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Hello everyone

Another year has gone by and the AGM is nearly upon us.



This weekend will be hosted by Mercia region, which I know the committee has worked very hard putting it all together.

There will be a Trust dance on the Friday night in the Winter Gardens and also on the Saturday night. I hope that as many of you will be able to support both dances with old friends and new. It is very much appreciated to all the Regions who have hosted various weekends throughout the year.

We have the NCDS because of all the hard work that is put in by all the Branches and Regions who continually work hard throughout the year to help our members. Thank you to them for their loyalty to the movement.

Thank you to all the Branches and Regions that have invited me to their dances this year and made me so welcome.

I would just like to thank all of you for your help and support shown to me this year. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Yours in friendship

MALLY TRAIL

secretary's report



Chair's Message



The last few weeks have been a very busy time for all of us. We have started on an expansion programme to open new NCDS Branches in the North East of England, and, although still in the early stages, I know that the NEC is very confident of success in this area. A big thank you to all the hardwork by NEC members in Newcastle recently.

My thanks to our President, Denise, who has worked hard helping us with our plans, despite personal tragedy.

As we approach the AGM, I hope that we can all take time to remind ourselves about why we joined NCDS and can concentrate on taking the organisation forward.

The support from other Members during our difficult times, the new friends that we made, and the new lives we found, have all come from the people in this wonderful organisation.

We must never forget that there are many more people out there going through the trauma of Separation, Divorce or Bereavement; they need us now as much as we did when we joined. We must spread the word and let everyone know that we are here.

There are so many unhappy people out there that we should never be afraid to tell people of the friendship, support and, in some cases, love that we have found within the organisation.

May I thank all of you for your help and support over the last year.

Yours in Friendship

Martin Benson

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N.C.D.S. MIDLAND REGION

CORDIALLY INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT WEEKEND

AT THE

GRAND HOTEL LLANDUDNO

FRIDAY 19TH & SATURDAY
20TH OCTOBER 2007

ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE OF £76.00 TO £96.00
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RECENTLY UNDERGONE A MAJOR
REFURBISHMENT. THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF
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SERVED BASIS. IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXTEND YOUR
STAY FOR A VERY REASONABLE COST.

SEE YOUR COMMITTEE FOR BOOKING DETAILS.

Yorkshire Region Dance Dates 2007

MARCH

17 23 -25	Rotherham Weston-Super-Mare	Spring Nat.A.G.M
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APRIL

21	Hull	Valentine's
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MAY

5	Leeds	Spring
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JUNE

9 16 23	Scunthorpe Norton Hull	Summer Annual
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JULY

7 21	Yorkshire Region Scunthorpe	Summer
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AUGUST

4	Mexborough	Annual
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Some Hull and Sheffield members got together and went on holiday to Torquay, don't they look a posh lot, also Steve won the sheep, evidently in a raffle. (No further comment)

"J.R."



WIGAN BRANCH

For over 100 Wigan NCDS members Christmas came early this year, on December 23rd.

When our venue was cancelled, with only 5 days to go, Father and Mother Christmas, in the guise of Wilf and Rita, pulled out all the stops to find a new venue and inform all the members.

Ethel worked hard on the door as usual, Ken and Paul provided the music to help us dance the night away, and we all enjoyed a wonderful buffet.

What could have been a disaster turned into a triumph. Many thanks to all concerned.

Beryl Pyott

Well done all you Wigan people, you certainly did well to pull this one off.

"J.R."

Hi There!



Yes it's "J.R." once again with more news from around the country. Well folks this is the last one before the A.G.M., so I would like to thank all those that have sent in info and photos for the last year, also your support and good comments either by letter or telephone. As I have said in the past I only edit the Newsletter, it's all your info that keeps it going. Once again my friends I say thank you and hope to see you at Western, and we will see what the future holds.

I look forward to saying "hello", so come and have a chat with lil'ol "J.R." if you get the chance.

