



Dates and Programme for 2021

We hope that the May meeting will be the last via Zoom but will confirm with you as soon as we know.

Tuesday 25 May - Trish Morgan Maggies Centre, Oldham
Monday 5 July - Racchel Beazley, Pharmacist
Tuesday 17 August - Carol Redfern, Blood Bikes
Monday 27 September - Dr Rudralingham, Consultant in Oral Medicine
Tuesday 9 November - Samaritans
Monday 13 December - Christmas lunch

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Future Items

If you have any items for future newsletters or mini reports on the meetings please contact Joan Smith 0161 766 4669 or joansmith.parrfold@btinternet.com



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Next Meeting -

Our Next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25th May** at the normal time of **1.00 p.m.** Unfortunately the Elizabethan Suite is still closed so this will be via **Zoom**.

Our speaker will be Trish Morgan from Maggies Centre at Royal Oldham Hospital. Trish will explain what services they provide and then do a brief relaxation session. If possible, for the relaxation be in a comfortable chair and bring a cushion and a blanket. Please note that as Trish has another Zoom call at 2.00 p.m. can you **please log on at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting**. I will this time send the link details to everyone who has previously attended on Zoom but if anyone else would like to join let me know. I will be happy to help you get on to the system.

Do you shop on-line?

If you use Amazon Smile for on-line shopping you can choose a charity (e.g. Myeloma UK, Bury Hospice ...) to benefit at no extra cost to you.



Puzzles:

Fives! - Answer

4	1	5	2	3
5	2	3	4	1
3	4	1	5	2
1	5	2	3	4
2	3	4	1	5

Fill the grid with the digits 1 to 5 so that no column, row or diagonal of any length contains the same number more than once. What number should replace the question mark?

ANSWER ? = 1

A	L	O
N	T	S
O	I	I

Trackword 12

Can you find the 9 letter word by tracking from one square to the next, going up, down, sideways or diagonally but only using each square once?



Previous meeting (Sibby, Votes for Women)

At our last meeting on April 12th, Sibby, Manchester Tour Guide gave us an interesting talk about the struggle for women to get the vote. She explained the difference between suffragettes and suffragists, the former better known as led by Emmeline Pankhurst. The suffragists opposed the violent action of the suffragettes. She also indicated that we were much behind other countries in giving women the vote but not as far behind Switzerland who did not give women the vote until 1971!



From Myeloma UK: COVID-19 Patient Survey 3

We've launched our third COVID-19 survey to help us better understand how your experiences have changed over the last year, your experiences of the vaccine and how you're feeling about the future now that lockdown restrictions are easing and shielding has ended.

The survey is open to patients, carers and family even if you didn't take part in the previous surveys. The link is below (you may have to copy and paste or type it in.)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MUKCOVID19Survey3>

Chris Witty: Lymphoma, Leukaemia and Myeloma Lecture - Monday 19 April

We signed up for this lecture by **Prof Chris Whitty** (The UK Government's Chief Medical Adviser). Chris gave a very well organised and thorough presentation of the three blood cancers, although he did spend less time talking about myeloma. The two main, very positive things, I took from the lecture were that new treatments are being developed and that survival times are improving.