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Chair's Message



A new Branch has started in the North East giving support to the divorced, separated and widowed.

For the first time in years NCDS can say that we are expanding our network of Branches. This has involved a lot of hard work by many people, not the least Kathleen Douglas who is acting Chair of Whitemare Pool Phoenix.

Kathleen has shown the commitment and dedication which we all show in running our Branches and supporting the Clubs which we visit. However, NCDS is primarily about people.

We have all been through the pain and heartache of losing a partner. With some the loss is recent and the pain is still very real. In time, as the heartache eases and we move on with our lives, with the new friends we make through NCDS, there is a tendency for the memory of what we suffer to be forgotten.

We should never forget. The pain which we all went through is still being endured by people today. Those people need the friendship and support of a caring organisation and only by being there for them can we help others to move on with their lives and find the happiness which we have all found. We need to let everyone know that there is a caring, friendly and supportive group available to help them rebuild their lives after the traumas of Divorce, Separation or Bereavement.

You, the Members are the best advert NCDS can have. By being proud to be a Member and telling everyone you know about the organisation, more and more people will hear of us and be curious enough to visit a Branch to see for themselves what all the fuss is about.

Whitemare Pool Phoenix is a fine example of what can be achieved by a small group of committed individuals in a relatively short time. I hope that your pride in your Membership and in the Branch that you joined will help to achieve great things for the organisation all over the country.

Martin Benson - Chair

chairman's report

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ROBBERS**
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MORE INSIDE**

Hello everyone!



Thanks to Mercia Region for a wonderful weekend at Weston.

Thank you to you the members for electing me as your National Secretary for another year.

Congratulations to Kathleen Douglas who has worked very hard to open up our first branch in the North East. It is from her commitment to the NCDS that this has happened.

We must all not forget why we joined NCDS, at times this can be forgotten. There are many people out there that we need to reach to give our support and friendship, and by working this can be achieved.

Please keep up this good work and together we can take the organisation forward.

Yours in friendship

Mally Trail

National Secretary

secretary's report

MIDLAND REGION DANCE DATES 2007

AUGUST

4th	Newstead unavailable		
5th	Midland Region EGM - 12noon	Newstead	
11th	Newstead unavailable		
18th	Lincoln	Newstead	P
25th			

September

1st	Staveley Tuesday	Newstead	L/E
8th	Mansfield B.O.G	Newstead	L/E
9th (Sun)	Mid. Reg. Quarterly	Newstead	
15th	Mid. Reg. P/M	Newstead	
22nd	Halfway Crystal Phoenix	Federation House	L/E
29th	Mid Region P/G		

October

6th	S. Notts	Newstead	L/E
13th	Nottingham Locksley	Basford Miners Welfare	A
20th	National Weekend	Llandudno	
27th	Loughborough Phoenix	Newstead	A

November

3rd	Mansfield B.O.G.	Newstead	P
10th	Derby	Newstead	A
11th	Midland Region Quarterly	Newstead	
17th	Loughborough Phoenix	Garendon Club	L/E
24th	Midland Region Support Offices	Newstead	

LEIGH BRANCH *Hi JR, How yer diggerlin?? Fine - we hope.*

I have forwarded a photo of some of the 160 people who enjoyed Leigh's Valentine Dance on Friday February 16th at Leigh Miners. Keep up the good work.

Kind regards

*Joan Lowe
Leigh Branch Secretary*

*Keep dancing the night
away at Leigh and enjoy
yourselves. "J.R."*



DONCASTER BRANCH

The wedding took place recently of Harry (Chair) and Deress (Treasurer) of Doncaster Branch.

Good luck to you both for the future.



SILVER WEDDING

Ken and Betty Black were congratulated at the Branch on reaching their 25th Wedding Anniversary in May. Ken, the President has been a member for 34 years and Betty for 28 years. Ken was Chairman for over 20 years and has worked consistently hard, along with Betty to keep the Branch going. He is a National and Midland Region Vice President and both he and Betty are on the Derby Committee, taking a back seat now, but always there to help and advise. They look forward to many more happy years together!



From the members and Committee of Derby Mosaic.

May I give you two young people my congratulations also, and good luck for the future. "J.R."

Hello to one and all!



Yes it's me once again many thanks for your support and good comments which are very much appreciated. To all my friends out there, I do not know if this will be my last newsletter or not, we will have to see what is in store for the future.