My best wishes to one and all,

John Rush (News editor)

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EVERYONE NEEDS A SMILE

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu



When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

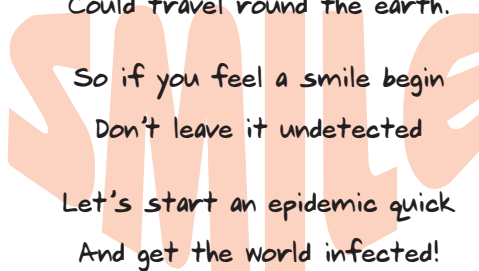
I passed around the corner and
Someone saw me grin
When he smiled
I realised I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile
Then I realised its worth

A single smile just like mine
Could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected

Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected!



Midland Region Dance Dates 2007

MARCH

24	National AGM	Weston-Super-Mare	
31	Nottingham Locksley	Basford Miners Welfare	L/E

APRIL

7	Midland Region Support Officers	Newstead	L/E
14	Derby	Newstead	A
15 Sun	Midland Region Quarterly 12 noon	Newstead	
21 Cancelled	Staveley Tuesday	Newstead unavailable	P
28	Lady Jane Grey	Newstead	P

MAY

5	Staveley Tuesday	Speedwell Rooms	P
12	Worksop	Newstead	P
19	Lincoln	Newstead	L/E
26	Mansfield B.O.G	Newstead	A

JUNE

2	South Notts	Newstead	A
9	Halfway Crystal Phoenix	Federation house	A
16	Midland Region Officers	Newstead	
23	Charnwood Pheonix	Newstead	L/E
24	Mid. Reg. Quarterly 12 noon	Newstead	
30	Worksop	Retford	

JULY

7	Loughborough Phoenix	Newstead	P
14	Staveley Tuesday	Nwstead	A
21	Nottingham Locksley	Basford Miners Welfare	P
28	Derby	Newstead	L/E

WIRRAL BRANCH

Dear John

On Wednesday 16 February the Wirral celebrated their 40th Anniversary combining it with St. Valentine's Night. Members were asked to wear something red and to the delight of the Committee everyone who came along wore something red. Live entertainment with a duo 'Chimes 2', free members money draw, (5 x £40.00), refreshments, balloons and disco. The cake that we had made was put on as an extra raffle prize. Rita, one of our longstanding members, won this. All had a thoroughly enjoyable night.

Brenda Kennedy
Secretary



Well done the Wirral on reaching your 40th. You know what they say - life begins at 40.

"J.R."

AYLSHAM & NORWICH NCDS HEROES & VILLAINS PARTY

The Aylsham and Norwich branch, who meet every Wednesday at The Criffield Suite in the British Legion Building in Aylsham Road, Norwich, held a Heroes and Villains evening and were exterminated. Among the guests were St George, Bonnie and Clyde, Marie Antoinette and Rasputin, the Mad Monk, but were surprised when a Dalek turned up demanding entry. Due to his fearsome reputation, he was admitted without delay.

The picture shows Committee Member, Nigel Pearce, battling with the Skaro invader, after he threatened to exterminate all inferior villains!! Needless to say he was very popular, and was the subject of much interest, especially when he allowed himself to be photographed by everyone.

You know that Daleks Rule, and it's for real. The proof is right here.

Nigel Pearce
Norwich and Aylsham Entertainments Manager
and Committee Member



December 2006

If any other branches are interested in using a Dalek for branch purposes, please contact Nigel Pearce at Planet Skaro Promotions Ltd on Tel. 01263 711102.

"J.R."

TAMWORTH BRANCH

Hi John

Here are a couple of photos from our Birthday Dance at Drayton Manor on 17th February. We had many visitors and guests help us to celebrate on this our Special 25th Birthday Dance, including National Chair, Martin, and National Secretary, Mally, to mention but a few. Once again what a great night was had by all, which I am sure you will be able to tell from photos enclosed. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all our members to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported us. We look forward to seeing you all in Weston.



Sue, Phil and Hanna.



Keith Holbrook, Vice Chairman, Jim and Declan.



Mary - she was trying to take off, I think.



