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SUMMER 2015

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"Take Heart" Southend and District Cardiac Support Group Chairman: Paul Halley

spell so what chance do I have! I'm off to find some sun so will be away when you receive this, so don't bother to ring and tell me all the mistakes as you will only get the answer phone.

This summer edition is all about what we have bought or are about to buy the various Cardiac Departments at our Southend University Hospital. Details and pictures are on the centre pages, hopefully in colour.

At our AGM back in April all those who stood for committee were voted on with a few new volunteers. We welcome back June Johnson and new members to the committee Beryl Whitehead and co-opted member Les Whitehead. Grateful thanks to Tony James and Rita for their work in the past, both deciding to stand down. Our treasurer Colin reported that we are still solvent and the future looks good, even after spending £20,000.00 we still have a bit to play with.

We recently took part in a challenge walking football match against the local "Puffer

Club" for people with COPD, it was great fun the teams are pictured on the front cover. The game finished 8 all with the Puffers retaining the trophy as we need to win it! to keep it! so we will have a return match next year. Pictured is Annie the captain of the Puffers with her trophy (as they say size doesn't matter)

We also recently entered a Take Heart Team into a charity golf day held at Ballards Gore golf club in aid of "Help Tracy get Back on her Feet appeal" which most of you would have read about in the papers. Tracy is a very brave local 34 year old mum





of two small boys who was very ill last Christmas with meningitis and other problems and unfortunately doctors had to amputate both legs from the knees and her fingers. We were pleased to support this day and the amount raised is expected to be over £5,000. Pictured is our team Paul Halley, Frank James,

Des Murphy and Terry Ryan. We were nearer last than first but the day was for a very good cause so the standard of golf didn't matter.

We hope to arrange a Take Heart holiday in April next year to the Warners hotel at Cricket St. Thomas in Somerset (the manor house used in the popular series "To the Manor Born") The dates are Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April. Full board with excursions every day and all transport, cost will be in the region of £330.00 each. If you would like more details and a booking form please declare your interest to me at our meetings or phone 01702 309042 leaving your name and address and a form with full details will be sent to you when available.

If you are, like me off to find some sun this year always remember to order your medication nice and early and make sure you pack them along with passports, insurance documents and European medical cards if going to Europe and all the other important items you need for a hassle free holiday. All the best and have a great summer. *Paul*

Subject: ACTUAL SENTENCES FOUND IN PATIENTS HOSPITAL CHARTS

- 1. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
- 2. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- 3. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
- 4. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
- 5. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993
- 6. Discharge status: Alive but without my permission.
- 7. Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
- 8. The patient refused autopsy.
- 9. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- 10. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- 11. Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a forty pound weight gain in the past 3 days.
- 12. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
- 13. Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
- 14. Since she can't get pregnant with her husband, I thought you might like to work her up.
- 15. She is numb from her toes down.
- 16. While in ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
- 17. The skin was moist and dry.
- 18. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
- 19. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- 20. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
- 21. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
- 22. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
- 23. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
- 24. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
- 25. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
- 26. The patient was to have a bowel resection, but, he took a job as a stock broker instead.
- 27. Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- 28. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
- 29. Patient was seen in consultation by Dr. Blank, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.
- 30. Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.
- 31. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

Quiz Night Saturday 27th June

Always popular and entertaining come and join us at Eastwood Community Centre (Western Approaches, Eastwood Essex SS2 6SH).

Price: £4 Date: 27th June 2015 Time: 7:30pm

Join us as we play host and welcome your quizmaster and ex Mayor Ron Price assisted by his lovely wife Janice in what promises to be a lively evening, which is always enjoyed by members and their friends. Ideal team sizes are around 6-8 people but please do not worry if you are attending in lesser numbers, we will create teams for those of you who wish to attend alone or as a couple – often a great way of getting to know new people in a relaxed and fun environment. Bring along your own nibbles and drinks, alcohol is permitted. We will be offering some light refreshments on the night with some home made cakes to fuel those brains! We will also be holding a raffle on the evening – if you have any prizes to donate please contact Paul 01702 615660

info@takeheartsouthend.org

SPEAKERS AT OUR NEXT SIX MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each Month from 8.00pm

(extra events and outings in bold)

Thurs. 11th June: Keith Lovell; History through Essex Foods.

(Mersea Oysters, Malden Salt and Tiptree Jams)

Sat. 27th June: Fun Quiz Night: Eastwood Community Centre £4.00 each

bring your own food and drink starts 7.30. (see booking form)

Thurs: 9th July: Author Eve King: Talks about The History of Harrods

"The Palace in Knightsbridge"

Mon. 27th July: Chartwell (home of Sir Winston Churchill) with dinner on

the way home. *National Trust members free entrance* (see booking form)

Thurs:13th Aug: Fred Feather: Tracing your Family history.