If it is, my thanks to all who have supported me throughout, it has been a pleasure working for you all.

As I have said before many of you I have not actually met in person but still have gained your friendship and met you through your photos, letters and phone calls.

Otherwise, if this is not my last I will see you in the future which I will look forward to.

Once again many thanks and best wishes.

John Rush (News editor)

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SCUNTHORPE WEDDING

Scunthorpe Phoenix Branch. Two club members, Cathy Dickington and Dave Oxley who met through the club got married on June 8th 2007 at Gretna Green.

We wish them both all the best and happiness in th future years together.

From all at SCUNNY.



My congratulations also. "J.R."

Northfield Branch

Held a Vicars & Tarts Evening

which everyone enjoyed.

Anything for a laugh!



Doncaster

Dear John

Just to let you know that we at Doncaster held a 1940 theme night at the club which everybody enjoyed. We had some photos taken could you put them in next issue of the magazine. I am enclosing one of our three ladies dressed in sailors uniforms.

*Thank You
Les Jones*

I bet any Captain would welcome these three lovely ladies and handsome man on board. "J.R."



COPS & ROBBERS NIGHT!

WILLENHALL BRANCH

Here are some photos of our fancy dress night, Cops & Robbers in April.



Val & Geoff



Linda



Trev (The Baddie)



Val & Doreen



Shepwel Members

Sure is some lovely looking cops in Willenhall, are all the men looking to get arrested up there? - "J.R."

ORBITUARIES

Scunthorpe

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Hazel Wood. She was a member over a number of years, and enjoyed her walking in Derbyshire and Yorkshire Moors with the club. She passed away after a long illness on the 6th March 2007 and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Malcolm Gray (Chair)

Northfield

Would like to pass on our condolences to Pat Sirrett (partner of Roger Talbot) who passed away in March. He was a long standing member.

Namely Vice-Chair and Welfare Officer, alongside his partner Pat. *He will be greatly missed by all.*

Pat we are here for you at Northfield.

N.C.D.S Trust Appeal

I make this appeal on behalf of the Trust for much needed funds.

The Trust is there to help as many requests from people who need a little assistance in their hour of need. It relies on donations from its members as we are not in a position to be able to collect in shopping centres or house to house collections like other charities.

I know some of you already donate generously, individually and we also have some branches who have pledged £5 a month, some have donated a year's amount in one go £60 which we are extremely grateful for.

What I am asking is that a lot more would consider doing something like this so as to keep the Trust going, or hold a dance in aid of or a donation from such or consider a pound a week out of your raffle.

Once again, my friends the Trust needs donations to keep going, the more it gets the more people it can help.

Finally we all say "I'm alright", "I don't need help" but who knows what is round the corner, tomorrow it could be one of us who needs that help.

Once again many thanks to those who donate to others please please think about it.

Please remember today your N.C.D.S Trust needs you. Tomorrow you might need the Trust.

Many Thanks

John Rush

A Trustee of the Trust



NCDS Trust



Dear Sir, Madam

I am writing to express my most grateful thanks and appreciation for your kind gift of £170 for a washing machine I had requested.

The machine arrived this morning and the children and I are so blessed to see it working.

Thank you again, so much for your kindness.

Dear Sir, Madam

I am writing on behalf of our client to thank you for your kind donation of £50.00 towards carpeting costs. This is very gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued good work. It is very much appreciated.

Letting our hair down at Weston AGM 2007

Karaoke night was hosted by Tamworth at Regency Hotel



Easter Bonnet 2007



Have a go with the fun page.

SUDOKU for fun and **CROSSWORD** for a great Prize!

