

## Electronic Newsletter

Any Member of the Branch having access to a computer & e-mail can receive this newsletter on their Pc. Please send an e-mail request to Don McCallum via the e-mail address below to be added to the list.. (Please include the version of MS Office you use ie. 95, 97, 2000 or, you can get it on pdf format (Adobe Acrobat).

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# COLLECTIBLES

A couple of our members at the branch have kindly offered to attend a car boot sale on behalf of the Branch in order to sell “collectibles”, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Branch.. The venue and date have not yet been arranged since we first of all have to gather together the items for sale then, find a local venue.

If any member has items which would come under the heading of “Collectibles”, and this is a very broad ranging title nowadays, please contact Frank Jenkinson, Tel: 01670-515451 or, bring them along to one of the monthly Branch meetings where we can arrange delivery to the appropriate persons. Collectibles can be anything that someone else would wish to add to their own collection however the items should be in reasonably good condition. The broad term “Collectibles” can mean for example, China, Ornaments, Toys, Magazines & Comics etc. The list is pretty much endless. Bear in mind however, the criteria to consider is the condition of the objects. A good example might be children’s comics from the 1960’s and 70’s. People will pay to collect these items but a ragged and torn comic obviously will not be saleable however if you have a copy of say, the “Dandy” in mint or almost new condition watch out! Someone will rip off your arm to get it, usually for quite a tidy sum of money.

So - get into your garage or attic and empty the box that’s been stuck at the back for the last twenty years (everyone has one of those) or, into your son’s old bedroom and check out what’s left in the case under the bed when he left home ten years ago, If you find a copy of the Dandy in good condition, a matchbox car still in its box or, an old china tea pot or ornament you were thinking of throwing out - DON’T. Check with Frank first, you never know, it may be worth something to the branch if we can dispose of it for you.

*MS Helpline, Tel*

*0808-800-8000 (freephone)*

*Mon - Fri 9 am – 9 pm*

## MS SUPPORT GROUPS

While investigating recently, if there were any ex-military people with MS in the Region, I came across a list of National Support Groups that have sprung up around the country. These, for the most part, are not constituted branches of the MS Society but merely groups of sufferers and their carers who share a background, particular interest or, way of life. There are quite a few groups of different types around the country and far too many to publish here however, some examples below:

**Asian MS** (formerly RAAMS)

**Gay & Lesbian MS Support**

**Rishon MS Aid Group** (focus on Jewish religion)

**Mutual Support (Armed Forces)** Contact Richard Ludford Tel: 01666-824709

## Multiple Challenge

Fancy a respite holiday with a difference?

A sailing project managed & crewed by people with MS

[www.multiplechallenge.co.uk](http://www.multiplechallenge.co.uk)

or telephone 01255-820085

If anyone has a particular interest or has heard of a group with your interests and wish to contact them – give the Secretary a call and I shall try and find out the details for you. The number is overleaf.

There are six different hotels listed in England and two in Scotland plus a couple of caravans (mobile homes) listed for respite care. If you want the numbers, again, phone me.

## PRESCRIPTIONS

Not every patient with MS will have been made aware of the system by which you may receive free prescriptions. Like many benefits it is not widely advertised and some people do fall through the loop by not knowing. Check with your local GP to find out whether you are paying for your prescriptions unnecessarily. If you are housebound or in receipt of certain benefits you may not have to pay. The Local Experts on the subject work at your Doctors Surgery **CHECK!**