

Update from the North East Trust for Aphasia July 2014

Lost Voice Guy Event



On Saturday 7th June, an entertainment evening was held at Ashington Football Club to raise money for NETA and to raise awareness of Giving Voice and The International Communication Project 2014.

Steffen Peddie (from BBC sitcom Hebburn) did a brilliant job of hosting the night which starred Comedian Lost Voice Guy. Julie Carr spoke about Giving Voice and Janet Speight, Chair of NETA spoke about NETA.

Live music, auction, raffle and two games of 'Head and Tail' brought in more than £750. A great night was enjoyed by everyone!

Aphasiafest at the Cluny



On May 17th we had a great evening of entertainment at the Cluny 2. Pete Dodds compered a varied programme of music from Shades of Shadows, Maurice & Hannah Sutherst, Steve & Julie, Keith & Mike, Joe & Rich. The audience was fantastic, bought lots of raffle tickets and made lots of noise!

NETA Aphasia Support Centre - Update



Please remember the centre is **closed in September** to plan for the revised programme.

Digital Photo Printing

Some members have taken part in a Digital Photo Printing group.

Janet Speight demonstrated how to put photos onto the computer and enhance them.

Members then printed out their photos. It was quite difficult but very rewarding.



Computer Course



There has also been a computer course this term. Members learnt the basics of using the mouse and keyboard using tutorials and games.

We then moved on to email and browsing the web. Members then practised their skills at home.

iPad Group

An iPad users group has also been running.

Current users have been sharing tips and advice with new users – including Rose our speech and language therapist as one of the new users!

It has been very successful and will run again in future.



News Group



Members have been discussing current affairs and interesting news articles in this group, which was largely led by members themselves.

Meet a member

Find out more about people who come to NETA!

Name: Chris Side.

Where do you live? Birtley.

When did you have your stroke? August 2009.

What did you work as before?

I worked in Human Resources.

I have worked in Bahrain, Qatar, and Kuwait.

What do you like about NETA?

NETA keeps helping me to get better.

What do you do outside NETA?

I go to the football. I follow the smaller teams. I go and see a

different team play in the region every week. What family do you have? I have a daughter and a son in Bradford, a son in Newcastle and a daughter in the Philippines.



Fundraising

There have been several fundraising events recently including Aphasia Fest at the Cluny in Newcastle and stand – up comedy with Lost Voice Guy.

There will be more events this year, including a Christmas Fayre.

We are looking forward to everyone getting involved and bringing friends and family.



In May it was National Volunteering week and June was

Aphasia Awareness Month, so it is a great time to get involved!

There will be a **Tea Party** on 14th August in NETA Support Centre 2pm-4pm.

Other News

Members have been helping out with a variety of research projects. They have taken part in a Reading Project and a Problem – Solving Computer Project with Newcastle University and research into conversation with the University of East Anglia.



Some members have also stepped up to the role of trustee this term.

Coming Soon

Café Out – starts July 3rd

Life Story Book – starts July 24th

Thank You



A big thank you to all the NETA members and friends who have participated in the **Reading Comprehension Study**. This is a major study lead by researchers and Speech and Language Therapists at Newcastle University. The aim is to publish an assessment to help diagnose reading difficulties following a stroke.

We are still looking for participants. This involves completing the reading assessment, a questionnaire and some additional assessments. We are looking for both people who have aphasia and people who don't. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved please contact [Jenny Malone](mailto:jenny.malone@newcastle.ac.uk) on [0191 2085530](tel:01912085530) or jenny.malone@newcastle.ac.uk

The Support Centre would like to thank all the helpers and volunteers at the centre including:

Janet Speight in the Digital Photo Group

Steve in the Conversation and News Group

Jen and Barbara in the Café

Conversation group helpers David, Tom, John Ward, John Robson and Bill.

We also said goodbye to volunteer Charlotte, who is starting a new job as a Speech Therapy Assistant. Thanks to Charlotte for all her hard work.

We welcomed our new volunteer, Katie.

This section was prepared by Mark, Rodney and Chris Side.

THANK YOU!

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