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***“Welsh Charity Holds Parliamentary Reception”***

The Bridgend based Pernicious Anaemia Society is holding a Parliamentary Reception at the Jubilee Room in the House of Commons on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

“We are a young but rapidly growing charity with a worldwide membership” says Chairman Martyn Hooper, who is himself a sufferer of Pernicious Anaemia and whose teaching career was cut short by the disease. “The problems associated with the Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment of Pernicious Anaemia in the U.K. are the same problems faced by our members throughout the world” he says.

Pernicious Anaemia is caused by the body’s inability to absorb Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. The society has conducted a Review of the problems faced by its members and now has an Early Day Motion that has been tabled in the House of Commons. The society is the only organisation of its kind in the world and has been in existence for just four years. It has members from every continent with the exception of Antarctica.

The Parliamentary Reception will be attended by members of the society who have arranged to meet their M.P.’s at the Jubilee Room where the problems faced by the members of the society can be explained to the members of parliament. A similar event is being held in the Welsh Assembly Buildings in November where A.M.’s from all political parties will table a cross party Statement of Opinion. That too will call for a Review of the Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment of Pernicious Anaemia.

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