

Glossary of terms

Here are some frequently used terms and acronyms you may come across in this magazine and elsewhere in healthcare.

A&E AIH ALD ALF APEX ARDS ARI	Accident and Emergency Auto Immune Hepatitis Alcoholic Liver Disease Acute Liver Failure Advising on the Patient Experience Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Acute Respiratory Infection	ICU ITU LFT LFT LSM	Intensive Care Unit Intensive Therapy Unit Liver Function Test Lateral Flow Test Liver Stiffness Measurement Medical Research Council
ARLD	Alcohol Related Liver Disease	MRHA	Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
BP	Blood Pressure	MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
CCG CHB CRESTA	Clinical Commissioning Group Chronic Hepatitis B Clinics for Research and Service in Themed Assessments Chloroquine phosphate	NAFLD NASH NFIB NICE	Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis National Fraud Intelligence Bureau National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
CQC CT	Care Quality Commission Computed Tomography	NHS NHSBT NIHR	National Health Service NHS Blood & Transplant National Institute for Health Research
EHIC	European Health Insurance Card	NSAID	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
FLI	Fatty Liver Index	PALS PBC	Patient Advice and Liaison Services Primary Biliary Cholangitis
GHIC GIT GP	Global Health Insurance Card Gastrointestinal Tract General Practitioner (doctor)	PHE PPE PPI/E	Public Health England Personal Protective Equipment Patient and Public Involvement/Engagement
HAV HCC	Hepatitis A Virus Hepatocellular carcinoma	PSC	Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis
HCQ HCRG HCV	Hydroxychloroquine Hepatobiliary Clinical Reference Group Hepatitis C Virus	RAT RFT	Rapid Antigen Test Rapid Flow Test
HDU HE HEV HIV	High Dependency Unit Hepatic Encephalopathy Hepatitis E Virus Human immunodeficiency virus	TED TX T2DM	technology, entertainment, design Transplant Type 2 Diabetes
HPB HRCT	Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary High-Resolution CT	UIOLI URSO	Us It Or Lose It Ursodeoxycholic acid
ICP ICS	Integrated Care Plan Integrated Care Scheme	(we update the	his glossary every issue)

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We all seem to be in some kind of numb limbo at present with food and fuel prices going through the roof, a huge war ongoing in Ukraine and the aftermath of terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria killing and injuring thousands of people. These things are sent to try us, they say, but I'm left wondering 'what next?' I guess that all we can do is try to look on the positive side of things and do what we can, when we can, to help each other. On the subject of which, you may have noticed a change in the helpline this issue? If you read Paul's Story in the last issue (and I know many of you did) you will have some idea of the trauma and mental health issues that he has had to face over the past two years. We've been talking to Paul for some time and he has now completed his counselling skills course and is qualified. He has volunteered to join our telephone helpline and take calls on alcoholism. If you know anyone who may benefit from talking to Paul, please do not hesitate to give them his number from the back cover of this LIVErNEWS. He won't be judgmental and he may be able to help someone you love from becoming seriously ill. Whilst you are looking at the back cover you may also have noticed Fiona's name there - she did counselling training earlier last year and is an expert patient on liver disease, especially PBC so please give her a ring if you want to talk about PBC. All of our listeners are fully trained and have access to all of the information provided by our clinicians who, as you know, are top experts in their field. Don't hesitate to

ring any of the numbers if you need signposting or just want someone to talk to. It's why it was set up 25 years ago and why it still operates today.

We are still working on the new website and hopefully will have it up and running before too long - watch this space. In the meantime, follow us on facebook and twitter for the most up to date information.

We have several speakers for our talks booked already this year - they are shown on page 6. If you don't know how to Zoom but would like to join us at one of these talks, please get in touch and we'll talk you through it. Many of the talks are recorded and available on YouTube if you would like to watch them and see the format. Just google 'youtube' and when you get there, search for LIVErNORTH where you will see all of our talks listed. I'm not going to list what's inside this issue but please read on and in particular, look at the centre spread. It's a new venture for us; we are publishing short walks that have been tried and tested to help patients, their carers and families to encourage well-being and mobility. Please check our WALK 1 - other walks from other regions and areas will follow in due course.

Take care and look out for each other, all being well we will have some sunshine, some warm air and a lovely Spring to enjoy.

Best wishes, John

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You can access lots of our talks and videos on YouTube. Go to YouTube in your browser (https://www.youtube.com/) and type livernorth into the search bar. When it loads, click on 'videos', and you will see the 30+talks and videos that are currently available.



