

## LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH - FILM PROJECT



In December we were approach by a group of Lincoln University students, led by **Dan Pick and Toni Verblis**, to make a short video about MND and the work of the Lincolnshire branch as a project for their Media Studies degrees. Mary Pick (Dan's Grandma) Barbara Keenan and Gordon Hickmore all agreed to be interviewed. Toni Verblis proved a very accomplished interviewer with Dan and other members of the team dealing with the video, lighting and sound recording. The final 10 minute video was very professionally produced and will form part of their assessment for their degrees.

Following on from this, we approached the **Lincolnshire Community Foundation** for a grant to make a professionally produced DVD about Motor Neurone Disease and the support we give for patients in Lincolnshire. The aim is to reach out to a younger audience so that the information can be accessed through networking sites such as facebook and twitter as well as by more conventional methods. Our application was successful and through the Community fund we arranged for a local company Reddog films, to make and edit a new film. Dan and Toni both agreed to assist with the project. Maureen Peacock, Adie Hickling and Owen and Andrew Tate-Wyeth agreed to participate and be interviewed.

The filming has now been completed and Sam Wardham of Reddog is now editing the clips - cutting it down to 7 minutes but getting the message across is no easy task. We hope to view the final draft in a couple of weeks with the finished copy available in May. We plan to distribute through the media outlets as well as by DVD to doctors, patients and the general public to raise awareness!

## FUNDRAISING

The winter months is not a busy time for fundraising but we have had a steady stream of events that have raised useful sums for branch funds - a table top sale at the Carholme grandstand raised a modest £54 and we received a most welcome cheque for £500 from the Boston Steam and Vintage festival Committee. A cheque for £545 from a shooting syndicate in February enabled us to arrange a family holiday for a patient. We are delighted to record that MND was the chosen charity for Lincoln City Council 's "Dress Down day" in March which raised a staggering £715. Chris Sweeny of the Syne Hills Care home, Skegness ran the Lincoln 10k marathon on 3rd April to raise funds for MND



Nyree Barnes presents a cheque for £500 on behalf of the Boston Steam and Vintage Vehicle committee



The MND display at the Lincoln City Council Awareness day.

## KARL MCCARTNEY MP MEETS THE LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH

Karl McCartney MP for Lincoln and our new patron, was our special guest at the Meet and Greet at St Barnabas Day Centre on Friday 18th February. He entertained the meeting with a talk about his experiences as a new boy at Westminster. Karl said "I am delighted to accept the offer to be a patron of the Lincolnshire Branch - I hope I can help MND patients get the best possible treatment and support" At the end of his talk, Karl answered questions about life at Westminster and spoke of his sporting interests - as a member of the all party Parliamentary Football Team!



Karl Speaks with Ted Evans - the young student from Skegness Grammar School (on the right) is helping Karl as part of his work experience!



Karl joins Anne and Edith of the Outreach Team, with MND patients and carers Joan & Tony, Noreen, Adie and Kiran



Karl meets with Noreen who explains about the role of the carer



Sue and Sheila enjoy a chat with Barbara and Dan Keenan