, hoping to see you soon.

Best Wishes