Tamworth Committee from left to right Jim, Dave M., Pat, Barbara, Declan, myself June, Keith Sue, Dave H., Hanna, Dave R. The last four stepped in to help us on the night and also in the afternoon to get the room ready which we were very grateful for.



Barbara Dutton, our Secretary, and Regional Vice President, Jim Dutton.

ST HELENS PHOENIX CLUB

We are moving on a **TEMPORARY BASIS**

Our First evening at our new venue will be the Wed 14th March 2007

At the Cricket & Bowling Club

Ireland Road

Haydock

LEIGH BRANCH

Hi J.R

Happy New Year to you and to all our friends in the NCDS - here's hoping that 2007 is a good year for everyone.

We held a New Year's Fancy Dress Ball on Friday, 29th December 2006, attended by 180 members. The photo shows just some of our members in fancy dress - it certainly put a smile on everyone's face!



What a lovely looking bunch you have in Leigh, I'll certainly have to meet them one of these days.

"J.R."

SHEFFIELD VALENTINE'S DANCE

Sheffield held their Valentine's Dance at Bramhall Lane on 17th February. A good time was had by all who attended.

It's a "guess who" photo. I think it is Joyce, Nina, Julie, June and Marie.

"J.R."

Also congratulations to Les and Vanessa who got engaged at the dance.



LEIGH BRANCH

Dear J.R

Christmas brought special happiness to two of our couples, as they got engaged. The photos show Anna and Keith and also Doreen and Ray. Congratulations to both couples, we all wish you every happiness for the future.

Joan Lowe



DONCASTER BRANCH

Harry (Chair) and Derris (Treasurer) enjoying a night out which they deserve, as they have helped, along with others, to put Doncaster branch on the map.

"J.R."



STAVELEY TUESDAY

Some of our members enjoying themselves at a Turkey & Tinsel party at Babbacombe. Staveley Tuesday Club members certainly know how to let their hair down. The only thing is they like everyone else to join in, no matter what time it is.

Denise Goodall
Secretary



You certainly have some lovely looking ladies in the Tuesday branch. That gentleman must be enjoying himself.

"J.R."

STAVELEY GENESIS

On 2nd November we held our Halloween Party. The event was very well supported by other clubs. Many people came in "Fancy Dress" and a good night was had by all.

A cake baked by Sue Brooks was raffled off. This is only one of many cakes Sue has donated over the past year, up to now she has raised around £300 for the club.

Fancy meeting some of these people on a dark night!

"J.R."



LEEDS BRANCH

Leeds held their annual dance with a hospital theme.



Some of the members taking part.



Our Vera and Cynthia, I'm not sure whether the masks were to keep the dust out or stop them talking. (Only joking ladies)

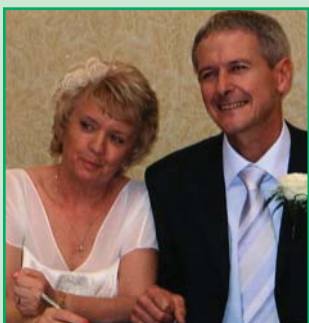
"J.R."



President Jean with her birthday flowers.

TAMESIDE BRANCH

Tameside celebrated two weddings in 2006.



Mr & Mrs Domvile



Mr & Mrs Paul Mansell

Best wishes to all of you from me.

"J.R."

Also celebrated Halloween and all those in the photo were winners



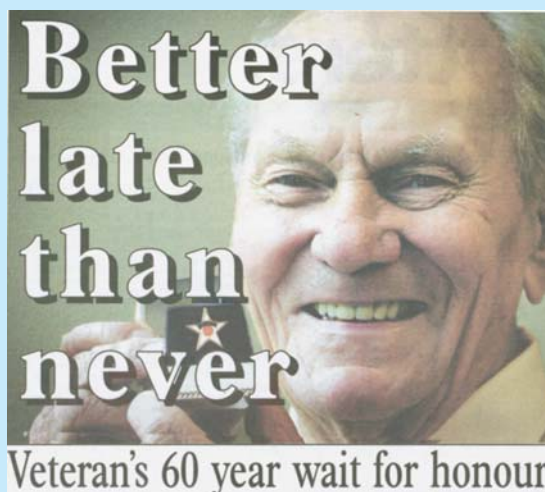
Hope they never had a cauldron in the background.

