



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Friday 3rd May 2013 at 2.00pm**  
**Held at Leeming Motel , Leeming**

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all those present and completed the necessary H&S checks.

**Present**

Robert Adamson, Gill Elkins, Janet Chester, Chrissie Grimston, Ann Headland, Doris Watson, Ann Whitewick, Melva Steckles, Barbara Wilmington, Helmut Phol, Ruth Wheatley and Sue Sanderson,

Guest Speaker Dr Anne Hickox

**Apologies**

Greta Lidster, Val Heath and Felicity Thomas

**Minutes of 2012 AGM**

Minutes of the last AGM, held on Friday 11th May 2012 were signed as a correct record.

**Chairman's Report**

It has been a very busy year. Val Heath has worked hard to produce her Support Action Plan. Doris has been busy with the treasurer's post, as it gets more complicated with VAT and Gift Aid.

We have handed over quite a few grants this year to MS sufferers who have needed help with various items.

We have had some very successful collections at Tesco's and various street collections in Northallerton, Bedale and Thirsk.

Melva organised two very successful Action for MS days, which were well attended, and full of useful information, a big thank you for this.

I wish to thank all the committee for their hard work over the last year.

I look forward to another successful and busy year.

## Treasurer's Report

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Treasurers Report – Extract from Pro Forma Year Ending 30 Oct 2012

#### INCOME

Donations/ Fundraising	£11,105
Bank Interest	£ 167
MSS Goods	£ 32
Grants Received	£ 2,000
Sale Donated Goods	£ 488
Raffles	£ 1,058

TOTAL £14,850

#### EXPENDITURE

Support Grants	£5,107
Physio etc	£ 817
Room Hire	£ 411
Transport/Travel	£ 971
Postage	£ 382
Print/Stationery	£1,061
Advertising	£ 65
Sale MS Goods	£ 226
Telephone	£ 270
Fundraising	£2,201
Other Costs	£1,208
Research	£2,500

TOTAL £15,219

#### BALANCE SHEET

Fixed Assets	0	Balance B/Fwd	£20,361
Sundry Debt/ Prepayments	0	Surplus /Deficit	£ (369)
Bank Balance 31/10/1	£24,237	Restricted Funds	0
Current Liabilities	( £4,245)		
TOTAL	£19,992	TOTAL	£19,992

Another excellent year for fundraising. This Balance allows us a good base for the year ahead, our aim being to continue providing information and support to people with MS locally.

In this our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year we look forward to new fundraising ideas.

We are aware that all charities are finding fundraising a challenge, but hope with our existing branch contacts, and our increased presence in the community, we can continue to provide the opportunity to boost funds in 2013.

Many thanks to all who have helped us achieve our current balance.

My report covers up to then end of October, which is our year-end. Full details of the accounts were available to look at together with an abbreviated version

We have no fixed assets as everything has depreciated. There are no Restricted funds.

We gave £2500 to stem cell research and gave out £5,107 in grants.

We did not have any large fundraising event apart from the Golf Day which raised approx £3000.

One of our biggest costs was the initial Action for MS day.

Our present balance is £22,245 but we have grants totalling £4,500 to go out though we have £2,000 due from Head Office

We have a lot of fundraising lined up for this year such as Cake Breaks, Two Golf Days; a donation from the Marathon. We do need to fundraise as it costs a lot to keep the branch running. This year we have had a lot of training to undertake.

The committee thanked Doris for all her hard work.

## **Dales Support Group**

The Dales MS Support Group still meets for lunch once a month with an average attendance of about 12 members.

Since the beginning of 2013 we've not been moving onto Brentwood Lodge after the meal as parking was becoming a problem and fewer people were making the transition. The change will hopefully enable us to have more variety in our venues, and meals will be less rushed. The downside of this change however, is that we cannot currently offer the reflexology. The situation will be reviewed in the near future as part of a full branch survey of the opinions of members on the subject of alternative treatments and how/if/where they should be provided.

Once again we enjoyed a lovely lunch at Val Heath's in the summer.

As in previous years I would like to thank to all the members of the Dales Group who continue to attend and enjoy the monthly lunches.

The committee thanked Gill for all her hard work over the year

## **Physiotherapy Report**

There was no formal physiotherapist report received this year

Sri will be going on maternity leave on 6<sup>th</sup> May details for the cover will be in the next newsletter.

The committee thanked the physio department for all their hard work over the year

## **Election of Officers**

Chairman Melva Steckles Proposed D Watson,  
Seconded C Grimston Agreed by all  
Vice Chairman Chrissie Grimston Proposed by A Whitewick  
Seconded by M Steckles Agreed by all  
Secretary Ann Whitewick Proposed by C Grimston  
Seconded by R Adamson Agreed by all  
Treasurer Doris Watson Proposed by C Grimston  
Seconded by A Headland Agreed by all

## **Committee Members**

The remainder of the Committee agreed to continue: Robert Adamson  
Gill Elkins, Margaret Lister, Felicity Thomas, Greta Lidster, Janet  
Chester, Helmut Phol, Ann Headland and Val Heath

These were voted en bloc and agreed by the members

## **Any other business**

None

The meeting closed at 2.30pm. Dr Hickox then gave a very interesting  
and informative talk. This was followed by afternoon tea.