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Sept	2015	Dr Quentin Anstee	NAFLD	scan her
Oct	2015	Prof Derek Manas	Liver Transplantation	for link
March	2016	Dr Peter Littler	Interventional Radiology	
Oct	2016	Mr Jeremy French	A Case to Remember	
March	2017	Dr Robert Samuel	ITCH in PBC and other liver diseases	
July	2017	Dr Kate Hallsworth	NAFLD Lifestyle Interventions	
Sept	2017	Mr Colin Wilson	Liver Perfusion	
Oct	2017	Dr Kofi Oppong	Endoscopy in Liver Disease	
March	2018	Dr Lin Lee Wong	UK-AIH Study	
May	2018	Prof David Jones	The Revolution Moves On (PBC)	
June	2018	Prof Dave Talbot	The Effect of the Media on Transplanta	ation
Sept		Mr Jeremy French	Human Factors in Surgical Crisis	
March	2019	Rahul Bhugra	The Yellow Card Scheme	
March	2019	Prof David Jones	PBC	
March	2019	Dr Anand Reddy	QE Hospital Liver Services	
May	2019	Prof Derek Manas	Transplant Matters	
June	2019	Mr Colin Wilson	Liver Perfusion Update	
July	2019	Dr Steve Masson	Research Update	
Sept		Dr Jess Dyson	AIH/PBC/PSC clusters & findings	
Oct		Mr Jeremy French	Training Transplant Surgeons	
April	2020	Prof Matt Wright	Environmental chemicals and PBC	
Nov	2020	Prof Quentin Anstee	NAFLD	
Dec		Prof David Jones	PBC - Where We Are In 2020.	
March	2021	Dr Jess Dyson	What's New in AIH?	
April		Mr Colin Wilson	What's New in Transplantation?	
June		Organ Donor Team	The Organ Donation Journey	
July	2021	Prof David Jones	PBC, The Vaccine and the Immunosup	pressed
Sept		Mr Aiman Amer	A King's Fellow Returns	
March		Mr Colin Wilson	The Geordie Hospital TV series.	
May	2022	Prof David Jones	PBC - Is The Fog About to Clear?	
Dec	2022	Mr Aiman Amer	ERAS - Enhanced Recovery After Surg	ery.

TEDx TALK A patient's perspective | Tilly Hale | TEDxNewcastle **DVD** (not interactive) A Patient's Guide to PBC

Zoom Diary Dates for 2023

Mon 27 March: Dr Stuart McPherson. 'Progress towards Elimination of Hepatitis C' Start time 7pm.





Tues 4 April: Prof John Sayer. 'Identification of a new inherited cause of liver & kidney disease' - Start time 7pm.

Thurs 22 June: Mr John Hammond: 'Surgery in patients with chronic liver disease'
Start time 7pm.





Tues 1 August: Dr Kate Hallsworth.

Subject: 'Physical activity and exercise for patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease'

Start time 5pm.

Tues 3 October: Prof Derek Mann. 'Liver Cancer Immunotherapy' Start time 7pm.

Zoom meetings are publicised using our social media outlets - facebook & twitter (and via email to online subscribers), with around 30 people joining live each meeting. Just email us at info@livernorth.org.uk for a link to join us. No-one will be admitted without a link sent from us.

You can watch the recorded talks yourself later by searching for YouTube then typing 'LIVErNORTH' - the full list of talks recorded, including the latest ones, is shown on page 5.

Talks are only recorded once the speaker and the audience have given their permission. To ensure anonymity on the internet, Q&A sessions following the talks are not recorded but anyone can submit a question to ask any of our speakers during the session.

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ON OUR HELPLINE, ONLINE, ON OUR WEBSITE,

VIA EMAIL, FACEBOOK, TWITTER,

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Contact details on the back cover

Organ Donation - Have you registered your decision?

I would love it if everyone I know could go to the organ donation website and register their decision - either to donate your organs when you die or not to.



You may feel that it doesn't matter and that the new opt out system is enough but that is NOT the case. If you have registered your decision, hospitals can move much quicker and save lives. If they have to wait to ask your loved ones, 1) that is a massive decision for those closest to you to have to make in their shock and grief at your death and 2) it slows the process right down of saving the lives of others.

I'm not asking you to donate your organs or any part of your body when you die, that is a very personal decision that you need to make and then tell your loved ones about. I know so many people who have had to make this tough decision when their loved one has just died so take that hard and emotional decision from them by doing it yourself now and letting them know. I know many people who have benefitted from others making this decision during their lifetime, I am still alive today because someone made that decision and their family knew what they wanted. I know others who are struggling as not enough people make this decision when alive.

If you die and your loved ones don't know what you wanted - that's hard. Make the decision now, today, then tell your loved ones about it - it takes less than 5 minutes.