Sudoku *Have fun!* answers in the next issue of the magazine

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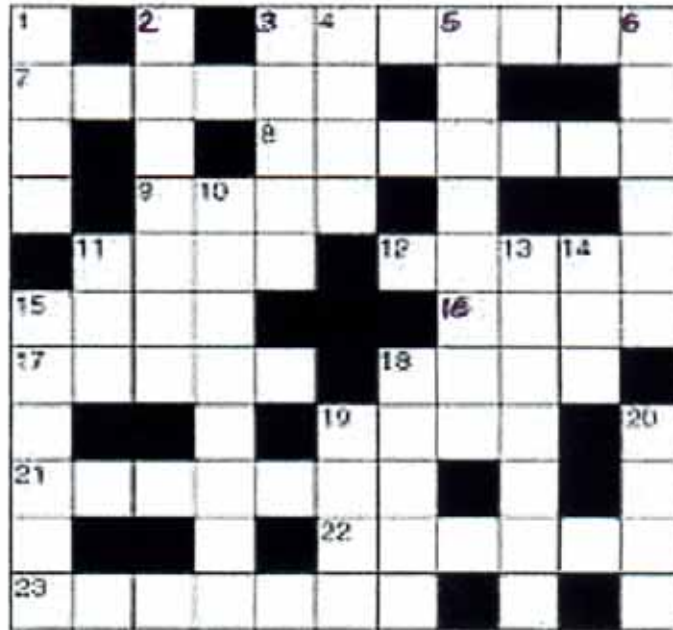
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Crossword NO: 1

ACROSS

- 3 Massacring (7)
- 7 Fled (6)
- 8 Type of pillow (7)
- 9 Verbal (4)
- 11 M East inhabitant (4)
- 12 Ramp (5)
- 15 Frozen (4)
- 16 Level (4)
- 17 Doctor (5)
- 18 Russian ruler (4)
- 19 Clenched hand (4)
- 21 Non-professional (7)
- 22 Large fruit (6)
- 23 Gave more weapons (7)



DOWN

- 1 Competent (4)
- 2 Baffled (7)
- 3 Greek dish (5)
- 4 Object of worship (4)
- 5 Apathetic (8)
- 6 Back yard (6)
- 10 Heating appliance (8)
- 11 Card (3)
- 13 Applause (7)
- 14 For every (3)
- 15 Weaken (6)
- 18 Weary (5)
- 19 Seethe (4)
- 20 Marine creature (4)

£10 Prize

Send in your completed crossword
to the National Secretary
51 Jubilee Way Necton PE37 8NA

Closing Date 14th September

First correct entry drawn wins £10



Happy Gang



MEXBOROUGH

You need never walk alone at Mexborough Branch NCDS as this photo proves. A Sunday walk followed by Sunday lunch is just the job for these members.

PRESTON

Hello John!

Yes it's Preston Branch again, having had a brilliant Easter Dance, we have now started our Crown Green Bowls, season one of the various things we do at Preston N.C.D.S

Enclosed is photograph from our first game, hello to everyone, and a big thanks to you John (Des Chairman).

Many Thanks Des. It's nice to see all those smiling happy faces from Preston keep it up. "J.R."



Staveley Tuesday

Dear John

Please find enclosed 2 photo's of Mrs Barbara O'Dell a member of our committee who lost her husband Graham to cancer 2 years ago. These were taken when we had a charity night to raise money for the hospice who looked after him so well. Barbara went along to present the cheque in person.



*Many Thanks John
Denise Goodhall (Sec)*



*Two poems by
Avril of Northwich*

*Why not use the
"IF" one when talking
to and persuading
new people to join
N.C.D.S. "J.R."*

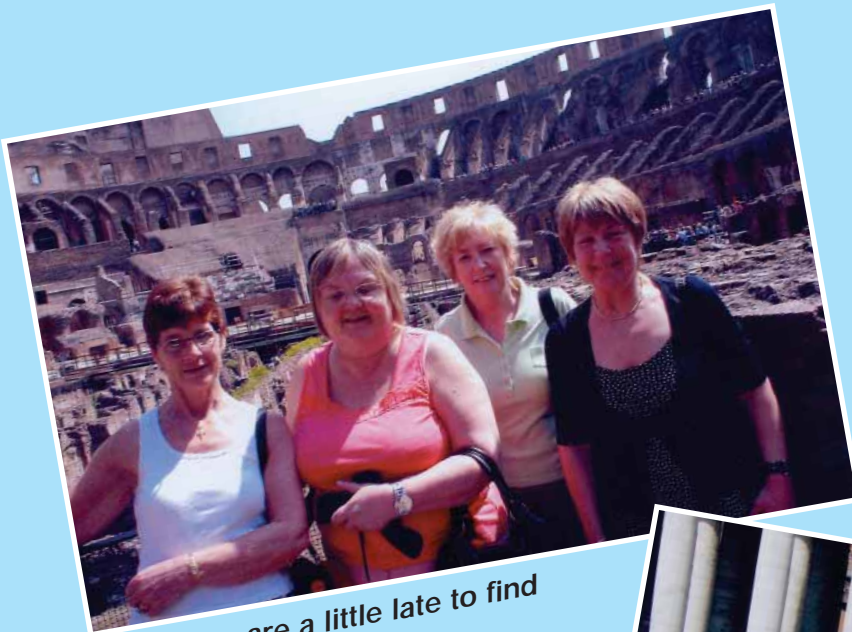
Always Remember

*Life is short,
Break the rules,
4give quickly,
Kiss slowly,
Love truly,
Laugh uncontrollably 'n'
never*

