

## Northamptonshire Branch

**Winter 2021**



**Welcome to the Winter edition of  
our local branch newsletter**

# WELCOME

Welcome to the Winter edition of the MNDA newsletter. I apologise for its late appearance but we were hoping that there was some more information about fundraising which we could add but unfortunately we will have to wait for the next newsletter.

Happy Christmas Everyone.

Margaret Waller

## HELLO EVERYONE

This is the last newsletter of 2021 and what a year we have come through, to say it has been difficult is an understatement. We have managed a couple of Drop –in lunches at Dobbies Garden Centre who have been wonderful in accommodating us, by making space and supporting us in any way they could. We are tremendously grateful.

We held our first fund raising event since Covid by organising a Coffee Morning in October raising £1.000 for Northants Branch funds. Our thanks go to all who helped, made cakes and all those who came. We are continuing to follow the guidelines i.e. wearing face masks /coverings in places where a lot of people may gather, social distancing and hand sanitation. Our Association Visitors have been visiting people living with MND when requested and keeping in touch by phone or email and all needs are being met.

With the number of Covid positive cases remaining high we have taken the decision not to hold our annual Christmas Lunch. It is regrettable but in the present situation we thought this is best action.

All things being equal and hopefully improving and with the support of the MND Association we hope to hold our first open meeting next April. This is an advance notice about the proposed Annual General Meeting on Sunday April 3rd 2022, the venue to be arranged. Full details will be in the March 2022 edition of the newsletter and on our website. On behalf of us all at Northants Branch we wish you all the very best for Christmas and we hope for a better 2022

Kate Inchley

## Northants Branch Contact

Our Branch Contact is Diana Smith

Should you wish to contact Diana for any reason the details are as follows

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Kate Inchley (Chair)

## **News from Francis Crick House**

### **United to End MND**

The Coalition Campaign United to End MND has secured £50 million over the next 5 years from the UK Government targeted to research into MND. The Government is committed to investing £375 million into research into neurodegenerative diseases.

Congratulations to all involved with this campaign and tremendous achievement.

### **Scrap 6 months**

The MND Association and Marie Curie have over the past 3 years been campaigning for the Special Rules for Terminal Illness SRTI to be scrapped from 6 months to 12 months. This has been achieved through the hard work of staff, celebrities, clinicians, councilors and politicians. The rules are now expanded to 12 months, which will mean that more people living with MND will be able to access the support so badly needed more quickly and easily .

### **Advance Notice**

Saturday February 26th 2022 11am

**Roger Smith Memorial Concert**

St Mary's Church

Knox Road, Wellingborough featuring

Northampton and District Organists Society

There will be no charge but a collection plate for donations will be available the monies will be split between St Mary's Church and Northants Branch MND Association .

There will also be a cake stall and raffle, and all monies from this will go to Northants Branch MND Association.

Please accept our apologies for an error in the previous notice of this event when it was stated this was a service for Roger, it is a concert in Roger's memory

Put this date in your diaries. All are welcome .

## **Coffee Morning**

On Saturday, October 23rd, a coffee morning was held at St Mary's Church, Wollaston, to raise funds for Northants MNDA. Tea, coffee and cakes were on sale as well as Christmas cards. The wonderful sum of £1000 was raised.



## **Drop –in Lunches**

We are pleased to let you know we are able to re –start our Drop –in lunches at

**Dobbies Garden Centre  
Newport Pagnell Road, Wootton  
Northampton NN4 6HP .**

The first one is on

**Wednesday January 5th, 2022 11.45 am --- 2pm**

As usual lunch will be provided for people living with MND and carer. Family and friends are very welcome .

The management at Dobbies are making space for us and have their own risk assessment procedures but please be aware this is a public place and other people will be around. You must feel comfortable in yourselves about joining us but we will do everything we can to make sure you are as safe as possible. If you have any queries or questions or are unsure of anything please contact your Association Visitor if you have one, or call Diana our Branch Contact on

**07756 864 614 Email: [mndnorthants.branch@gmail.com](mailto:mndnorthants.branch@gmail.com)**

We are so looking forward to seeing you, but please be comfortable with coming.

Thank you

**Kate Inchley (Chair)**

# **SERVICES EXPLAINED**

**Motor Neurone Disease Association, PO Box 246, Northampton, NN1 2PR**

**Telephone: 01604 250505**

**Membership**—This is free to people living with MND and their carer. As a member of the Association you will receive a membership card, our regular magazine *Thumbprint*, full of information—the latest news in care and research as well as features on how some families cope daily with MND, an automatic link to your nearest branch/group and opportunities to get involved at a local level. Invitations to the conferences and seminars we organise. Our *Annual Review/Impact Report* which outlines our progress made over the last financial year and our plans for the year to come. Full membership also entitles you to elect Association trustees and vote at the Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact MND Connect.

**MND Connect**— 0808 8026262—a helpline available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, 7pm-10:30pm (charged at local rate) and email service [mndconnect@mndassociation.org](mailto:mndconnect@mndassociation.org). Provide advice on all aspects of MND. They can also post information about MND and support available.

**Service Development Manager (SDM): Scott Maloney 01604 800634**

**Equipment Loan**— a limited range of equipment is available where not obtainable from statutory services. Requires a written referral from the relevant health or social care professional.

**Financial support**— towards items not available from statutory services. Requires referral from relevant health or social care professional.

Registered Office: Motor Neurone Disease Association

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Telephone: 01604 250505

Registered charity number— 294354

## **Northamptonshire Local Branch**

**Open Meetings** Local support from people in the area who are familiar with the effects of MND. The branch holds bi-monthly meetings for anyone with, or interested in, MND at St Matthew's Church Parish Centre (Contact details on next page)

**Association Visitors (AVs)**- are volunteers who offer advice and support to anyone affected by MND, either face to face, via telephone or by email. Please contact your A.S.C. on the number above for more information.

**Social Gatherings** are occasional opportunities for people affected by MND to come together informally in a safe, friendly environment. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

**Lunchtime Support Group** is another opportunity to meet informally to share experiences.

It is usually held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the restaurant in the Garden Centre (next to Waitrose), Newport Pagnell Road, Wootton, Northampton, NN4 6HP. There is no need to book— just come along but, if possible, arrive by 11:45. Free for anyone with MND and their carer.

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