Weds: 19th Aug: Day trip to Brighton: do what you like. Visit the pavilion or

the lanes or just sit on a deck chair (see booking form)

Thurs: 10th Sept: Dee Gordon: Story teller and local Author.

Tues: 15th Sept: Chinese Night. Zen City Hamlet Court Road

(booking form available in our Septembers / Autumn Magazine)

Thurs: 8th Oct: Mark Stacev: Antiques Roadshow.

Weds. 14th Oct: Fish and chip Night: Fishermans Wharf on Southend Sea Front.

(booking form available in our Septembers / Autumn Magazine)

Thurs: 12th Nov. Peter King: (to be confirmed)

Thurs: 10th Dec: Christmas Fun Night

During a recent physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level.

I described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk, about 7 miles, through some pretty rough terrain.

I waded along the edge of a lake.

I pushed my way through brambles.

I got sand in my shoes and my eyes

I avoided standing on a snake.

I climbed several rocky hills.

I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees.
The mental stress of it all left me shattered.

At the end of it all I drank eight beers".

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"You must be one hell of an outdoorsman!"

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After the Recent General Election These are the views of the various departments to new NHS Proposals

The Allergists voted to scratch it.

The Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had a gut feeling about it,

The Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

The Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

The Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!"

The Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up."

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness.

The Radiologists could see right through it.

The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of it.

The Ear Nose and Throat specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow,

The Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter...."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward,

The Urologists were $p_{\underline{}}$ ed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas,

The Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the End

The Proctologists won out, leaving the decisions up to the a s holes in Whitehall.





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The wife was counting all the 5ps and 10ps out I on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very langry and started shouting and crying for no I reason. I thought to myself,

I "She's going through the change."

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If you are eligible to complete Phase 4, we currently have 4 trained Phase 4 instructors working within the community.



<u>Lita Freegard</u> - 07949667866 or email LFREEGARD@aol.com **Shelley Gleadell -** 07773216274

Phoneix Karta Club, 12b Northwick Road, Canvey Island *Fridays – 2-4 pm*

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Martin Frost - 07940327151

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Pitsea Leisure Centre, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, Basildon *Thursdays* – 8:30 – 9:30 pm

Hockley Health Club, Eldon Way, Hockley

Fridays - 6:45 - 7:45 pm

£ 3.50 per session

If you wish to attend any of these sessions you will need an information sheet. Please speak to a cardiac rehab nurse or physio who will complete the form. The Phase 4 instructor needs the form prior to attendance.

NB There is a charge for each session

A Great time was had at our night at Chelmsford Races. Weather could have been a bit kinder but we all enjoyed our selves and there was not to many tears when all got back on the coach after the last race. Members of Take Heart (pictured right).

Mr racing himself Derek Thompson (Tommo) was there and generously posed for a photo (pictured below) with the wife.



Just in case she asked me where all my money had gone I took the other photo of the staff so I could show her the people who apart from the last race took all my

money. Some of our party had a meal in the restaurant and reported it was very good. All said they would like to go back so watch out for the date later on in the year......



A Total of £20,000.00

for Cardiac Care at Southend University Hospital

Cheques cheques: At last we have spent some of the funds that we have all worked so hard to raise over the past few years. Together with the generous amounts from lots of you who have supported us with many donations, some in memory of loved ones, some in celebration of an event, special birthday or anniversary and donations from the many clubs and organisation who have been supportive to us over the years and who continue to support us.

At a recent presentation held at Southend Bowls Club much of the recently purchased or ordered equipment was on display. The final cheque was presented to nurses from most of the cardiac departments who afterwards responded with a short explanation of how this equipment would be of great assistance to them and



in turn there patients. Pictured at the foot of the next page are members of Take Hearts committee together with Sue, Sarah, Emma, Sharron and Rebecca all nurses from the various cardiac department at Southend University Hospital. (pictures left is our Chairman together with vice chair Hazel presenting a cheque at an earlier Take Heart meeting to Alison part of the Rehab Team.



Becky Green Deputy Sister at the Cardiac and Medical Day stay and Helen Bayly Deputy Sister Diagnostics, receiving a cheque from Take heart Vice Chair Hazel for



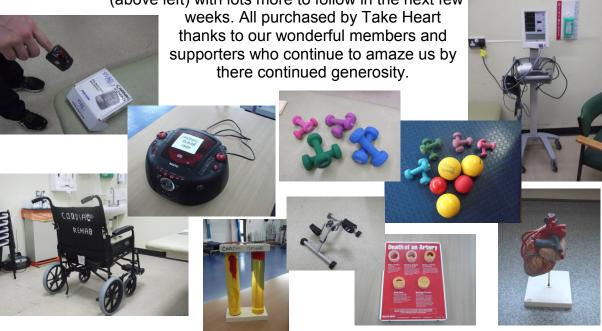
£1,950.00 to purchase 9 new mattresses for the Cardiac Medical Day Care Centre which is at present being refurt

Medical Day Care Centre which is at present being refurbished and will doubled in size when finished.