*Regret anything that
made you smile.*

IF

*If luck is a raindrop,
I'd send you a shower.
If hope is a minute,
I'd send you an hour.
If happiness is a leaf,
I'd give you a tree.
And if you need a friend
You will always have me*



*Seems we are a little late to find
any Gladiators!*

**Girls from Sheffield N.C.D.S got
together for a holiday in Rome.**

Marie, Linda, Kath & Joyce are at the Vatican.



At the Vatican

WORKSOP OAKDALE BRANCH

Members celebrating the opening night of their new venue on the 7th May and certainly enjoying themselves.

Hope you did not eat too much cake and saved me a slice!

Good luck for the future in the new venue.

"J.R."



DANCE DATES FOR YORKSHIRE REGION 2007

AUGUST	4th	Mexborough	Annual
SEPTEMBER	8th	Leeds	Annual
	15th	Darton	Summer
	22nd	Rotherham	Annual
OCTOBER	6th	Barnsley	Birthday
	13th	Scunthorpe	Annual
NOVEMBER	17th	Sheffield	Annual

40TH BIRTHDAY

My 40th birthday is one I will never forget. I celebrated it with my friends at Sheffield NCDS. So many people were there to celebrate with me and it made me feel so loved and wanted. It showed me how many friends I have and everyone made me feel special. I am glad that I joined as I now have so many true friends who are always there for me no matter what.

I only went to the club at first with my mate so she didn't have to go alone but we liked it so much we joined. I can't wait for Wednesday night to come because I look forward so much to going to the club.

I would like to say many thanks to everyone who has helped me change my life, I am a lot happier now.

Love to you all!

Caroline

HI THERE!

Let me tell you a story about this woman I once knew. She would stay at home night and day, her life was her kids as she wanted to be there for them when they needed her.

Her son had this teacher who came to teach him at home and this mum and the teacher got talking and became friends. One day the teacher told her that she needed to get out and live a life of her own. The kids would soon grow up and leave and what would she do then. The teacher told her to try NCDS, so she said OK I'll give it a try, but week after week she never went.

Many months later she asked her friend the teacher if she would go with her to try it out. The teacher's mum, who was a member of NCDS, welcomed them and made sure they didn't sit alone. Everyone they met was friendly and they enjoyed it so much they joined and they go every week.

As time passed, the woman changed. Her home life is happier and she has learnt to love herself and has become best mates with the teacher friend. That woman I once knew has now long gone and in her place is a happy person with lots of friends - she never looks back and thanks her friend for getting her down to the NCDS.

I know this story is true - 'cos I was that woman.

Oliva



Sheffield

Sheffield members gone crazy, back to the Seventies.



Whitemare Pool

Phoenix Nr Gateshead

Yes we have got into the North East, congratulations to Kathleen Douglas who has worked hard with the help of friends and also N.C.D.S people to get Whitemare up and running.

Well done Kathleen, also your friends up there keep up the good work and good luck for the future.

"J.R."

RED & WHITE NIGHT



Hull held a Red and White charity dance in April and raised £200 to be donated to the Humber Lifeboat.

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NORTH ANGLIA REGION

Further information can be obtained from the Regional Secretary on 01603 852034

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Attleborough: (1st and 3rd Thursdays) The Queens Head PH. 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

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 0JL

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 on Telephone 07041 478120.

MONDAY

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

Worksop Oakdale: The Stanley Street Sports & Social Club, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Manchester

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Derby Mosaic: The Moon, Station Road, Spondon, Derby

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

THURSDAY

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

Halfway 'Crystal Phoenix': The Three Cranes, Queen Street, Sheffield

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.

SUNDAY

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

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 Trafford Ex Service Club, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Manchester

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

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

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 note change of venues:
Worksop, Manchester, Derby, Halfway

Branch details were correct as notified when published.
Please inform Mally Trail, the National Secretary, of any changes on 07041 478120