



STOP PRESS !!! AWARENESS WEEK! STOP PRESS !! STOP PRESS !! AWARENESS WEEK! STOP PRESS !!

THIS SUMMER'S BIG EVENT

Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th June 2010

We have been invited to have a stall at Southampton Kite Festival. This is during Awareness Week so we are keen to use this opportunity to raise awareness and money.

Organised and run by:-
Solent Kite Flyers

20th. & 21st. June

Southampton Kite Festival 2009

10.00am - 5.30pm
both days with Free
Entry and Parking.

Lordshill Sports Ground
5 Acre Fields, Redbridge Lane.
Southampton.

For information Tel:
02380770788 or email
secretary@solentkiteflyers.org.uk

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“In the air there are many large and colourful kites and flying displays; on the ground there's live music, refreshments and a market that covers the whole range of kites and spare kit for all ages and skill levels.”

We need YOUR HELP!!

Please help support the Branch in one of the following ways:

Giving up an hour on Saturday or Sunday to help on the stall

Providing items to sell: do you make anything we could sell? (eg craft items, jam, cakes)

Coming along to support the event

We need to borrow a sturdy marquee if you know of one we could borrow please get in touch.

If you can get involved please contact Eve 02380 612218 (eve_payler@hda.org.uk)

You also may like to do your own event to mark Awareness Week (14th-20th June 2010) Let us know if you need any support/balloons/leaflets etc.

We also hope to go **gliding** with the Oxford Branch if they are running their usual Awareness Week event. This will probably be on the **12th June.**

Branch meetings in 2010: May 22nd, July 17th, September 11th, November 20th

All Branch meetings are at 2pm at Sembal House, Handel Terrace, Southampton SO15 2FH. There is disabled access, ample parking and it is only 5 minutes from the central railway station and a bus stop. Thanks to Sembal House for providing DVD facilities to entertain younger children.

Next Carer's Meetings: April 16th at noon and April 27th at 7:30 p.m

Both are at 'The Still and West' pub, 2 Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL. Close to the Isle of Wight car ferry terminal. Just turn up and look for the table with the collecting tin on it! We will refund travel expenses.

Future Social Events:

ALL the following events are FREE to younger Branch members thanks to the 'Amanda fund'

We don't want problems with finances or with transport to prevent you attending our events. We may be able to subsidise them for adult Branch members and arrange transport for you. You can contact us confidentially to arrange this.

April 18th 3pm: London Theatre trip to 'The Lion King': All tickets are now allocated.

May 8th: Surrey Branch Family day: You are invited to join with the Surrey branch. See flyer

May 9th: Exbury Gardens: We will meet in the car park at noon. Admission price is £8.50 per adult (OAP £8) but a group of over 15 is £7.50, depending on numbers we hope to get a group ticket and also subsidise admission. We are considering booking afternoon tea so we can all have a treat together. You might like to bring a picnic lunch. The grounds are wheelchair friendly and also available is a 30 minute buggy ride with commentary (cost £3.50) and a miniature railway (cost £3.50).

26th May: 'Hairspray' at The Mayflower Southampton There may be one or two tickets still available for this evening performance. Please contact Maureen asap if you would like to go.

June 12th to 20th Awareness week events ...see front page

June 30th Hampshire Neurological Alliance conference at the Maltings Alton This event was very successful and well attended last year. The HNA is an umbrella group whose aim is to obtain the best possible care and support for all the people of Hampshire who are affected by a neurological condition. Although different conditions have different causes the issues associated with support and care are often the same and the HNA is another way of getting our voice heard at county and national level. More details in the next newsletter.

July 4th: Summer Excursion to the Isle of Wight : To Waltzing Waters and then Flamingo Park. More details in the next newsletter. We hope to pay cost of travel to the Isle of Wight and may run a minibus or share cars.

July 25th Amanda Fund Paintballing: This will be taking place in Romsey. Participants must be 10 years or older. Free to Branch members. Get in touch with Anne (01329 232373) if you are interested. The date will be confirmed when I have checked with those people who have already expressed an interest.

More details of these events to follow in the next newsletter ...

August: It has been suggested that we will hold a 'Pat's Picnic' event at Manor Farm Country Park on a Sunday in August. There will be an all abilities walk (or kids could cycle), games and 'bring your own' picnic. This is in the planning stage at present more details in the next newsletter.

September 1st evening performance of 'Les Miserables' If you are interested in this production then let Maureen know asap as limited tickets are available.

September 19th: Marwell Zoo ,

October 30th: Pub Social at The Mill House in Lyndhurst

Christmas outing: Probably to the panto at the Mayflower starring 'Lily Savage' ...watch this space!!

