



A Word from Your Chairman and Editor

Hello again
everyone

and may I say
welcome to
our first

edition for this year of 2010 - (do we say twenty-ten or two thousand and ten ? - are we in the 'teens' or the 'tens' - or does anyone care!?) I wonder!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. In the main this period is a family period which I hope all of us enjoyed with our loved ones. Shortly after New Year my wife and I became great-grandparents for the second time - and , I know what your thinking ! I dont look old enough ! I think it's the children that keep us young!

I mentioned in my last editorial how easy it is to submit your subscriptions at this time and I am so pleased that many of you have taken advantage of paying your subscriptions by Direct Debit with your bank and that more members

are making use of the simple method - for those on-line - of paying via the new service available at "www.ia-support.org" - our main IA website.

With my Treasurer's hat on - please notice if there is a coloured circular sticker on your envelope- it is simply a reminder to those who have yet to pay their subscription to use one of the many methods - outlined inside -to bring your membership up-to-date. (If I have missed a late payment - I apologise) - and, of course, many many thanks for all your Donations.

We have important news this edition of our annual general meeting - taking place in May

Earlier this month I, along with Marlene Evans your Vice-Chairman, held an important meeting with our President - Professor Gordon Carlson Bsc MD FRCS- plus representatives from the Stoma Care Department of Salford Royal Hospital; important issues were discussed and at this stage I can only say that in the coming months we intend to develop a greater awareness of IA Manchester to a wider scope of membership.

Regards *Chris Ainsworth*

NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE


Journal Distribution

Your representative Committee meets several times during each quarter and in particular two to three weeks prior to a Journal distribution and Newsletter production. This ensures that incoming fresh information from National Council, projected Suppliers Open Days, developments from Stoma Care sources, etc are adequately covered and passed onto you - our membership, in each issue. If you have any information/letters/points for discussion in our local Newsletter - then please send them to the Chairman - address elsewhere, or email BEFORE the 20th of each quarter-end month;

Many thanks

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

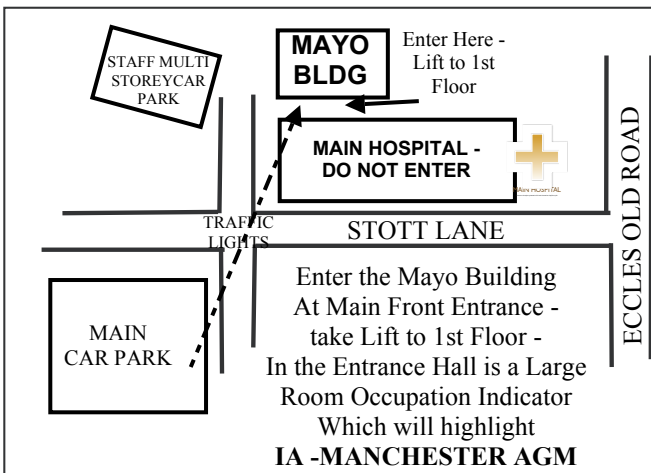
**IA - MANCHESTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 22 MAY 2010
COMMENCING AT 10.30AM**

**THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MAYO BUILDING
DIRECTIONS OPPOSITE 
PROFESSOR GORDON G CARLSON Bsc MD FRCS
(IA Manchester President)
WILL BE TALKING ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS**

APPLIANCE SUPPLIERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

**IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MEETING WILL LAST
FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS
MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE FORMAL NOTIFICATION
AND FURTHER INFORMATION - AGENDA ETC.,
NEARER THE TIME
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES**

THANK YOU - YOUR COMMITTEE



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NATIONAL DRAW 2010

Please find enclosed with your IA Journal and this Newsletter

A book of draw tickets for the National Draw - to the Value of £5.

The proceeds from the Sale of these tickets - from Your Manchester IA Membership - are paid back - in one part - to our Organisation Funds and in part to sponsor research in related Ileostomy, IBD and other projects.

It is important that you return your ticket stubs and moneys to:

Mrs M. Evans, 67 Normandby Road,
 WORSLEY, Manchester M28 7TS

But especially no later than 10th April

Thank You for Your Co-operation

Help from the Membership

Once again - membership data is under a re-assessment. We last carried out an update of membership details in 2006 - an exercise that highlighted various anomalies in our records as well as outdated and incorrect personal details. We send out the quarterly Journal and Newsletter to all members who have registered their personal and address information with us on joining, etc. However, many times we receive notification of members no longer residing at these addresses - members who have moved out of the GM area- and, unfortunately, members who have passed away.

(Most often after the event has happened !).

It is my intention to update our records once again and soon you will be receiving a similar request form highlighting the information I hold here - strictly confidential and observing the conditions of the Data Protection Act .

Since 2006 and the last official 'census' of membership details we have grown in numbers by approximately 25% - our membership total stands at 259.

One area I am keen to develop is making more use of modern technology and hence - the internet and email. I would also like to

develop a Manchester IA page on the social networks - such as 'facebook', etc. This practice is already in operation for such sites as the Ostomy C3 Life Organisation.

I am very aware that many members are not 'internet-savvy' and, of course, this will never preclude any information/news, etc ever reaching you.

Initially, I would like to create an accurate email address book of those members who have email addresses already. To do this I ask that all members with an email address send me an email -

chairman@ia-manchester.com

And simply write in the 'Subject' line : "AddMember" without the quotes - and press 'send'

Some of your email addresses I may already have - this will simply confirm.

Finally - in these days of high production costs/ mail charges, printing, etc. What we save on administration costs we can 'plough' into worthwhile causes and events and charitable works.

Many thanks for your indulgence

Chris Ainsworth