Thank you, Katherine Walcott



REpeated **D**rainage in **U**ntreatable **C**irrhosis – the **REDUCe2** Study

Liver cirrhosis can lead to a painful build-up of fluid (ascites) in the belly. Initially, drugs such as water tablets can treat the build-up but these may stop working, leading to untreatable ascites. A liver transplant is then the best option, however, most people are not suitable for this due to concerns over the risks associated with the surgery and the shortage of liver donors. People with cirrhosis and untreatable ascites who do not receive a liver transplant unfortunately have a reduced life expectancy. Care then focuses on controlling symptoms and having the best possible quality of life. This is known as palliative care. Currently people with untreatable ascites have limited choices of treatment. The standard of care involves coming to the hospital for 1 to 2 days, having a thin tube inserted into the abdomen and draining the fluid. This reduces the pain from ascites. However, as the ascites build up quickly, hospital visits are needed every 10 to 14 days. Our patients describe repeated hospital drainage as "devastating" and "unbearably painful". Another option could involve placing a long-term abdominal drain (LTAD), into the abdomen. This tube is fitted in the hospital but stays in place for months. Nurses can then drain smaller amounts of fluid (1to 2 litres) up to three times a week at home by attaching a bag to the LTAD. LTADs avoid frequent hospital visits and can improve patients' quality of life. But the benefits remain hypothetical, and research is needed to establish the exact risks of these drains

(including potential risks such as infection).

We ran a small study with 36 patients from 2015 to 2018. LTAD insertion went well with no major complications. We are now running a larger study in Great Britain and hoping to recruit 310 participants. Our aim is to see whether palliative LTADs result in a better quality of life in patients with ascites. The study is already up and running in 9 sites with 8 others set to follow suit. We ultimately aim to open at 35 hospitals in total. Please ask your clinical team whether your hospital is participating.

In this study, people who agree to take part will have ascites drained through either LTAD at home or repeated hospital visits. Researchers will visit ALL participants at home every 2 weeks for 12 weeks for safety monitoring and to record important information through questionnaires with a special focus on quality of life. We will record all infections that occur and compare the two groups. The study has been designed with help of patients and caregivers who are part of the research team.

There may be no direct benefits to patients taking part in the study (as some will not access the LTAD due to a process called randomisation). However, information collected will help us determine whether home drains are a suitable option for people with ascites and help the NHS invest in these drains if they prove to be beneficial.

Sites that have joined the REDUCe2 study

- Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
- · Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Addenbrooke's Hospital)
- Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Cardiff)
- · Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust (Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Gloucester)
- · Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Kings College Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (London)
- NHS Grampian (Aberdeen Royal Infirmary)
- NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow)
- · NHS Lanarkshire (University Hospital Hairmyres)
- · Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (North Tyneside General Hospital)
- Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital)
- · Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
- St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (London)
- · University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
- · University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton and Worthing Hospital)

Organ Donation - have the conversation.

Register your wishes by signing the NHS Organ Register online at www.organdonation.nhs.uk or by calling 0300 123 23 23

Most Importantly
Speak to your family to
LET THEM KNOW YOUR WISHES.

Did you Know? No 2 – still sounds better if spoken by Michael Caine

ATMs or Automated Teller Machines are something which we just take for granted. They are known by a number of different names. In the UK, the terms cashpoint, cash machine or hole in the wall are the most widely used. Other terms across the world include, anytime money, cash dispenser, cash corner or Bankomat. In recent years, their numbers in many countries has started to decline as we move to a "cashless society". A trend which has certainly increased with COVID. However, with the current cost of living situation, more and more people have started to move back to using cash. So possibly their decline may not be a dramatic as first thought. Nowadays, they are to be found world wide. At the last count it was estimated that there were 3.24 million across the world. The largest total numbers are to be found in China, India and Russia with the smallest number found in the Comoros which has only 33. If you look at the numbers of ATMs available per 100,000 people a different picture occurs with South Korea, Uruguay and Canada having the greatest numbers. In most places, wherever you are, you are not far from instant cash provided you have a valid card. It was the development of the cash card and accompanying PIN which allowed the successful introduction of the ATM.

In the US, Canada and some Gulf countries, some banks even have drive-thru lanes to access ATMs. Some of the larger US Navy ships also have them where sailors can draw out their pay. The prize of the most unique location must go to the highest ATM which is operated by the Bank of Pakistan located at 15,397 feet above sea level on the Khunjerab pass between Pakistan and China. It is powered by solar and wind and is maintained and monitored 24 hours a day.

Surprisingly, the first ever cash machine was installed at Barclays Bank in Enfield, North London. It was invented by John Shepherd-Barron, a British inventor who got the idea from a chocolate bar dispenser, but replacing chocolate with cash. Many of you will remember the first person to use the machine. It was the star of one of the biggest TV shows of the time, "On the Buses", Reg Varney who withdrew the then maximum sum of £10 on the 27th June 1967. Incidentally, you can still view repeats of this show on Freeview.

