



The ileostomy & internal pouch
Support Group

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Welcome to the summer ! We can hope but hope ! I am writing this Newsletter as the rain buckets down at my window, but my thoughts are full of Summer and recent events that have taken place within IA, as a whole and, in particular, within IA-Manchester.

Only one week ago we held we held our AGM at Salford Mayo Centre and one which I shall remember for some time .

Last year we said good-bye to Professor Gordon Carlson and this AGM we welcomed Mr Jonny Epstein as our new President.

The meeting was well attended and once again The Committee would like to thank the members who attended-their partners and new members. The meeting was enhanced by a presentation from our new President as well as a very interesting discussion and presentation by Gary Hallett - the Customer Services manager of Pelican Healthcare - who had travelled from Cardiff with his team to be with us, Also present was a guest from Merseyside IA.

Earlier in the year members of your committee attended the National Council's Annual meeting - NC15 - which this year was held the closest it has ever been to Manchester - apart from in the City, of course, in Chester. More of this meeting is covered inside with some exciting news of the event for 2016.

Many of you will be aware that we have slightly altered the formation of our Committee and that Marlene - Vice Chairman and visiting officer has now taken the role of Secretary following the stand down of my wife Val has remained on the committee but with a lesser, but valuable, a role.

Finally, travels with "Daisy" has come to a temporary standstill while Daisy's Commander has to undergo some surgery - no doubt we will be 'On The Road Again' soon.

Chris Ainsworth - Chairman

60 Years on....

Next Year - 2016 - is the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of

Ileostomy Association - although IA is the LOGO the full title of our organisation is The Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Support Group.

The original movement started in America and was known as QT - Moving to the UK in the 50's QT (GB) and a quote from,

Journal 1 - QT Newsletter - August 1956.

...an Association for the mutual help to all who have a permanent Ileostomy. In Great Britain we have a National Committee and Regional Divisions in London and The Midlands and will soon Establish Divisions in Leeds and Manchester....

At that time the Midlands (Birmingham) Division was Presided over by Bryan Brooks MD, MChir., FRCS. Who was based at The General Infirmary, Leeds 1 and The National Committee was established in St Mark's Hospital, London E.C.1

Before Manchester Division was opened Meetings were held annually, for all members (and I quote)"...for the purposes of following Standing Orders for Businesses and Conference procedures..."

In Manchester such meetings began to take place at The Manchester Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Elizabeth Street Cheetham Hill, (which has long been demolished) which was I understand, situated yards from the rear walls of Strangeways Prison !

Membership at that time was free although a donation - quite commonly 5/- was looked on as both your Annual subscription and a donation..! £0.25p
The wording was "Pay what you can afford.."

We have come quite a long way from those days; however, I intend to continue with the stories from Journal 1" in later issues.

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Following on the activity discussed at the NC 15 held in Chester Organisations have been asked to think of managing an event to highlight 60 years of IA.

Although a major event is in the planning stage for NC 16 - to be held in Leicester, it was felt that MO's should also 'Fly The Flag' to celebrate our 60 years of IA in local areas.

Already we have inklings of ideas, but maybe you have a blockbuster for us to think about - and, preferably come onto our Committee temporarily if wished to assist in your idea in a small working party.

Please have a thought - we have lots of time and a reasonable budget to manage for promoting IA Manchester.

**The Committee welcomes New
Members,**

If you would like to contribute as a Committee Member please contact our Secretary, address above



**The National Secretary is
Departing.**

Members who attended last year's AGM will remember the guest speaker at that event was Mrs Anne Demick who has decided to stand down, possibly at the end of the current IA year. Anne has been a very helpful National Secretary to us here in Manchester IA and will be sorely missed.



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Remember 1956 - 2016

The IA Manchester Website - or - www.ia-manchester.com

IA Manchester website was born in 2005 by myself (Chris Ainsworth) - as a practising WEB writer and a new member to IA Manchester Committee.

Having already established a number of websites during the early 2000's I offered to establish a website for IA Manchester - This was also about the same time as I took over the writing of the Newsletter in it's existing format. The Chairman at that time was - Ian Hay - welcomed this website as we were probably one of the first Member Organisations to establish such. Today nearly 6000 hits, a wealth of information and links to stoma-related information, we can cover 'the wibbly wobbly web world' not only throughout the NHS services here in the North but also the contact information for a large number of Distributors and Suppliers of Stoma Products.

WEB Master Paul Stott - himself an Ostomist of 36 years has brought his skills to IA Manchester with his knowledge of all things of interest.

Visit the site and wander through all the pages, follow some of the more popular links, Scour information/Photos and events happening past, present and the future not only for Manchester IA but other Organisations as well as IA's main site at www.iasupport.org.

Much was made and said at the National Council Meeting this year regarding the use of the Internet and by far the main topic of information seemed to favour the use of the Social Media sites by which I mean Facebook, YouTube, and other sites broadcasting related information.

I am, however, much aware that not everyone has access - nor wishes to have access - to the Internet - so be it - it remains a personal choice. But do visit ia-manchester.com - Paul will be pleased to see you!