



Members Update

National Long Term Survivors Group
Reg. Charity 1160307

July 2017

Dear All,

A number of people expressed an interest in becoming more involved in the activities and fundraising for NLTSG. The point has been made that offers of help have not been consistently taken up in the past: I hope that I can get more people involved in the future - for those people who would like to help. I have published my email address here if you'd like to get in touch with ideas, offers, or thoughts. You can also post directly the NLTSG Facebook page. I'm learning new things about NLTSG every week so if I've missed something, please let me know.

Donations & Fundraising

There have been a number of generous contributions to our finances over the last quarter. The proceeds of the auction of the Telford Tigers Ice Skating Players shirt, a Coffee Morning NLTSG Fundraiser in Plymouth by Kevin, and a personal donation from Bernie have been gratefully received and appreciated by all of us. Thank you.

We have fundraising buckets and collection tins for members to take ownership of - if you have contact with an event or establishment that will allow us fundraise.



Please remember that we do NOT have a licence for street-based fundraising, and collection tins or buckets must not be 'rattled'. If you are able to organise and run a fundraising event or collection, please let me know and I will be happy to provide any Letters of Introduction, Thank you certificates, etc.

Coming up on the August Bank Holiday weekend we have a fundraiser at the Halfway to Heaven pub on Duncannon Street (just off Trafalgar Square) in London. Halfway to Heaven will be hosting the NLTSG Bank Holiday Take-Over.



The proceeds of all fundraising from three nights and two afternoons of Drag and Cabaret acts will go to NLTSG. The line-up is:

Friday night 25th August

Lola Lasagne
Baga Chipz

Saturday 26th August afternoon & eve

Rose Garden's Swap Shop

Mary Mac

Kelly Wilde

Sunday 27th August afternoon & eve

Miss Jason

Sandra

Heart & Soul

I'm seeking volunteer assistance from as many of you as can make it to the venue to wear an NLTSG T-shirt, hold a fundraising bucket and - if you are willing and able – get on stage and say a few words about our Charity, our work and thanks for donations. If you are able to make it for a stint in this central London pub, please let me know at andrew.whibley@nltsg.org.uk. It would be great to have an NLTSG membership presence throughout the Bank Holiday weekend in the Halfway to Heaven where possible. This promises to be a fun, vibrant and colourful fundraising weekend!

Legacies & Virgin Money Giving

At our March Members' meeting we had a short discussion about those that are able, leaving a lasting legacy to NLTSG in their Will. It's a subject that is not frequently considered or discussed, yet an important point to consider. I have recently been in a position to update my own Last Will & Testament, and took the opportunity to make NLTSG a beneficiary. Perhaps there are other members who could consider similar action?

Flyers & Business Cards

We have had 2500 NLTSG flyers and a similar number of business cards printed for distribution through our appropriate channels. They were also made available at the March Living Proof weekend for people to take away to place in their clinics, etc. The flyer and business cards have both been produced to carry a general message about the mission and purpose of NLTSG and therefore, will not date expire. If you would like some flyers and/or business cards for distribution let me know and I will order more as demand dictates.

25th Silver Jubilee Garden Party

You should have received notice that we intend to throw a 25th Silver Jubilee Garden Party on Saturday 23rd September from 3pm.

There are plans being made for the day including a champagne and canapés reception in the NLTSG garden, memorial garden planting, buffet supper, raffle/auction and music & dancing in the evening. We have the use of the marquee in the garden for the event too, so there will be plenty of space even if the weather isn't kind to us.

If there's anything you would like to see included or celebrated (better still if you are willing to organise) then please contact me on my NLTSG email address.



Recently Diagnosed weekend

At the March Board meeting, the Board discussed the logistics of running the Recently Diagnosed weekend scheduled for November 2017. It is with reluctance, after lengthy discussion and vote that we postponed the November Recently Diagnosed weekend. The rationale is around the large amount of organisation it requires to put on this weekend, on top of the work the new Board is investing in operating NLTSG, and organising the September celebrations. Also, the network that we have previously used to spread the word about the Recently Diagnosed weekends nationally has ceased operating. We agreed that the Board would revisit the decision to run recently diagnosed meetings in March 2018.

Dates for your Diary

22 - 24 September 2017

Living Proof weekend

Bookings open 11 August 2017

8 - 10 December 2017

Living Proof weekend

Bookings open 27 October 2017

16 - 18 March 2018

Living Proof weekend

Bookings open 2 February 2018

More dates are available on the [NLTSG website](#) under the Calendar of Events section. Please note that the dates that were previously listed for Living Proof weekends in **July** 2018 & 2019 have now been moved forward to **June** 2018 & 2019 respectively.

If you have any thoughts, comments, feedback or inclusions for future editions, please contact me at Andrew.whibley@nltsg.org.uk