



MS Society at 70

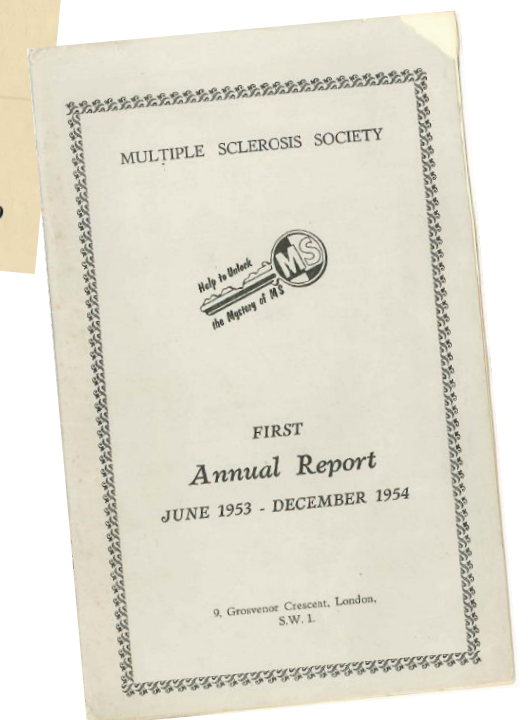
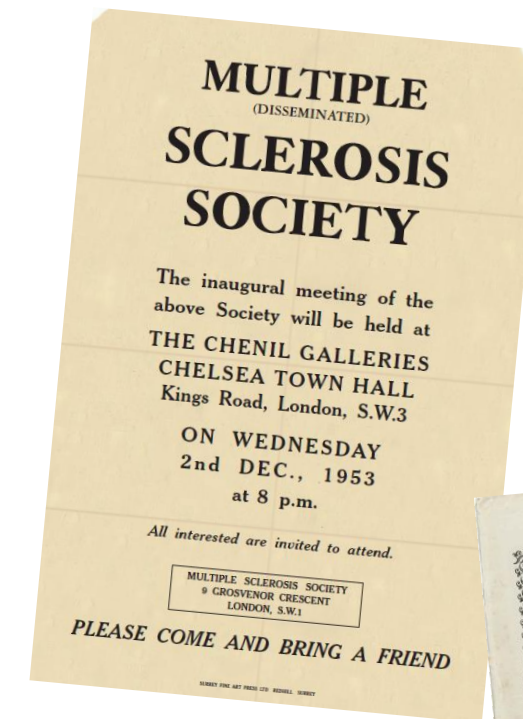
Our History

Celebrating **70** Years



1950s

- MS Society founded by Richard & Mary Cave on 2 December, 1953
- First branch forms in Southend
- Within a year, membership grows to 1,847
- First grant of £8,500 to set up research centre in Newcastle – one of first UK centres dedicated to MS research
- First Parliamentary debate on MS
- By end of decade - 55 branches & 7,500 members

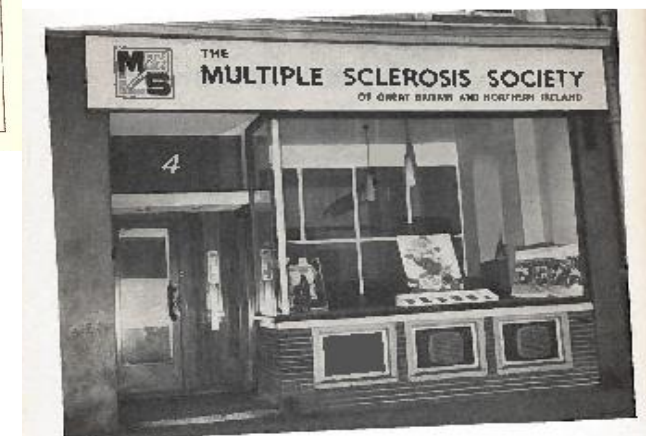
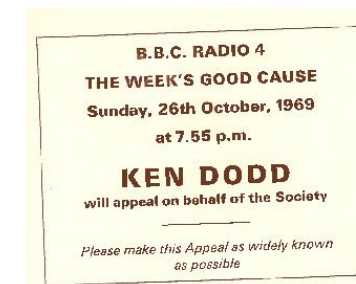


"First and last, the Multiple Sclerosis Society exists to help MS patients. We are not complacent. We know that we have only made a start, and that there is much to be done. This we can only do with your help, help from MS patients themselves and from their friends"

Richard Cave, MS Society co-founder (1954)

1960s

- Our 'welfare' spending tops £63k
- Bournemouth & District becomes 100th branch
- Richard Cave receives knighthood
- 'National Appeal' launched, including ITV campaign & BBC film aired during first ever MS Week
- Princess Anne visits us in Manchester
- We fund large trial of first steroid treatment (£200k)
- Start funding bladder research
- By end of decade - 18,000 members