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"Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance." (George Bernard Shaw)

"Life is not about how fast you run or how high you climb, but how well you bounce..." (Tigger)

Obituary - Sylvia Dickens

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the passing of Sylvia Dickens, a much loved wife of Eric and friend to many. As a founder member of LIVErNORTH, Sylvia supported the group so much with the time she gave as a Governor, a helpline counsellor, her help at the annual fair and the general meetings. Sylvia was responsible for the publication of 'Through the Kitchen Door' a collection of her own delicious recipes along with contributions from LIVErNORTH supporters.

With a foreword written by Bob Johnson, who was the Tyne Tees Television weatherman at the time, the recipe book was a wonderful success and raised much needed funds for the group. Sylvia underwent two transplants, the first in 1994 and the second in 2001; her legacy is the wonderful way in which she was a shining example of how to live life to the full having been given 'the Gift of Life'. Sylvia's capacity to offer friendship and support to others was exceptional; she was respected by so many people and will be greatly missed.



Mandarin Cream Cake - Liz Bennett

This is a luscious cake, the recipe was given to me by a German cousin who makes the most magical and delicious cakes. It makes a lovely show stopper for a celebration. Depending on the size of slices you make you should get 12-16 portions.

Ingredients

Base 65g Butter 65g sugar 1 egg large 150g Self Raising flour

Filling
500 ml full milk
75g custard powder
200g sugar
300g carton of creme fraiche
300g carton of sour cream



Topping - 2 tins of mandarin segments drained.

Grease a 21cm loose bottom cake tin. Essential to use a loose bottom tin to enable removal of the cake.

Method.

Start by making up a custard with the custard powder, milk and sugar. Keep stirring while cooking it will be thick. Put into a container to cool, cover closely with cling film to avoid a skin. Let this cool completely.

Make the base, kneed to butter and sugar into the flour like making pastry. Beat the egg and bind the mix. Using your hands press the mix into the tin. Put to one side.

Turn on oven to 180c.

When the custard is cool, put into large mixing bowl and with an electric mixer give a little stir. Gradually a little at a time, add both cartons of cream. Pour this over the prepared base, arrange the mandarins over the mix.

Put into oven and bake 60 mins. It should have a little wobble near centre, but it is ready. Leave in the tin to cool completely before taking it out. Don't put in the fridge while your cooling it. Once it's fully cooled and out of the tin - then you can put it into the fridge.

Childhood Memories from Joyce Widdis (A proud 'Geordie' living in Kent)

Billowing washing of terry nappies and sheets,

Hung out in all weathers, Rain, wind and sleet...

Net curtains steeped in Reckitts Dolly blue bags,

Rushing out to the Ragman to get a balloon or goldfish in exchange for your rags...

Steps scrubbed and painted in Cardinal red,

Candy striped sheets to make up the bed.. Shirts and net petticoats made stiff with Robin starch,

Shovel and poker sets stood in the hearth...

A voice would ring oot, "Get doon you little s*ds" as you balanced on a gate, We'd all run off laughing and then turn and pull a face...

We'd play amongst forky tails, wood lice and worms,

Holding hairy caterpillars, Eee, the thought makes me squirm!

Around came the suitcase man selling his wares, Towels, bedding and dresses.

Head scarves and pretty slides for your hair...

Playing two balls for hours on end, The boom, boom, boom on the wall, Driving me dad round the bend.. So Sunday was our weekly bath night whether you needed it or not,

The couple of inches of allocated water was never hot.

So you'd slosh the water round and round to get a warm spot,

Finding a space for somewhere to sit, To avoid floating bath cubes and that undissolvable, bath salts grit!!

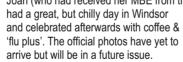
WHILE YOU ARE SITTING, YOU COULD BE KNITTING ..

Now the weathers still cad, your mam would have the knitting needles out for mittens, gloves, pixie hats, scarves and balaclavas.....

Gloves and mittens attached to elastic and threaded through your duffle coat sleeves so you didn't lose them!.... Put more coal on the fire and keep warr

Put more coal on the fire and keep warm everyone

I was privileged to attend my MBE Investiture on 28th Feb at Windsor Castle where the Princess Royal made the presentation. My guests were Nigel Goodfellow and Sandra Beal, both pictured here along with Joan (who had received her MBE from the King in November) and Dawn. We all









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The Magic of the English Language - Part 1

It's natural to take our use of the English language for granted. After all, we use it every day. But, if you just stand back and and think about it, you will see how magical it is. The key custodian of the English language is the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), which in it's most complete up to date version contains a staggering 273,000 words. This is a significant increase on the first edition which was produced in 1879.

As the average person supposedly has an active vocabulary of between 20,000 to 35,000 words the OED has thousands of words we have never heard of, or will ever use. We obviously develop our vocabulary as we develop. It is estimated that at three years old we can recognise, as opposed use, around 1000 words and by the age of five this can rise to 10,000.

Each year, many new words are added to the dictionary through a formal process. All new words have to be approved by a 15 strong panel of lexicographers or wordsmiths. Currently, this group now meets four times a year to consider what new words should be added and how they should be defined.

