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Dear Members,

Welcome to April's newsletter and I hope it finds you well and enjoying the bit of Sun we've been having. Not a lot of news this month but let's start....



We've only had one stall this month but unfortunately it turned out the stall was double booked so we only were able to

stay a few hours, we did manage to raise £14 though so well done to Fee and Yvonne for this amount.

We have 2 pieces of sad news this month , 2 of our old members have passed away, some of you might remember June Baird, she was a member of our group for some months before moving to Nottingham to be with family. She was a talkative member and always used to enjoy our guest speakers. Our thoughts go to her family at this sad time.

I'm also sad to report the death of our ex chairman Tony Wilson who died a few weeks ago. As some of you will remember Tony was our chairman for 8 years and made the group what it is today. His funeral was held on Monday 30th March and was attended by Sue Walker, Fee walker, Ann try and Andrew. Our Ex Secretary Dawn stayed in contact with Tony since leaving the group and has very kindly written a few words for our newsletter. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.. As was said at his funeral.. He was a good bloke.

If you would like to bake a cake or bring some biscuits for our social meetings then please feel free to do so as I'm sure they will be appreciated by all the members!

Are you troubled by sales calls on your telephone? Do they annoy you when your trying to have your dinner? Well if so there is a free service by BT

called the "Telephone preference service" once registered with them after about a month you should not receive sales calls anymore, I have been registered for a few years and never get any sales calls since I signed up. The number you will need is 08450700707 , just ring that number and follow the instructions.



Birthday wishes go to Irenie Brasnett and Barry Webster who both have birthdays this month, if I've missed you have a great birthday anyone else!

Get well wishes this month go to Rita who has had a very bad fall at home and is in hospital with a broken ankle, broken nose and damage to her spine and a few stitches, our thoughts are with you for a speedy recovery. Also Lillian who is still in osbaldwick in a home while she rests and gets better



Obituary Tony Wilson

Many of you reading this will wonder who is Tony Wilson. Well, without him you would not all be sitting around making new friends and sharing your experiences with other fellow lung disease sufferer's.

Tony, along with a couple of others, was the original driving force behind York Breathe Easy being born. He was passionate about helping those, who like himself was suffering from a lung disorder.

I had the pleasure of meeting Tony when I was invited along to the group to be secretary, and we hit it off straight away. Tony never complained about his own illness, but stood up and fought for better treatments for everyone, better oxygen deliveries and was admired and respected by many other groups and also head office personnel at Breath Easy in London, Newcastle and at Air products.

Despite his own ill health he could always be relied upon to be there as support to someone who were less able than himself. Ill health forced him to retire as Chairman some three years ago, but he continued to raise awareness of lung disease in any way he could, where ever he was. He lost many colleagues and friends along the way, and sadly his illness became too much for him and he was taken from us. We must not ever forget that without his passion and down right stubbornness, the group would not exist as it does today, and I know he was extremely proud to have been in at the start. and saddened that he had to leave when he did.

Tony has left a huge gap in his family who he loved with a passion and who were often seen at fundraising events for Breathe Easy. Our thoughts and prayers go to them at this sad time, and know that he will suffer no more, but in his passing leaves many happy memories for family and friends.

