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## Your October Newsletter

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**Guildford and South Surrey Branch**

### Happy October!

"It's not fair!" How many times have you heard a young person say that phrase? In the adult world, Fairness is often seen as one of the four most important values a person can hold. The other three are Respect, Care and Honesty.

So you may wonder where this is going, to tell you the truth so am I 😊 What I can tell you is what it's not going to cover:

1. I'm not going anywhere near anything controversial, like why some individuals have far worse Parkinson's journeys than others.
2. The fairness over how a Malteser cake can ever lose to a lemon drizzle cake. It's not like I'm fixated but I would like to point out Ms Bullen taught as a Teacher of Food Technology.
3. The fairness of why I'm such an amusing writer and others are not...

As you can tell by the last bullet point, I have clearly lost my way, so let's take an opportunity to review the key dates and activities within the Branch and I will regroup my thoughts and join you at the end of this newsletter.

### 1. Branch Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 5 Dec

This year's subsidised Christmas Lunch for members and their guests will be held at the Broadwater Pavilion, Guildford Road, Godalming GU7 3DH, on Tuesday 5 December. Doors open at 12 noon for a 1 pm lunch. The price will be £25.00 per person for the member and their first guest. Additional guests are welcome, however, the price for them will be £45.00 per person.

If you would like to reserve a place and receive a copy of the menu please email our Treasurer [sheron@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk](mailto:sheron@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk) or express your interest

using the Reply Slip contained in the September printed versions of The Park

## **2. Busbridge Evening WI - Saturday 21 October**

Busbridge Evening WI will be holding a fundraising afternoon tea at Busbridge Village Hall, Brighton Road, Godalming GU7 1XA, between 2.30 pm and 4 pm in aid of the Guildford and South Surrey branch of Parkinson's UK. There will be a book and jigsaw stall.

£7.50 pp (cash or cheque payments only) for tea and cake. All welcome.

## **3. Occam Singers Concert - Saturday 21 October**

The Occam Singers will perform 'Motets and Organ work' by JS Bach on 21 October at Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford. We will be providing the interval bar to raise funds for the Branch. The performance starts at 7.30 pm.

## **4. Speech Therapy**

We have spaces available on our monthly 'online' speech therapy classes, 'Loud and Clear '. If anyone is interested please contact our Treasurer.

**STOP PRESS:** **Jazz afternoon** will be on 6th April 2024 at Onslow Village Hall from 12.30 to 3 pm. Offers of help to [volunteer@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@guildfordparkinsons.org.uk)

So, back to the topic of Fairness. What I really want to do is to get something off my chest. As they say, a problem shared is a problem halved. My issue is why is it that **Bella** the cat has received so much positive publicity and fan mail, despite putting in such a small contribution. I might just have been able to accept this when I find a new member waxing lyrical over the article Danny, my gym buddy, authored on Parkinson's and Work in the May 2023 edition of The Park. This simply isn't fair.

Things better change. I've assessed the options and narrowed it down to two:

1. Join the American Writer's Guild and refuse to produce any comedic output
2. Take on the mantle of the bad guy. I quite fancy being Blofeld and I've got a cat (OK it's the wrong colour but cut me some slack)

They always say the bad guys get the best roles so I'm going to spill the beans on my challengers for the limelight.

**Bella** The first thing to say is that she is a highly manipulative animal. On winter evenings she deliberately sits outside, hiding in the darkness of the night, while I open the door and shout her name. She is guaranteed to not respond for exactly 10 minutes. I am just about to give up, having morally tried when she plaintively miaows and totters in. The power struggle has a clear winner - she exerts her authority over me every day.

Winter Coat – 28<sup>th</sup> Feb



In an exposé suitable for Louis Theroux, I can tell you she is not normal, she's a broken cat. I've not heard of it before but Bella puts on her full winter fur coat, including her bib, just as it gets to summer and loses it to her sleek, lightweight coat as winter approaches

Summer Coat – last week



Now that I'm in full writing flow and spiteful mood, I would like to tell you about **Danny**. What can I say, like most of the folks I meet, he's a really good bloke! Despite training with him for several years, I have no idea what coats he owns and which he uses in Summer or Winter.

So that's all from me for another month. Before I go can I give a shout-out to Keith Black who distributes this and who has the unenviable task of creating the final formatted email which will be a nightmare this month given in my draft I have specified two cat photos on either side of text? Good luck Keith, you'll need it!?

*PS: David asked me to fix the hanging 'approaches' between Winter and Summer coats. - how did I do this time? Keith*



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