A Total of £20,000.00 for Cardiac Care at Southend University Hospital

An array of various equipment, monitors, teaching aids, syringe drivers, exercise aids, wheelchairs, Mattresses (above left) with lots more to follow in the next few







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Wednesday 19th August: Day trip to Brighton:

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"Take Heart" Events Booking Form

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Monday 27th July: Chartwell: (Home of Sir Winston Churchill) with dinner on the way home (paid for on the day 3 course meal approx. £15.00) Coach+entrance only..£22.50

*National Trust Members pay only £12.50

Wednesday 19th August: Day trip to Brighton: do what you like when there, visit the Lanes or the Pavilion or sit on a deck chair on the Pier the choice is yours. Only..£12.50

<u>Pick up points:</u> Church Road Shoebury: Whitehorse Southchurch: The Bell: Kent Elms:

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Please book meQuiz Night: at £ 4.00 each =£
Please book meChartwell: at £ 22.50. each =£
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Please send this form and cheques made payable to: "Take Heart"
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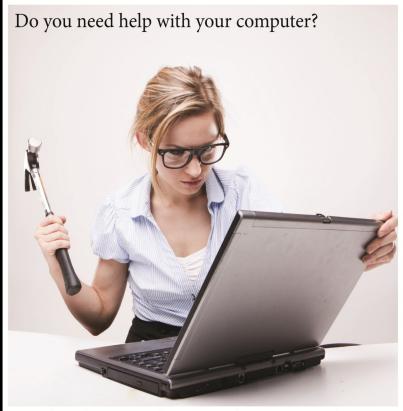
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My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

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works. I recently purchased a new washing machine. I still got it at a discounted price with Argos but by purchasing on line through easyfundraising Argos donated to Take Heart. We have about 800 members if everybody told 2 people and they in turn told 2 people and so on.... Well you do the maths.........

Colin Stanley: Treasurer Take Heart

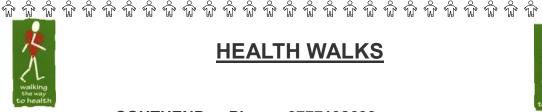
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Friday 1st & 3rd every month - 10.30 am (approx 1 hour) Salvation Army Car Park (Hadleigh) Please visit The Walking Your Way to Health website for walks outside of your local area http://www.wfh.naturalengland.org.uk

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At the Easter service, an Alabama pastor said to his congregation,

"Someone in this congregation has spread a rumour that I belong to the Ku Klux Klan. This is a horrible lie and one which a Christian community cannot tolerate. I am embarrassed and do not intend to accept this. Now, I want the party who said this to stand and ask forgiveness from God and this Christian family."

No one moved. The preacher continued,

"Do you have the nerve to face me and admit this is a falsehood? Remember, you will be forgiven and in your heart you will feel glory. Now stand and confess."

Again, all was quiet.

Then, slowly, a drop-dead gorgeous blonde with a body that would stop a runaway train rose from the third pew. Her head was bowed and her voice quivered as she spoke, "Reverend there has been a terrible misunderstanding. I never said you were a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I simply told a couple of my friends that you were a wizard under the sheets."

The preacher fell to his knees, his wife fainted, and the congregation roared.

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It takes a college degree to fly a plane but only a high school diploma to fix one. After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a 'gripe sheet,' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document

their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour.

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by the Qantas' pilots (marked with a P), and the solutions recorded by maintenance engineers (marked with an S).

(By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.)

- P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
- S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.
- P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
- S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.
- P: Something loose in cockpit.
- 🕯 S: Something tightened in cockpit
 - P: Dead bugs on windshield.
 - S: Live bugs on backorder.
 - P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200ft per min descent.
 - S: Cannot reproduce problem on the ground.
 - P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
 - S: Evidence removed.
 - P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
 - S: DME volume set to more believable level.
 - P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
 - S: That's what friction locks are for.
- ☆ P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.
- ទី S: *IFF always inoperative in OFF i* ទំ P: Suspected crack in windshield. S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

 - S: Suspect you're right.
 - P: Number 3 engine missing.
 - S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.
 - P: Aircraft handles funny.
 - S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.
- ម៉ា P: Target radar hums. ម៉ា S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.
 - P: Mouse in cockpit.
 - S: Cat installed.
 - P: Noise from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.



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