For any new word to be entered into the Oxford English Dictionary it must meet certain criteria. Firstly, it must have relatively widespread use. Secondly, it must have a widely agreed meaning and finally it must have staying power, that is, it is likely to be used for a long time. The editors consider thousands of word

suggestions every year reviewing each one against the criteria. While many are freestanding, the commonest method of creating a new word is to add a prefix or suffix.

Surprisingly, there are still many words in common use, especially those of a regional dialect which are not included in the dictionary.

New words added in March 2022 include:-

'antidandruff' – preparation or substance for preventing or inhibiting the formation of dandruff.

'anti vaccine'- opposed to vaccines or vaccination.

'doctor shopper'- a person who visits multiples doctors until they receive the desired medical opinion or treatment.

'Hoof '– (chiefly British) to kick a ball especially a football characterised by power rather than skill.

In September, 2022 over 650 new words were added to the OED. Three of the more interesting ones were, Antiwork, Pawternity leave and Zelensky.

Every year a so called "word of the year" is agreed. In 2022, it was PERMACRISIS, defined as, an extended period of instability and insecurity, especially are resulting from a series of catastrophic events. Very appropriate for the events of 2022.

While in America, the word of the year was GASLIGHTING or the practice of grossly misleading someone, especially for ones own advantage.

The term is derived from the title of a 1938 English play called Gas Light which was subsequently made into the film Gaslight.

As with many American words it gives credence to the quote of George Bernard Shaw that "England and America are two countries separated by the same language"

What is truly remarkable is that more than any other language, English continues to evolve, assimilating new words and extending the richness of our vocabulary. It is not only the sheer vocabulary size which makes our language special but the descriptive nature of the words and sayings. That information is for another newsletter piece.

Ouestions:

- 1. What do you think is the most commonly used word in the English language? (Note, it's not 'Amazin')
- 2. What is the most looked up pair of words in the OED?

Answers

- 1. The accounts for 5% of all words spoken.
- 2. Affect and Effect this is not surprising as the confusion between affect and effect is the most common of all homophores (ie, words which sound alike but have different spellings).

Alf Bennett

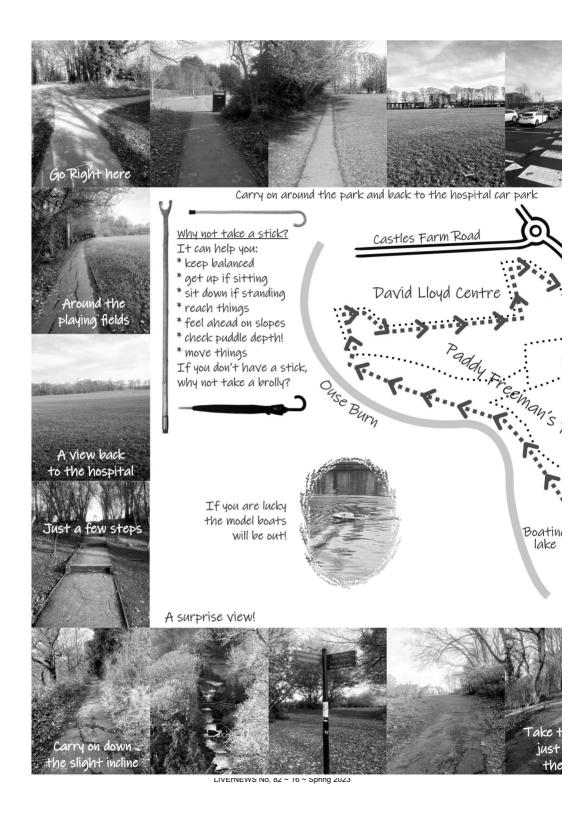
Walks for Liver Patients, their Carers & Families - WALK 1.

Over the last few weeks we have been working with a friend of the group, Alan Curry (who is a keen rambler and expert walker) to create walks to encourage gentle outdoor exercise. In collaboration with Dr Kate Hallsworth, Senior Research Physiotherapist at Newcastle University, LIVErNORTH contributors and Alan Curry we have come up with walks that are interesting, have places to rest, easy to get to and beneficial for health.

None of the walks are strenuous or require special equipment but you must judge for yourself how much you want to do, when is the right time for you and who you take with you. With all of the walks, you can simply turn round at any time and return to the start.

The first of the walks (WALK 1) is overleaf and this walk is also available as a full colour leaflet if required. This first walk uses the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle as a starting point.

For a printed copy of the leaflet, just email us: info@livernorth.org.uk asking for the Walk 1 leaflet. Our other walks will be published in due course.







Letters

Hi John,

I would just like to say Thank you for my little gift which I received the other day (which I will open on Xmas day).

