

## Dates for 2023



Monday 11 December (Christmas Lunch at **Owen's, Ramsbottom**)

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## Distribution of Group Posters and Leaflets

As before Myeloma UK will be producing our leaflets and posters. If you are going to Christmas lunch and can give them to the Macmillan Information or Haematology Nurses where you go for treatment/clinic or visit Maggie's could you let Joan know if you would be willing to take them. This will save on postage and she will bring them to the Christmas Lunch. Thanks

## 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](mailto:joansmith.parrfold@btinternet.com)



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## Next Meeting

Our Next 'meeting' will be our Christmas Lunch on **Monday 11th December at 1 pm** at **Owen's Restaurant in Ramsbottom.** (The address is 10 Railway Street, BL0 9AL)

Unfortunately if you have not already booked it is now too late to do so. If you are no longer able to come to the meal do let Joan know as soon as possible.

If you need a lift and this has not already been arranged please let Joan know so this can be organised.

**Puzzle:** Answer to Trackword 23: WALKABOUT

No room for a puzzle this time! - sorry.

MYEWORD



**Christmas Lunch December 11th at 1pm**

## Dates for next year



- Monday 15 January - AGM and Bingo
- Tuesday 27 February - Therapy Dogs
- Monday 8 April - 'Fatigue' Amanda Lane, Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Tuesday 21 May. Dr Jenna Fielding, Consultant Haematologist MRI
- Monday 1 July. ☑️ Joanne Denny, Bury Hospice
- Tuesday 13 August. 'Jacob's Feast'
- Monday 23 September. tbc
- Tuesday 5 November - Birds of Prey, Russ Hedley

Please put these dates in your diary or calendar for next year. (We hope to fill the final slot before long.)

## Walking Group

Another lovely walk held on the 20th November - walking from Smithybridge Railway station, along a stretch of the Rochdale canal to the outskirts of Littleborough. Thankfully the weather was fine, not brilliant sunshine but good to be outdoors even though through Eilees it was **very** muddy. Highlight of the walk was spotting a heron alongside the canal. Finishing our walk at the visitors centre for a much needed coffee! It was lovely to walk and chat. Details of our next walk in January will be given at the AGM.

Many thanks to **Christine** for this.

## Previous meeting - What lies beneath?

After taking the enlightening, virtual tour of **Underground Manchester** with Keith Warrender at the last group meeting, the answer would appear to be "many unique secrets."

Keith highlighted a number of fascinating, hidden features. Starting with the **CIS Tower** he described "a village under the City" a with fall-out shelter and a cluster of subways and conveyor routes linking the three Co-op buildings. **Below Granada Studios** lies a section of the Manchester and Salford Junction canal which was a commercial failure and which no-one wanted to buy! **Piccadilly Station** has the **Duke's Tunnel** underneath it together with a hidden winch used to raise goods up to the Rochdale Canal Basin at Dale Street. The **Mancunian Way** has a network of tunnels; **Victoria Station** an underground bridge and a 60ft piece of sandstone rock; the (17) **Victoria Arches** have the tallest tram gantry in the City and the **Deansgate Tunnel** lies 70ft below ground, may have been a sewer, and along which a boy and his sister walked to the **Trafford Road Bridge** emerging at the **Bridgewater Canal. New Cathedral Street (or Old Market Place)** had a shooting range and skittle alley and the **Code named 'Granada'** subterranean **telephone exchange** extended for 4 miles between the City and Salford. It had three generators named Jane, Marilyn and Diana (after Jane Russell, Marilyn Monroe and Diana Dors) as well as a secret envelope containing instructions as to what to do in the event of a (Cold) war!

An illuminating tour of **what lies beneath** our feet. A walk across town will never be the same again!

Many thanks to **Chris** for this.