

Dates for 2022

Tuesday 1 November - What do blood tests mean?
Amanda Lane, Advanced Nurse Practitioner
Monday 12 December - Christmas Lunch



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Monday 9 January (AGM & Quiz)
Tuesday 21 February
Monday 3 April - Improving Sleep, Stephanie Melia
Tuesday 16 May
Monday 26 June
Tuesday 8 August
Monday 18 September.
Tuesday 31 October – Underground Manchester, Keith Warrender
Monday 11 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 1st November** at the usual time of **1.00 p.m.** at the Fusilier Museum. Our speaker will be **Amanda Lane**, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, on 'What do Blood Tests mean'.

Christmas Lunch

This will be at **Owens Restaurant** in Ramsbottom at **12.30 on 12 December**. Attached to the newsletter is the menu. Please give Joan your choices at the meeting on **1 November** or by post, phone or email by this date.

Mel will also be collecting your £10 contribution to the meal with the balance being met from funds.



David Goldie's funeral

Chris and Chris Hacking and Joan & Mel Smith went to David's funeral on 13 September. David was an avid Manchester United fan and the flowers and order of service reflected this. The pall bearers all wore Manchester United scarves and entered the crematorium to the refrains of 'Glory, Glory Man United'.

Fish and chips lunch

As the last meeting had to be cancelled due to the Queen's funeral we were unable to agree a date for Fish and Chips. We will now arrange this at the AGM in January.

Manchester Cathedral visit



Support Group Visit to Manchester Cathedral

On Tuesday September 20th, the day following the State funeral for Queen Elizabeth, nine members of the group visited Manchester Cathedral for what proved to be a very interesting, informative and enjoyable morning. We were split into two groups and two knowledgeable, friendly guides showed us around.

Originally, in 1421, the church on the site of the Cathedral was a "collegiate church", essentially a college for the training of Roman Catholic priests. The Collegiate Church was given Cathedral status in 1847 and is dedicated to St Mary, St Denys and St George. The Cathedral was extensively damaged in October 1940 by a land mine bomb but has recovered very well from the blast. The visit continued with a look at the stained glass windows (and more particularly what was depicted in them, ie the Old Testament in one, the Book of Revelation in another, the Fire Window and the Hope Window) followed by viewing four chapels. On display is The Angel Stone which is believed to date from the ninth century and is the oldest artefact in the Cathedral. Some of the fabric in the Tower predates 1421 and the tower arch is thought to be over 800 years old. In the Quire we viewed the stalls and their misericords, and the very new Stoller organ (2015-16) paid for by Norman Stoller the Oldham businessman. In 2021 the cathedral celebrated its 600 years of its existence with a visit by Queen Elizabeth and a display of 600 small porcelain "Angels Wings" adds modernity to the historic fabric of the Cathedral.

There were many highlights - too many to note here - but each member present will have their own favourite. For me the carvings in the Quire and underneath the misericords and the many references to the Bee, Manchester's symbol, were memorable. Having been a number of times previously to the Cathedral this visit illustrated the fact that one visit is never enough to places like this: there is always something else to see.

For six of the group this memorable visit was completed at 'Cafe 1881' nearby for the obligatory coffee and cake!

Thanks to Chris Hacking for this comprehensive review.

The group at 'Cafe 1881"

