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Dear Members,

First to welcome new members: Janet from Stretford - Sheila from Flixton, - Charles from Sale, and Patricia from Worsley.

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AGM and Information day 24/25 th April at Kenilworth update.

Paul was unable to attend the weekend event due to a medical problems, Marlene was to stand in for Paul at the AGM, but on the way to the event Marlene had an accident on the M-6 by a lorry hitting the side of her car causing slight damage. This made her miss both the AGM and an evening function for One2one volunteers. Marlene was shaken, but unhurt and was able to attend the Information day event and the evening banquet the next day.

I have no details of the 2 day event to report at the present time as I did not attend, but hope to show you photos of the event in the autumn issue.

Paul.

*Best wishes from the Manchester Team,
Paul, Marlene, Sophie & Charles.*

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Morrisons become the first supermarket to introduce stoma-friendly toilets in all stores

Morrisons has introduced stoma friendly features in accessible toilets across all its stores in England, Scotland and Wales, working with Colostomy UK and using our guidance.



This national rollout shows how simple, practical changes can make it easier for people with a stoma to get out and about with confidence. It is a positive step towards more inclusive public spaces and a great example of a major retailer listening to the stoma community.

The new facilities follow on from Morrisons listening to customer feedback and represents a practical step towards strengthening access to appropriate facilities beyond the home — Stoma-friendly additions advised by charity Colostomy UK to improve access, comfort and confidence for people living with a stoma — All accessible toilets in Morrisons supermarkets nationwide are now stoma-friendly — Colostomy UK and Morrisons are proud to announce all accessible toilets in its supermarkets, across England, Scotland and Wales are now stoma-friendly. The initiative aims to support independence, dignity and comfort for people living with a stoma and has been rolled out following customer feedback.

Morrisons stoma-friendly toilets include features advised by Colostomy UK such as hooks for clothing or bags, a shelf for supplies, a bin for discreet disposal, and a mirror to help with appliance checks. Morrisons worked with Member of Scottish Parliament and advocate for the stoma community, Edward Mountain to introduce the new facilities. Edward wrote to the retailer to share his story and request the toilets be made stoma friendly. He was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2022 and had a stoma whilst his bowel recovered.

It is currently estimated that one in 335 people in the UK are living with a stoma. Individuals of all ages may have a stoma, which can be temporary or for the rest of their life. Stoma surgery is undertaken to treat a range of illnesses including cancer, diverticulitis and Crohn's disease or following a trauma to the abdomen.

The commitment to all stores is welcomed by Colostomy UK, which raises awareness and champions for simple changes to ensure people with a stoma can live full, active lives without unnecessary barriers.

Paul.

organisations that do take in surplus ostomy products and supplies to distribute around the World.

Please find below the web links for those organisations:

Jacob's Well appeal Registered

Charity No.: 1192373

www.jacobswellappeal.org/

Chameleon Buddies

Registered Charity No.: 1199430

www.chameleonbuddies.org.uk

Footprints 2 Africa

Registered Charity No.: 1214173

www.footprints2africa.org.uk

Medics4Ukraine

Registered Charity No.: 1114639

www.wemfund.com/ukraine

Yorkshire Aid Convoy

Registered charity No.: 1092813

www.yorkshireaidconvoy.co.uk

Trafford Stoma Support Group. (Support Group Members Only)

At Parish Centre St John Henry Newman Parish community centre ,
1, Davyhulme Road Davyhulme M41 7DS
on

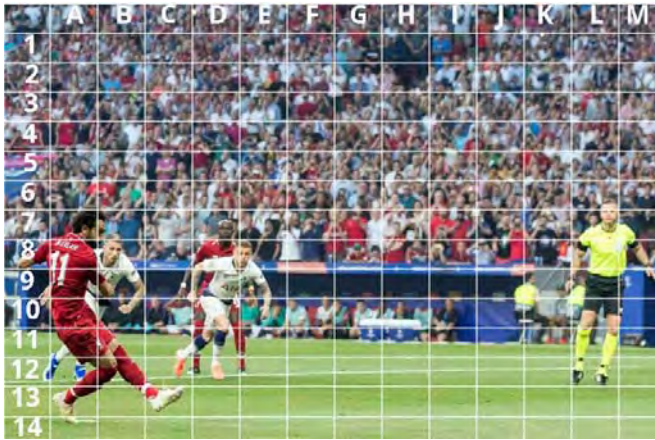
Thursday 11th June 2026 at 1.30 PM

Refreshments served



IA-Manchester will be on hand with all the latest brochures.

Spot the Ball No. 18 Liverpool V Tottenham.