"J.R."

MANCUNIAN PHOENIX BRANCH

Please find enclosed a newspaper article for our member 83 year old Les Peet, his story about 'his war' and the fact that he was very proud to receive his medal of Recognition of Service in the Royal Navy.

The medal called the Arctic Star is lovely, and he was very proud to be wearing it at our club.



We enjoy the newsletter - you do a good job.

Pauline Burt

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NORTH ANGLIA REGION

Further information can be obtained from the
Regional Secretary on 01760 440163

WEDNESDAY

Aylsham & Norwich: The Royal British Legion, Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2HF

Fakenham: Falkland Room, Royal British Legion, Cattle Market St. Fakenham, NR21 9AW

Attleborough: (1st and 3rd Thursdays) The Queens Head P.H. Wymondham, Norfolk, N18 0AR

FRIDAY

Toftwood: Conservative Club, Quebec Street, Dereham, NR19 2DJ

YORKSHIRE REGION

Further information can be obtained from the
Regional Secretary on 01226 711942

MONDAY

Barnsley: The Silkston, Park Road, Barnsley, S70 1YG

Leeds: (1st & 3rd Mondays) The Railwaymens Club, Driver Terrace (Wortley) off Wellington Rd, Leeds, LE12 1EB (**2nd & 4th Mondays**) CENSSA (opp B.H.S) Boar Lane, Leeds LS1 5DF

Rotherham: Nellie Denes, Chantry Bridge, S60 1RD

TUESDAY

Norton: Norton House, Country Club, Norton Lane, Sheffield, S8 8HD

Scunthorpe: R.A.O.B Club, Bottesford Road, Ashby, DN16 3HF

WEDNESDAY

Darton Phoenix: The Travellers, Intake Lane, Pogmore

Hull: Merchant Navy Club, Ferensway, Hull, HU2 8HY

Sheffield: Farm Road Sports & Social Club, Farm Road, Sheffield, S2 2TP

THURSDAY

Doncaster: The Catholic Club, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3DY

Mexborough: Miners Welfare, Athletic Club, New Oxford Rd, Mexborough, S64 0EJ

MERCIA REGION

Further information can be obtained from the
Regional Secretary on 0121 357 1312

MONDAY

Northfield: Rover Social Club, Longbridge Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham, B31 2SF

TUESDAY

Sandwell: The Oak Dale Social Club, Oak Lane, West Bromich, B70 8PR

Wolverhampton: The Windsor Club, Cannock Road, Corner of Woden Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7JP

WEDNESDAY

Great Barr: Contact 01213 571312 for information.

Lye: British Legion, School Drive, Amblecote, Stourbridge, DY8 4DQ

THURSDAY

Tamworth: Progressive Club, Halford Street, Tamworth. B79 7RD

Bromsgrove: Bewell Head Working Mens Club, Bewell Head Road, Bromsgrove Worc.

SATURDAY

Redditch: The Mettis Aerospace (H.D.A). Sports & Social Club, Cherry Tree Walk, Batchley, Redditch, B97 6PB

SUNDAY

Dudley: Station Hotel, Castle Hill, Dudley DY1 4RA

Yardley: The Sedgemere Sports and Social Club, Sedgemere Road, Yardley, B26 2AX

MIDLAND REGION

Further information can be obtained from the
Regional Secretary on 01773 743052

MONDAY

Loughborough: Garendon Social Club, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ

TUESDAY

Nottingham Locksley: Basford Miners Welfare, Bagnall Road, Cinderhill, Nottingham, NG8 6AU

Staveley Tuesday: Staveley Miners Welfare, Staveley, Nr Chesterfield.