I would just like to wish everyone at Liver North a Merry Christmas and A Happy New year and I will no doubt speak to you in 2023

Regards

Lisa Nuttall, Ward Clerk , Ward 16 Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne

Hi,

I got a fabulous surprise this morning when the postman brought a £100 voucher for Sainsbury. It took me ages to find the covering letter!!!

This was a prize from your annual raffle, and I have to say it's the very first time that PBC has been lucky for me.

Thank you so much, and thank you also for the support you provide. I'm in Scotland, so can't get to your events in person, but I'm always there in spirit.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Regards

Laura

Dear Joan,

It was such a lovely surprise to receive the cheque for £250 after my number was drawn as a winner in the LIVErNORTH Lottery. Thank you so much.

Best wishes to all

SA County Durham Thank you for the cheque for £5000 that the Donor Family Fund (administered by LIVErNORTH) gave to support the Transplant Patients Trust. As you know we are a small charity assisting patients in desperate need. All of our grants are applied for by Transplant Unit Social workers when all other sources of funding have been exhausted.

On behalf of those who will be helped can I again thank you and your colleagues.

Kind regards

Pam Yanez OBE Trustee

Dear Joan,

On behalf of all at Newcastle Hospitals Charity, thank you for your generous donation of £220.00 towards the Ward 38 Christmas gifts for patients. We can't express how grateful we are and how grateful our patients will be for your generosity.

With thanks and best wishes

Mrs S Graham Newcastle Hospitals Charity

Armathwaite Hall Spa Voucher Auction (from Issue 81)

The successful bid of £50 was made by B Ross of Cumbria.

Many thanks to all those who took part.



This Gift Card can be used throughout Armathwaite Hall Hotel and Spa from afternoon teas, lunch or dinner, spa experiences, activities and hawk walks through to accommodation. Contact reception for full details. Booking is essential

То
From
Message
Card value 2 hours spa access for

Present card on arrival. This card can be used throughout Armathwaite Hall Hotel and Spa up to the registered value on the card. Goods of a higher price may be purchased by paying the difference. This card cannot be exchanged for cash.

The card will be valid for 12 months from the date of purchase 25...... 22

Thanks for your help and advice

Hi Guys,

Just to follow up on some travel insurance advice and contacts you gave me in December – I took my insurance out with SAGA and, with that settled in my mind, I had a fabulous holiday in Morocco over the Christmas holidays.

I was a bit anxious since this was my first holiday since Covid and my AIH diagnosis three years ago. Sitting in an aeroplane with 150 strangers while taking immunosuppressants is a bit unnerving but actually I came away unscathed. Morocco, the food and the weather were all great.

I feel good at the moment and overall my health and fitness are holding up well, but who knows what is around the corner. Fingers crossed I'm off to Poland in March, hiking in the mountains along the Slovakian border.

Pix of Morocco below...







Tarra...!!

Liz King

That's brilliant Liz and thanks for the lovely feedback - our leaflet No 16 on Travel Insurance for Liver Patients is always popular as is our list of insurance companies in every LIVERNEWS. I'm please we were able to help and enjoy your hiking holiday in Poland! (Ed)

our online fundraising service is...



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Helens Howlers

Most of the funnies you see in these pages are sent from friends and colleagues (like Billy Venus) or are freely circulating via the internet. I am constantly on the look out for



more material so please send in anything you have or have heard whilst out and about. It doesn't have to be 'professional' – your witty observations on life are always welcome. If you're feeling a bit low - read on... As they say, laughter is the best medicine! Thanks for this issue go to my many facebook friends, LIVERNORTH colleagues and 'the internet'.

WARNING - SOME JOKES UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN - YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD!

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, 'Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, But they only know to say one thing' What do they say?' the priest asked. They say, 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?' That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed, Then he thought for a moment..... You know, he said, I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible... Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to

Thank you,' the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.'
The next day, She brought her female parrots to the priest's house.... As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying.. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them...
After a few minutes, The female parrots

pray and worship, And your parrots are

sure to stop saying... That phrase... In

no time.'

cried out in unison: Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?' There was stunned silence... One male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and says, 'Put the beads away, Frank, Our prayers have been answered!

I've been sacked from my job as a theatre designer. I left without making a scene.

Please help!
I'm trying to trace my grandfather.
I need a 6ft x 2ft piece of see through paper.

I saw a sign in a restaurant "chicken dinner 50p."

I went in and ordered one and the

I went in and ordered one and the waiter brought me a plate of bird seed.

Been on a training course today learning how to fix two pieces of metal together. Rivetting stuff.

My builder is a very nice man. I forgot to pay him and he still offered to come over and put my windows in.

A man walks into a bar, notices a very

large jar on the counter, and sees that it's filled to the brim with \$10 bills. He guesses there must be at least ten thousand dollars in it. He approaches the bartender and asks, "What's with the money in the jar?"

