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Welcome,

Members and Friends of IA Manchester,

Summer is here again and already we appear to have several seasons of mixed weather - all in the space of a few months; dreadful floods have ravaged many West country, Welsh and South coastal areas of our land as well as flooding from overflowing rivers through towns and villagers many miles inland.

And yet as I write in glorious sunshine for at least the passed few days - it actually is beginning to feel like Summer at last.

As many of you know Val and I travel quite far around our fair land in 'Daisy2' our motorhome.

In the past months we have visited North Yorkshire - Whitby, Newcastle in Co,Durham, and we are at the moment planning our Continental trip in a few weeks time when we shall be motoring down England , crossing to France and then motoring down to the Mediterranean - aiming to holiday on the Cost Brava in Spain - just North of Barcelona.

We hope many of yourselves also are either starting your holidays - if not at least planning with the May Bank Holiday close.

We have quite a number of events since our last news letter - and some news....which I shall cover that follows.

Chris Ainsworth - Chairman



Wythenshawe Civic Forum

NEWS ON OUR WEB SITE.

www.ia-manchester.com

Please visit our website of pages useful information regarding events/contacts and Current happenings around the Stoma Care scene in Manchester.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE

Open Day at

Wythenshawe Forum Civic Centre, Simons way, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 5RX.

The event will be on Friday 20th June 2014, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Manchester IA and many exhibitors will be in attendance
And is sponsored by Wythenshawe Hospital Stoma Care.

Please try to attend and support your Ostomy Care Team, Appliance Suppliers and Manufacturers Representatives - as well as enjoy the provided buffet.

FUTURE VENUES

We continue to seek suitable venues in which to hold our Membership Meetings, I am aware that we have mentioned this before - as I also mentioned at our Annual General Meeting.

There have been various options given to our Committee; however - none - at this stage have been suitable to satisfy a small number of conditions that we have to observe:

- A, Access to a disabled and if above one story - a lift facility.
- B, Suitable area to accommodate a possible 40 Members and space suitable for a small number of App/Manufacturers.
- C, Simple kitchen facilities for Tea/Coffee, etc.
- D, Close links to public transport/Metro, etc.

Once again may I request that should you know of a suitable venue, or if you would like to assist us as one of IA-Manchester's Committee - please contact myself or Val, our Secretary, at the contact listed below.

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IA MANCHESTER 2014 SO Far.

Due to the popularity of our Meeting venue, March 14th saw our earliest Annual General in our recent history since I became a Member of IA Manchester. As usual it was held in the popular venue at Salford Royal Foundation N H S Trust - Mayo Building, We were fortunate in the acceptance to attend of our guest speaker Mrs Anne Demick, National Secretary of the IA - an extremely busy IA Representative - who fitted our AGM into her current programme of National Conferences, Accompanied by her husband, David, we were enthralled by two excellent illustrated presentations covering IA - before and after and The Management of Membership Organisations.

Following intensive advertising our popularity managed to bring over 40 Members and potential members to view the many appliance suppliers and Manufacturers Representatives demonstrations, Following the closure of Business meeting - our President - Professor Gordon Carlson presented an excellent talk on the future of Colo-rectal Surgery and answered many questions. We closed the Meeting by thanking all who attended and I, in particular, expressed my thanks to all the hard work - on a Saturday morning, made by the Hospital Staff, Stoma Care Team, The Suppliers and of course my Committee, We look forward now to 2015 and have already made steps to 'book' our venue.

Finally - Representatives of your Committee also attended The National Council Annual Meeting held in Newcastle -on-Tyne a month later in April. We were entertained by Lectures and Presentations from an array of international Speakers on various subjects relating to Colo-rectal Surgery.

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The Committee welcomes New Members

If you would to contribute as a
Committee Member please contact our
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Telephone number above.

A Final Laugh - a Chukle to cheer us all: A True Story!:

An elderly Florida Lady finished her shopping and carried her bags back to her car, suddenly she found four men sitting in her car - as if in the act of making off with it, She dropped her shopping bag, drew out a handgun and threatened the men. "I have a gun and I won't be afraid to use it - Now get out of the car! " The four men didn't wait and immediately got out of the car and ran off, The Lady shaken by this episode - loaded her shopping and still shaking attempted to start the car . No matter how she tried the car would not start - then she looked around and wondered why there was some toys and a child's football in the back.!

Realising her mistake she soon sought out her own car a few vehicles away. Embarrassed she decided to report Police exactly what had taken place. The sergeant who took her statement couldn't stop laughing and pointed to the other end of the counter where four men were reporting the theft of their car, by an elderly white haired old lady - carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed and the moral to the story

If you are going to have a senior moment - make sure it's a very memorable one