WEDNESDAY

Derby Mosaic: The Meadows Inn, Chequers Lane, Chaddesden, Derby, DE21 6EP

Leicester: O'Neill's, 18 Loseby Lane, Leicester, LE1 5DR

Lincoln Phoenix: The Naval Club, Coulson Road, Lincoln, LN6 7BG

Worksop Oakdale: Manton Sports & Social Club, Retford Road, Worksop, S80 2PU

THURSDAY

South Notts: Federation House, Claremont Road, Nottingham, NG5 1BB

Halfway 'Crystal Phoenix': Old Queen, Head Pond Hill, Sheffield

Lady Jane Grey: The Linford, Main Street, New town, Linford, Leicester, LE6 0AD

Charnwood Phoenix: The Brush Social Club, Fennel Street, Loughborough, LE11 1UQ

Staveley Genesis: Troughlee Club Troughbrook Road, Hollingwood, Staveley, S43 2JP

FRIDAY

Mansfield 'Band of Gold': Lakeside Leisure, Pleasley, Mansfield, Notts.

NORTH WEST REGION

Further information can be obtained from the
Regional Secretary on 0161 652 2649

TUESDAY

Blackpool: Co-op S&S Club, Preston New Road, Blackpool, FY4 4RE

Longsight: Longsight Sports & Social Club, Gorton, Kirkmanshulme Lane, Belle View, Manchester, M12 4NQ

Warrington: Eagle Sports Club, Thornton Road, Penketh, WA5 2SZ

WEDNESDAY

St. Helens: Cricket & Bowling Club, Ireland Road, Haydock

Wirral: Port Sunlight British Legion, New Chester Road, New Ferry, Wirral, CH62 4RA

THURSDAY

Manchester: The Irish Club, Cross Road, off High Lane, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 9DH

Northwich: The Gladstone Club, Station Road, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 5RB

Tameside: The Denton Labour Club, Ashton Road, Denton, M34 3JF

FRIDAY

Leigh Branch: 1st Friday of each month, Formby Hall, Alder Street, Atherton. Other Fridays Miners Welfare Inst, Kirby Road, Off Twist Lane, Leigh, WN7 4EF

SATURDAY

Wigan: Contact 01942 203265 for more information

SUNDAY

Bruche: Alford S&S Club, Manchester Road, Warrington, WA1 3NJ

LONDON & HOME COUNTIES REGION

Further information can be obtained from the
Regional Secretary on 020 8668 9224

WEDNESDAY

Croydon: St Mary's Church Hall, Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR0 2AR

North West London: The Shakespeare Hall, Edgware Constitutional Club, 49/51 Manor Park Crescent, Edgware, HA8 7LY

NON-REGIONAL BRANCHES

Further information can be obtained from the regional liason officer on
01159 306593

MONDAY

Brighton: The King & Queen, 13 Marlborough Place, Brighton, BN1 1UB

Swansea: Contact Secretary Tel 01443 660202.

TUESDAY

Aireborough: The White Swan, High Street, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7TA

Sutton Coldfield: St Thomas Social Club, Station Road, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6JL

Lowestoft: Blue Notes, Claremont Pier, Lowestoft, NR33 0BS

Merthyr Tydfil: (2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month) Cefn Coed Workmens Club, Pontycapel Road, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil.

Warley: Midland Red Social Club, Wolverhampton Rd South, Quinton, Birmingham. B32 2AY

WEDNESDAY

Belfast: 8/10 Dundela Avenue, Belfast.

Coventry: Tam-o'-Shanter Club, Hartford Place, Coventry, CV1 3JZ

THURSDAY

Fareham: Hill Park Working Mens Club, Highlands Road, Fareham, PO13 0AS

Willenhall: Shepwell Green Social Club, Bilston Lane, Willenhall, WV13 2QF

FRIDAY

Tunbridge Wells: Majori, Finzi Room, Hildenborough Village Hall, Riding Lane, Hildenborough, Kent, TN11 9HY

SUNDAY

Preston: School Lane Working Men's Club, St. Aidan's Rd, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6GD

Please not change of venues.

Aylsham & Norwich

Toftwood

Scunthorpe

Bromsgrove

Redditch

Dudley

St. Helens

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