"Well..., you pay \$10, and if you pass three tests, you get all the money in the iar and the keys to a brand new Lexus"

The man certainly isn't going to pass this up, so he asks, "What are the three tests?"

"You gotta pay first," says the bartender, "those are the rules."

So, after thinking it over a while, the man gives the bartender \$10 which he stuffs into the jar.

"Okay," says the bartender, "here's what you need to do:

First - You have to drink a whole quart of tequila, in 60 seconds or less, and you can't make a face while doing it."

"Second - There's a pit bull chained in the back with a bad tooth. You have to remove that tooth with your bare hands."

"Third - There's a 90-year old lady upstairs who's never had sex. You have to take care of that problem."

The man is stunned! "I know I paid my \$10 -- but I'm not an idiot! I won't do

it! You'd have to be nuts to drink a quart of tequila and then do all those other things!"

"Your call," says the bartender, "but, your money stays where it is."

As time goes on, the man has a few more drinks and finally says, "Where's the damn tequila?!"

He grabs the bottle with both hands and drinks it as fast as he can. Tears stream down both cheeks -- but he doesn't make a face -- and he drinks it in 58 seconds! Next, he staggers out the back door where he sees the pit bull chained to a pole. Soon, the people inside the bar hear loud growling, screaming, and sounds of a terrible fight -- then nothing but silence!

Just when they think that the man surely must be dead, he staggers back into the bar. His clothes are ripped to shreds and he's bleeding from bites and gashes all over his body. He drunkenly says, "Now..., where's that old woman with the bad tooth?"

I bought a bottle of Jack Daniels. I tied it to my bicycle carrier. I was about to leave when I realised that if I fell off the bike on the way home, the bottle would break. So I drank the JD before I rode back. It turned out to be a very good decision because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home. Arrived home last night to find a pretty,

young woman grouting the bathroom wall. She was singing 'lt's a heartache, nothin' but a fools game...' - I thought to myself, she's a bonnie tiler...

I was walking past a farm and a sign said: Duck, eggs! I thought: That's an unnecessary comma - and then it hit me.

The Egyptians claim there are no crocodiles in their country. I think they're in de Nile.

"So I knocked on the door at this Bed & Breakfast and a lady stuck her head out of the window and said: 'What do you want?' I said, 'I want to stay here.' She said 'Well stay there.' and shut the window." (Tommy Cooper)

"If it's sent by ship then it's a cargo, if it's sent by road then it's a shipment." (Dave Allen)

A captain notices a light in the distance, on a collision course with his ship. He turns on his signal lamp and sends "Change your course, 10 degrees west." The light signals back, "Change yours, 10 degrees east." The captain gets a little annoyed. He signals, "I'm a US Navy captain. You must change your course, sir." The light signals back, "I'm a Seaman First Class. You must change your course, sir." Now the captain is mad. He signals, "I'm an aircraft carrier. I'm not changing my course." The light signals back a final message: "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

Woo hoo! My uncle has just left me a stately home in his will. I've no

idea where Sod Hall is but I'm thrilled.

I've just accidentally spilled some glue on the first draft of my autobiography. Well that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Pub and restaurant toilets are so weird and spooky, so many of my first dates have gone to use them and have just vanished!

My mate set me up with a blind date once and said to me there is something I should tell you, she's expecting a baby. I felt like a right prat turning up at the pub in a nappy!

I went to see a UB40 tribute act called 'WD40' last night. They were a bit rusty at first but got better as the evening went on.

Yes - I know the jokes are terrible but I bet you smiled at some of them? If you know a joke that could bring a smile to someone's face, please send it in to me by email to info@livernorth.org.uk or post to freepost livernorth. Somewhere out there is the funniest joke ever so let's find it and share it. (Ed)

The Pub Quiz or if you prefer the Barista Café Quiz No 3 [AB]

- 1. Which German city is located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers?
- 2. Which country joined the Euro on January 1st this year? Bonus point what was its original currency 2022?
- 3. What new UK record was set at Coningsby in July?
- 4. Which word meaning an extended period of uncertainty was named as the UK word of the year in 2022?

 (answer can be found in one of the articles in this newsletter?
- 5. What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
- 6. What name is given to the most common book classification in libraries?
- 7. Which river dwelling, highly coloured British bird has the Scientific name Alcedo atthis ?
- 8. Who played Rubeus Hagrid in the Harry Potter films?
- 9. What key is found at the bottom left hand corner on a standard keyboard?
- 10. What measurement is one fourth of a pint?
- 11. What fruit is in the clear brandy called Kirsch made from?
- 12. On which road is the famous Harrods store located?
- 13. What clothing material is produced from the Flax plant?
- 14. What name is given to bow tie or butterfly shaped pasta?
- 15. From which board game was Mrs White removed in 2016?
- 16. How many years of marriage are celebrated by a cotton anniversary?
- 17. Which prime minister of New Zealand announced their resignation in January this year?
- 18. What is the capital of the Seychelles?
- 19. In the Old Testament, the Decalogue is more commonly known as what?
- 20. Which team won the American Super Bowl in February this year?

