



Multiple Sclerosis Society

## Isle of Wight Branch May Newsletter

### Monthly Dinner

All Bookings and menu requirements to Fay on 865637 as soon as possible please.

Meals booked and then cancelled after Monday prior to lunch day have to be paid for.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009**  
**Albert Cottage East Cowes**  
**12.30 for 1pm**

### Menu

Supreme chicken mushroom sauce

Grilled salmon Tarragon butter

Puff Pastry Spinach ratatouille  
mushrooms in cream sauce

All served with selection of vegetables.

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Fruit Salad cream

Raspberry Roulade

Vanilla Cheesecake coulee

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Tea/coffee

### Future Dinner Dates

26th June 2009 (12:30 for 1pm)

**Fighting Cocks Arreton**

### Menu

Liver and Bacon  
Fish Chips and Peas

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Apple Crumble  
Ice Cream

31st July 2009 (12:30 for 1pm)

**Cedars Wootton**

Menu in next news letter.

## MS COFFEE AND A CHAT

If you have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, or are close to someone with MS, and would like an opportunity to share experiences and meet others whose lives have been touched by this condition, please come along to:

**The Outlook Cafe, Gurnard Marsh,  
Gurnard  
at 10.30 a.m.  
every first Thursday of the month**

A chance for an informal chat over a cappuccino  
and delicious homemade cake!

For more information phone Sarah on  
07887 532341

## MS Gym

Every Thursday 1pm at TJ's Gym, Lake  
- All welcome – Do your self some good  
– **FREE**.

### MS Info Day

Isle of Wight College  
2 – 5 pm  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Your chance to

- Meet up with fellow members
- Swap advice tips and sob stories
- Meet your committee face to face
- Access the following:
  - MS Nurse
  - Wheel Chair Service
  - Motorbility
  - Physiotherapist
  - Continence Nurse
  - Chiropodist
  - Island Mobility
  - Sail-ability

3 pm Presentation talk from Consultant  
Physician Dr Hakem

Please come along and if possible bring  
friend or fellow sufferer – the day will be  
of benefit to any person with a disability  
not only MS – all you want to know  
under one roof.

### Life in a Wheelchair! - Part 2

My first 'love' in life (after Terry -  
Husband, Nat - Son, Bud - Daughter  
and Paddy - the new puppy!!!!) is  
badminton. I have been kindly lent a  
sports wheelchair from Ryde Lawn  
Tennis and Croquet Club and now once  
again enjoying badminton. We all  
travelled to Liverpool in February to take

part in the England tournament (part of  
the 4 Nationals event) with categories  
for Dwarfs, Learning difficulties,  
Amputees and Wheelchair users. Our  
tournament was being run alongside the  
European Team Championships, so  
when part of the England squad turned  
up for training on the next court it was a  
little over whelming (similar to Beckham,  
Gerrard, Crouch and James turning up  
in the football world to put it in context).  
Competitors came from Scotland,  
Northern Ireland, Wales and England  
and everyone got on, helped each other  
– ask about my partners false leg!  
My first game was against a young girl  
from Ireland and she 'whipped' me 21 –  
0, I thought this was not a good sign and  
it wasn't, but I did get better reaching  
double figures in further games, but in  
the ladies doubles who I play with a girl  
called Sharon Barnes from Hackney, we  
even won a game and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall,  
by the mixed doubles I was improving  
and my partner was a 'first timer' like  
myself, we didn't win any games but we  
did improve our score each game we  
played.

My aim now is the 2012 Paralympics  
(health permitting) and I have got some  
sponsorship for travelling to Hackney for  
training and writing to other companies  
(not the best time to be asking) but if  
you don't ask, you don't get!

To sum up the weekend, it was a great  
confidence booster and I know I am  
capable of reaching my target in 2012  
and especially thanks to my family for  
their help, support and patience.

So if you fancy giving wheel chair  
badminton a go give me a ring and we  
will set up some courts – 731135.

Diddy x

## **Husband Store.**

A store that sells new husbands has opened in New York City, where a woman may go to choose a husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:  
You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!** There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building! So a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads: Floor 1 - These men Have Jobs. She is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads: Floor 2 - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids. 'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.' So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads: Floor 3 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking. 'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads: Floor 4 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help With Housework. 'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads: Floor 5 – These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and Have a Strong Romantic Streak. She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads: Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are

impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store.

PLEASE NOTE: To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street. The first floor has wives that love sex. The second floor has wives that love sex and have money and like beer. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors have never been visited.

## **EU Directive No. 456179**

***In order to meet the conditions for joining the Single European currency, all citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland must be made aware that the phrase 'Spending a Penny' is not to be used after 31st December 2009.***

***From this date, the correct terminology will be:***

***'Euronating'.***

***Thank you for your attention.***

## **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** **Grand Hog Roast**

**Chequers Inn**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**Book this date in your diary**

**NOW!!**

**Details to follow**

**NOT TO BE MISSED**