There are 182 boxes for you to choose from where the the ball may be located .This is one of the easiest 'Spot the Ball' competition so far, anyone with an eye for football will spot where the ball is easily, Prize for the competition a Tesco or Morrisons £15, gift voucher. Rules are easy, you have 6 goes at where you think the ball is located. If you think the ball is in box A-1, And so on until you have used your 6 goes. Competition runs from 1st June to the 30th, please do not enter before the 1st June as your entry will be void, this is to give members who live in remote parts of the country a fair chance, and other areas where post is a problem ..If there is a tie, the winner will be the member with the correct result that reaches us first. send your winning entry to.

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Hyfrecator.

Patients receiving specialist care from the Salford Stoma Care Team are set to benefit from new equipment funded by a generous donation from the Manchester Branch of the Ileostomy Association. The funding has enabled the team to purchase a hyfrecator pen, an advanced tool that will support their ongoing work treating peristomal granulomas which are often small, painful overgrowths of tissue that can develop around a stoma. These growths can cause discomfort, bleeding and difficulties with stoma appliances, making effective treatment essential for maintaining patients' quality of life. The device will enhance the team's ability to carry out minimally invasive surgical procedures with greater precision, improving both patient comfort and clinical outcomes.

The Salford clinic is a well-established and nationally recognised service, having supported patients for more than 15 years. It remains the only clinic in the UK where highly trained stoma care nurses carry out the surgical removal of granulomas, demonstrating a unique and highly specialised level of practice. This nurse-led surgical approach not only reduces waiting times but also ensures continuity of care for patients who are already known to the service. The clinic has built a strong reputation for excellence, supporting patients from across the country who require this specialist treatment.

The service is led by a dedicated and experienced team including Dr Lyons, and highly specialised stoma nurses Benjamin McDermott and Zoe Yarwood, whose expertise has been central to its success and national recognition. Their commitment to innovation and patient-centred care has helped establish the clinic as a leading centre in this field. The team has expressed sincere thanks to the Manchester Branch of the Ileostomy Association for its generous support, which will allow them to continue delivering high-quality, specialist care and further improve the experience and outcomes for patients living with stomas.

Kind regards
Benjamin McDermott
Highly Specialised Stoma Care Nurse
Stoma Care
Salford Care Organisation
[Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust](#)



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Greater Manchester IA.

Greater Manchester Branch of the Ileostomy Association are seeking any member of the Manchester Branch who would like to join our committee. This would involve being present at any of the open days, handing out brochures and helping with general queries and attending committee meetings.

Travelling expenses will be paid for all events.

If interested: please contact our secretary by phone 0161 790 9380.- Email:
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WE Need YOU!

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SPACE FOR OUR NEW
Committee Member

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S u b s c r i p t i o n s 2 0 2 6 .

Renewal subscriptions can be paid using any of the details below please - either online, by standing order or via cheque sent to IA national office. Subscriptions are due annually please. If you have yet to pay 2024/25 subscriptions please arrange to do so ASAP to continue your Membership .Under 60 years of age as at 01.01.2026: £15 PA. Over 60 years as at 01.01.2026: £10 PA.

Please send a cheque made out to **IA BRANCH POOLED.** (Make sure you put your name and address is on the back.)

* Send to: IA National Office, Danehurst Court, 35-37, West Street, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1BE. *

Or pay on line at <https://www.iasupport.org/membership/renew>

If you want to pay by standing order go to your bank make standing order payable to :
The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT.
Sort Code: 08-92-99; Account No: 65854408.
Account Name: IA Branch Pooled.

You can also download a standing order form from <http://www.iasupport.org/membership>

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Wigan Stoma Support Group Open Day.



Colorectal/stoma support group On Thursday 25 th June 1.00-3.00 pm.
Held at St Judes Rugby
club, Keats Ave, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan WN3 5UB



Other dates for your diary are.
30.7.2026- 27.8.202 - 24/9/2026,

Greater Manchester-IA in attendance with all the latest brochures of our
ileostomy and pouch information. Refreshments served
ALL WELCOME

Aviva Studios,



Join us for FREE tea and toast on Thursday 9th July 2026 from 10.30 am.
at the Aviva Studios, Water Street, Manchester, M3 4JQ

representatives from Greater |Manchester IA will be on hand with all the latest brochures

WEB SITE

https://factoryinternational.org/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21079093821&gclid=Cj0KCQjwkrzPBhCqARIsAJN460nLujWhoHAdRVOMroqXvdepr39M0ottqpkxh84N98SV5_NeHqt3TvkaAsNBEALw_wcB

Web site will tell you what is on and how to get there - Bus, Train, Tram and car parking.

There is disable parking on Water Street.