Maureen Graham (social secretary) can be contacted on (02392 2593683 or m.graham11@sky.com). If you have any ideas for events or outings or Amanda fund activities (ie specifically for under 18s) please contact Maureen.



Hampshire AGM and Branch Meeting: 27th March 2010.

Present: , Barry Blake, Pam Didymus, Elaine Frier, Tony Geary, Colin Gould, Maureen Graham, Lauren Hallam, Myra and George Heppenstall, Caroline Lang ,Hugh Marriott, Josie and Paul Miles, Cliff and Avis Nevatte, Pat and Robbie Richardson, Mark Robinson, Annette Scivier, Steve Smith (guest), Anne Stephenson, Meg, Ben, Florence and Ellie Walters, and Polly

Apologies from: Brian Cady, Sarah and Eric Hands, Karen Durnall, Barbara and Andrew McClelland, Lynda Mitchell, Chantelle Nash, John Seller, June Slocombe, Trudi Smith

Chair's report: Barry gave a summary of last year's events.

Lynda Mitchell and Brian Cady were thanked in their absence for their work on the committee last year. They have both had to stand down this year due to other commitments.

Treasurer's Report:

If you weren't at the meeting and would like more details please contact Anne.

Summary:

April 2009 - March 2010

	General Fund	Amanda Fund
Available funds @ 1.4.09	2,070.35	2,550.84
Fundraising	2,131.85	0.00
Grants	4,285.00	3,000.00
Donations	1,148.81	
Raffles	99.63	
Contributions to social events	360.00	
Interest	6.52	10.31
Total income	8,031.81	3,010.31
Grants & support	(2,067.72)	(1,160.00)
Social events	(4,013.82)	(957.44)
Conference costs	(142.00)	(475.00)
Branch admin	(338.45)	0.00
Equipment	(155.00)	0.00
Donation to Head Office		
Total expenses	(6,716.99)	(2,592.44)
Income - expenses	1,314.82	417.87
Proposed donation to Head Office	(1,400.00)	0.00
Available funds @ 31.03.10	1,985.17	2,968.71

Election of Committee Members:

Chair: In the absence of other candidates **Barry Blake** was re-elected as Chair (*proposed by Cliff Nevatte and seconded by Robbie Richardson*). Barry was also thanked for all the work he has done on behalf of the Branch over the last 3 years.

The following committee members were thanked for their work and agreed to continue in post.

Treasurer: Ben Walters, Secretary: Anne Stephenson, Social secretary: Maureen Graham

New committee member: **Annette Scivier: Isle of Wight Co-ordinator** (*proposed by Anne Stephenson, seconded by Pat Richardson*) was welcomed onto the committee.

Speaker: Steve Smith spoke about research which he is conducting into the best way of caring for people with HD. He arranged to come to the next branch meeting so that members can take part (see over for details).

The Raffle raised £22.



The Huntington's Disease Association

hunting for a cure - with care

May 22nd Branch meeting: This will include a session with Steve Smith for anyone who would like to help Steve's research into the needs of people with HD. He needs to speak to a group made up of people who are affected by HD with their carer. We already have several people taking part. If you would like to help just turn up or phone Anne for more information.

Other News:

Carers Together: On 29th March Anne attended the Hampshire Neurological Alliance AGM. There was a speaker there from Carer's Together. They represent carers at county level and run a support service and an **active listening line** for carer's who need to off-load (9am-11pm 08000 3 23456). To find out more their website address is www.carerstogether.org.uk or phone 01794 519494 or get in touch with Anne (01329 232373)

Reductions on theatre tickets: If you go to The Mayflower and need to be accompanied by a carer you can get your ticket at a discount and your carer goes half price. You have to register with The Mayflower on the Assisted Access Scheme. If you are registered then let us know when we are booking a trip that you want to join so we can book your ticket at the correct price. More details are available from Maureen.

Remember all the contact details and a copy of this newsletter is available at our website:
www.hdahampshire.org

Please email secretstanne@aol.com if you can save us postage by receiving this newsletter by email



Advice from Branch Members including Committee Members: advice given by Branch members is given in a lay capacity and that it should **not** be treated as professional advice

Save your stamps and empty printer cartridges: Please save your used stamps (tear off with a border of envelope around it) and empty printer cartridges as they can be used to raise money. Bring them to the next meeting or send to Eve.

**RESPIRE??: Do you need some respite but can't afford it?
Get in touch with Barry (01329 286157) and we might be able to help
(Requests will be treated confidentially).**

Website: www.hdahampshire.org.

Any comments or questions about this edition to:

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You can contact:

Barry Blake (Chair) on 01329 286157.

Maureen Graham (social secretary) can be contacted on (02392 2593683 or m.graham11@sky.com).