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999 Is the phone number for an EMERGENCY

999 is the official emergency number for the United Kingdom, but calls are also accepted on the European Union emergency number, 112, All calls are answered by 999 operators, and are always free.

In the United Kingdom there are four emergency services which maintain full-time emergency control centres (ECC), to which 999 emergency calls may be directly routed by emergency operators in telephone company operator assistance centres (OAC). These services, listed in the order of percentage of calls received, are as follows:

Police **Ambulance** Fire **HM Coastquard**

Other emergency services may also be reached through the 999 system, but do not maintain permanent emergency control centres. All of these emergency services are summoned through the ECC of one of the four principal services listed above:

Lifeboat Mountain rescue Cave rescue Mine rescue Bomb disposal

Calling 999 from a landline automatically gives the police information about your location.



The Gas Emergency phone number: 0800 111 999

If you smell gas, think you have a gas leak, or are worried that fumes containing carbon monoxide are escaping from a gas appliance, please call the free Gas Emergency Services emergency line immediately.



⚠ The Electrical Emergency phone number is 105

In the event of an electrical emergency or power outage please call 105 from your mobile or landline and the telephone service will automatically direct you to the network distributor's emergency number for your area.105 is a free service, available from most landlines and mobile phones in England. Scotland and Wales.

Urgent care dial 111

You should call NHS 111 if:

You need medical help fast but it's not a life-threatening emergency

You don't know who to call for medical help or you don't have a GP to call

You think you need to go to A&E or another NHS urgent care service but are not sure which one is most appropriate or closest

You require health advice or reassurance about what to do next

You have medication enquiries

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https://www.freespirittravelinsurance.com/medical-conditions/liver/ 02392 419080		
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^{*} not TX patients - please check with the others also.

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All our leaflets including No.16 'Travel Insurance for Liver Patients' are available to read online by scanning the QR code on the right with your smartphone.



[^] specifically includes cover for declared pre-existing medical conditions.

Information Leaflets Available:

- 1. Liver Patient Support
- 2. Accommodation for patients & families
- 3. Autoimmune Hepatitis
- 4. Alcoholic Liver Disease
- 5. Looking After Your Liver
- 6. Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC)
- 7. Coping With Stress
- 8. Primary Liver Cancer
- 9. You and Your Consultant
- 10. Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC)
- 11. NAFLD Lifestyle Guide
- 12. Liver Disease
- 13. Skin Care for Liver Patients
- 14. Diet and Liver Disease
- 14a. Nutrition Support in Liver Disease
- 15. Hepatitis C
- 16. Travel Insurance for Liver Patients
- 17. Hepatitis E
- 18. Fatigue in Liver Patients/A Patient's Journey
- 19. Understanding Healthcare Tests
- 20. Liver Cirrhosis Self Management Toolkit*
- 21. Exercise & Osteoporosis in Liver Patients
- 22. Hepatic Encephalopathy
- 23. Our Livers, Our Lives (reflections of liver disease)**
- * only from your healthcare professional email for more information

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1. ISSUU: https://issuu.com/search?q=livernorth

2. Website: http://www.livernorth.org.uk/pages/factsheet.htm

3. Email us: info@livernorth.org.uk

4. Phone/FAX: 0191 3702961

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CONTACT NUMBERS

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British Liver Trust

tel: 01425 481320 helpline@britishlivertrust.org.uk ww.britishlivertrust.org.uk

Gift of Life Derby Liver Support Group

(for transplants and all liver disease) Contact: Sister Gerri Casey 0133 234 0131 bleep 1926

Haemochromatosis UK

03030 401102 helpline@huk.org.uk

IPC Support

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or www.icpsupport.org
Registered Charity No: 1146449

NHS

https://www.nhs.uk/

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Norfolk & Norwich Liver Support Group

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PSC Support

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Royal Victoria Hospital Liver Support Group, Belfast

Contact : Kay Duffy (Founder) 07737 718493 www.rvhliversupportgroup.org rvhlsg@gmail.com

South West Liver Buddies

plh-tr.liverbuddies@nhs.net https://southwestliverbuddies.org.uk/

Wilson's Disease Support Group - UK

Val Wheater - 01223 364982 val@wilsonsdisease.org.uk www.wilsonsdisease.org.uk

We can always make space here for your support group details. If you are already listed, please let us know of any changes to your contact details. Please also reciprocate by advertising LIVERNORTH via your own media.



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ANN	0191 4131827
SUSAN	01207 271707
ALAN	0191 4821802
MARGARET	0191 2622550
SUE	01642 706302
KATHRYN	01207 505231
FIONA	0781 5071918

FOR ALCOHOLISM CALL: PAUL 0778 4153587

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