

Dates and Programme for 2021



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

Dates for 2022

The Committee are in the process of planning our programme for 2022. For those who like to be organised the dates for next year are:

Monday 10 January – AGM and Quiz
Tuesday 22 February, Monday 4 April, Tuesday 17 May
Monday 27 June, Tuesday 9 August
Monday 19 September – Underground Manchester, Keith Warrender,
Tuesday 1 November
Monday 12 December - Christmas Lunch



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Next Meeting

Our Next meeting will be on **Monday 27th September** at the normal time of **1.00 p.m.** This will be A face-to-face meeting at the **Fusilier Museum** on Moss Street. Directions and full address are below. (The Elizabethan Suite is still being used as a Vaccination Centre.)

Our speaker will be Dr Rudralingham, Consultant Oral Surgeon from Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Virtual Consultations

A number of people have had telephone consultations instead of face-to-face appointments during the pandemic and some have found these unsatisfactory. Myeloma UK have produced a guide to help you get the most out of remote consultations. If you look on their website and enter 'Telephone Consultations' under search you will find the article written by the patient information team.

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Please note that we ask you to follow COVID guidelines, wear a mask on entry, hand sanitise and keep socially distanced.

Previous meeting (Blood Bikes)

At our last meeting on 17th August at the Fusilier Museum in Bury we had a very interesting and informative talk on the subject of Blood Bikes. Alan and his wife Carol delivered the talk which was accompanied by captions and pictures which aided the talk. He explained the functions of the volunteers and what the group actually did. It was amazing to find out that not only blood was delivered to homes, hospitals and laboratories but also breast milk, samples, organs, x-rays and medical equipment

The Blood Bike riders provide a service from 7.00 pm to 6.30 am during weekdays and 24 hours at weekends. As this service is voluntary and self-funded the NHS is saved a considerable amount that can be put to other uses. All bikes are fitted with a special insulated box that carries the supplies safely. Our thanks go to these volunteers.
Many thanks to Chris Hodgson for this.

It was also good to see more people attend face to face and good to see old and new friends. Below is a photo to record the event!



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New Venue

At least for the next two meetings, we will be at the **Fusilier Museum, Moss Street, Bury, BL9 0DF.**

This is in the town centre, near the Town Hall. There is on street parking nearby (free if you are a blue badge holder) and it is only a few minutes walk from the Bury Interchange. We will ensure there is someone to direct you at the museum.



Town Hall