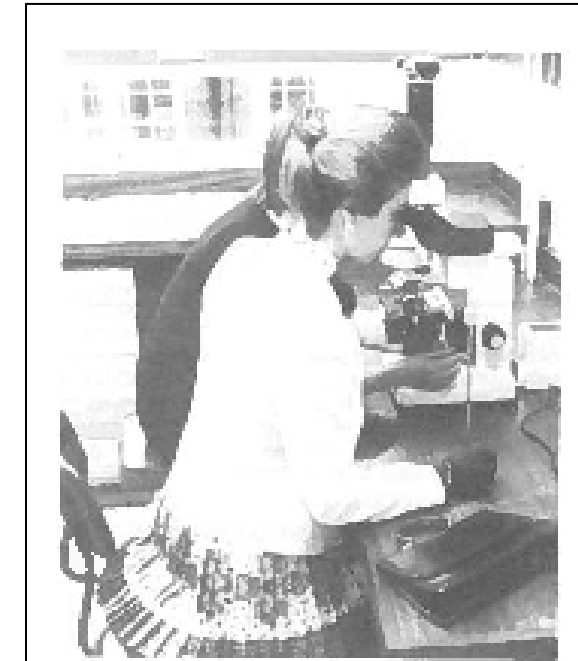
1970s

- Royal Gala featuring the Duchess of Gloucester, raises £2k
- Richard Cave MS holiday home opens
- Drugs for muscle spasms start to be taken (lioressal/dantrium)
- By 1974, over £750k worth of research projects funded
- Trials of azathioprine (widely used until 90s) get underway – we invest £58k
- Research appeal, with ad slogan 'KO. MS. OK', launches in 1978, our silver jubilee year
- By mid 1970s - 241 branches & over 30,000 members

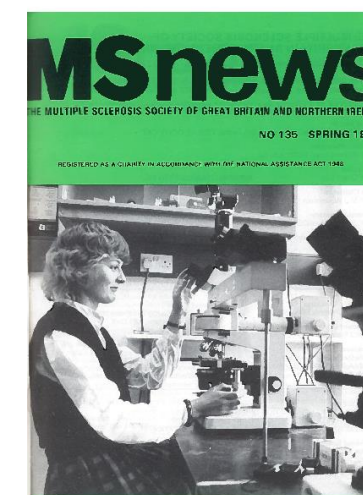


1980s

- Tissue Bank appeal starts
- 180 MPs pledge support to MS cause
- Our first MRI grant (£1m) for MS research was awarded to researchers at Queen Square, London
- HRH Princess Anne opens £2.5m Neuroscience Research Centre at Institute of Neurology, London
- Future stars of MS research, Prof ffrench-Constant & Prof Linnington, are funded by MS Society
- Sir Richard Cave passes away



HRH Princess Anne gets MS into focus.



**SOCIETY LAUNCHES
ROCKET
COLLECTING DEVICE**

1990s

- MS Helpline & our first website launches
- Betaferon & Rebif licensed for MS
- GLAMS, our support group for gay & lesbian people, established
- Carers Bill passes & MS Society fights cuts to Disability Living Allowance
- We fund early trial of alemtuzumab & begin funding MS Society Tissue Bank
- £2m invested into MS nurses & other specialists
- Cake Break raises £45k in first year



MS HELP LINE
For general information and practical advice, call the MS Help Line on
0171-371 8000
Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

MS COUNSELLING LINES
Our confidential service offers you sympathetic counselling
by trained counsellors with personal experience of MS:

London 0171-222 3123 (24 hours)
Midlands 0121-476 4229
Scotland 0131-226 6573

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2000s

- Copaxone receives UK licence & Tysabri introduced
- We commit £2m to MS Nurse programme
- 'Essentials' information series launches
- First NICE guidelines on MS
- MS Society funds opening of £1.6m Cambridge Centre for Myelin Repair & £2.1m MS Centre in Edinburgh
- We invest £2.5m into most powerful scanner ever dedicated solely to MS research
- First clinical trials for stem cells & early trials of Botox for overactive bladder
- Clinical Trials Network set up to develop clinical trials for progressive MS

MS Society's new MRI scanner brings traffic to a halt



address above.

Roads were closed in central London for the installation of a high powered, six tonne MRI of Neurology in Queen Square. Funded by the MS Society, the new scanner is more powerful than any other in the world and will allow much better images to be taken of the brain and spinal cord.



Sex brings on a major attack of the shakes. It's embarrassing and off-putting for both of us, but we can laugh about it now!

I'm still in full time employment although it's hard going. But my colleagues give me a lot of support and they've helped me find a different way of working!

MS Multiple Sclerosis Society



2010s

- Link discovered between vitamin D & a gene common in people with MS
- Myelin repair research breakthroughs
- Innovative stem cell research partnership forged with UK Stem Cell Foundation
- NICE agrees to update MS clinical guidelines & reverses decision on Gilenya
- MS Society plays leading role in 'End the Care Crisis' & 'Hardest Hit' campaigns
- Launched MS SMART, a groundbreaking clinical trial to find treatments for secondary progressive MS
- Launched our **Stop MS Appeal** to raise £100 million to transform what it means to live with MS, for everyone with the condition



2020s

- Launch our new five-year strategy, Every MS Story
- In partnership with Bournemouth University, we launch our free online fatigue management course for people with MS.
- Introduced Octopus, our revolutionary, multi-arm, multi-stage trial which has started recruitment



Every MS story. Our strategy.



““This is a major moment for MS research – Octopus has the potential to change the clinical trials landscape around the world. It's thanks to all the wonderful participants that trials, like Octopus, can happen. We won't stop until we have treatments that transform the lives of everyone with MS.”

Dr Emma Gray, Assistant Director of Research at MS Society



The MS Society Today

3,000 volunteers

246 local groups

270 staff

Helping us generate £27m a year

With one aim: to stop MS together



Our Future

Our vision: A world free from the effects of MS

Our mission: Transforming lives, stopping MS

We're:

- helping people live well with MS
- Connecting people and making sure their voices are being heard
- Working to find effective treatments and prevent MS

And we're doing it with **you**.



"This then is the end of the beginning. With pride in the past and faith in the future, our Society goes forward into another year. Look back and give thanks, look forward and take courage"

Richard Cave, First MS Society Annual Report 1954