

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY
Falkirk Branch Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2006

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

The next branch meeting will be on Thursday 7th September in the Windsor Day Unit and the next afternoon meeting will be in St. Francis Xavier church hall on Tuesday 12th September.

Come along and bring a friend or family member, or both.

Finally a poem and a wee prayer submitted by Margaret McGrouther.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a chain of gold
Shaped in God's most precious mould
Each link a laugh, a smile, a tear
A shake of the hand, a word of good cheer
As steadfast as the ages roll
Binding closer soul to soul
No matter how far or how heavy the load
Sweet is the journey on friendship road.

O God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference

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Hi everyone,

You should have had your newsletters sent out today but Jess & I decided that it was such a lovely day and our garden is a wee sun-trap we should have lunch outside and sit quietly enjoying what may be our last chance to enjoy the outdoors. Some of you might say "Did they not have enough of the outdoors yesterday?" More about that later.



August was a very special month for the Branch. On Monday 28th Dr. Lenton, Alan & Jess all went off to The Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh to receive a cheque from Macfarlan Smith pharmaceuticals as we, as you, know are their chosen charity for this year. No folks it gets better, FALKIRK BRANCH is their chosen charity for 2006 and Dr. Lenton, our President was more than happy to accept a cheque for £5,700 11p. Is that something or is that SOMETHING!!



AWARD OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Next day we all took ourselves off to The Leapark Hotel in Grangemouth to have lunch to celebrate Jim 's award of Honorary Life membership of the society.



I know you will all be proud for Jim to have received this prestigious award .It represents a well deserved recognition of his services to the Society and to the branch over the years.

It is also a proud event for the Falkirk branch as we now have two Honorary Life Members For those of you who weren't there, Jim's face was a picture and Wilma looked so very proud. Unbeknown to Jim, Wilma was in on the secret from the beginning. I an Young our Trustee for Scotland travelled down from Inverness to present Jim with His award and the Leapark Hotel served us with a lovely lunch.

THE FALKIRK WHEEL CHALLENGE 2006

Well, our second sponsored walk was on Sunday, and although not as many people took part as last year, it was still a very enjoyable day. The rain went away and stayed away so the walkers had perfect conditions. For those of us left at the wheel it was not so good, and we spent most of our afternoon trying to prevent the gazebos ending up in Grangemouth



The wind was really vicious and I rene had to act as ballast. (her words, not mine)

At one stage we had a body holding down every corner.

It was great to see so many branch members come along to the wheel on Sunday and their help was really appreciated..

I don't think that we'll raise as much money as we did last year, but at least we had a laugh.

