



TAMESIDE PULMONARY FIBROSIS SUPPORT GROUP



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MAY NEWSLETTER

AL HINDE



I am very saddened to tell you that on Sunday 5th April, our Comrade Research Champion, Al Hinde passed away. He was at home and his wife Ann was by his side.

Al lived in Ormskirk, therefore the monthly zoom meetings were a better option for him because coming to the face to face meetings was not really possible due to the distance. However, a couple of years ago, Al and Ann surprised us by coming along to the 4C Centre, and it was lovely to welcome them both and spend some time with them.

APF invited people to become Support Group Research Champions and Al decided he would take on this role for us after our previous Champion passed away. Al attended many zoom meetings with APF and pharmaceutical companies, learning about what research was taking place in the UK so he could feed it back to us at TPFSG.

Al and I often talked on the phone and I enjoyed our conversations, not only talking about PF but also putting the world to right. I will miss speaking to Al very much. Rest well dear friend, I will miss you and I will miss our chats. ❤️

EDITH BUXTON



It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that on Sunday 5th April, Edith passed away at home, with her husband David and her family by her side.

Over the past couple of years, Edith regularly came to our Face to Face meetings with David and we always looked forward to seeing her. They both enjoyed coming on our boat trips along the Peak Forest canal too.

Edith was a beautiful, quiet, gentle lady who had a smile that lit up a room and I will miss her very much. I know the Comrades feel the same too. Rest well now Edith, we will miss you and your beautiful smile. ❤️



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THE HIGH SHERIFF OF GREATER MANCHESTER - MARK LLEWELLIN

On April 11th, Mark Llewelin officially took on the role of High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, with a ceremony which took place at Dukinfield Town Hall, in Tameside. Over the next 12 months, as part of his role, he will be supporting the judiciary, police and emergency services, and voluntary organisations. He has a very busy year ahead of him.



When I heard that he would be our new High Sheriff, I contacted the Sheriff's office to ask if we could be visited by him at our face to face meeting in April, especially as it was our 8th Anniversary of Clive and I starting TPFSG. His Attendant replied to me very quickly to say Mark would be delighted to come along.

We therefore welcomed Mark at our meeting on Friday 17th April. He talked for a short time about his new role as Sheriff and gave us a brief resumé of his life and career. He was very entertaining and everyone loved listening to him (we could have listened to him for much longer). He presented me with a certificate *'in recognition of great and valuable services to the community'* for our wonderful Support Group. He spent time at each table and spoke to everyone in the room, staying with us until the meeting ended.



We are very pleased to say that Mark has very kindly agreed to be an Ambassador for our Support Group. We hope he will be able to come along to group again (when he is free) and he will always be made to feel very welcome.

HAZEL TETLOW

We have received the very sad news that Hazel Tetlow passed away on Thursday 30th April. Hazel regularly came to our face to face meetings until recently, when she found it more difficult. She used to enjoy chatting with everyone and found it beneficial talking to others.



Hazel very kindly knitted some lovely items for us to sell at group to raise money. She knitted chickens and rabbits to hold crème eggs, tissue packet holders, and hats for winter too. We really did appreciate her doing this. It meant a great deal to us.

We will miss Hazel very much at group. She was such a lovely, kind lady. I have passed our condolences to Hazel's family on behalf of myself, The Comrades, and everyone at TPFSG. Rest easy now Hazel. ❤️

FACE TO FACE MEETING - 8th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The April Face to Face meeting was a celebration of the 8th Anniversary of starting TPFSG and it was a very busy one, with 65 people attending.

We had the pleasure of the company of the 2026/2027 High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Mark Llewelin (see previous page). We were also very pleased to see John and Margaret Henshaw, Michelle and Eve from Tameside Hospital, and Angela and Aneep from Tameside Rotary. Tameside Rotary have supported our group for a few years now and we very much appreciate their contributions.

We are very grateful to our volunteers who help out at the meetings by setting up the room for us, and those who make the tea/coffee and serve the food. It really does make a difference and gives the Comrades time to talk to everyone. Thank you for giving up your time to come and help us.

BIRTHDAYS

We have 8 birthdays coming up in the next month, up to the next zoom meeting. We wish you all a very Happy Birthday and hope you each have a wonderful day!

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Anne E

Brian C

Carol M

Ian H

Mandi D

Dave B

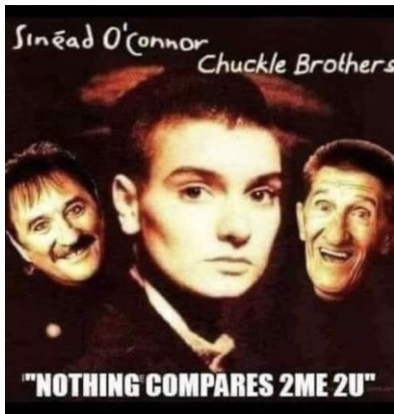
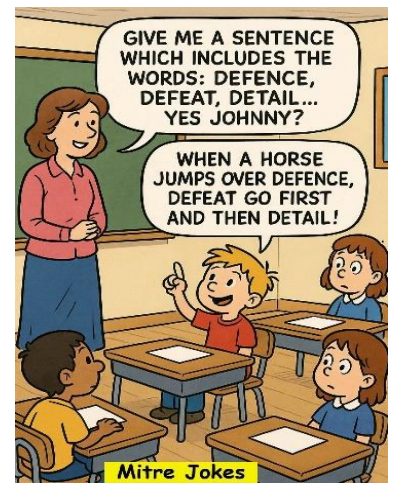
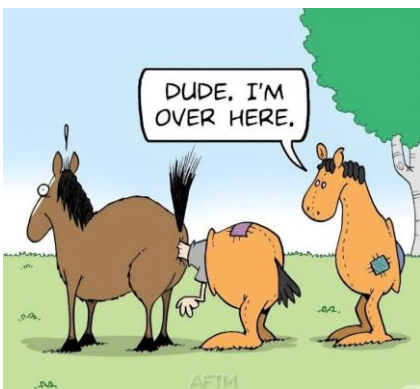
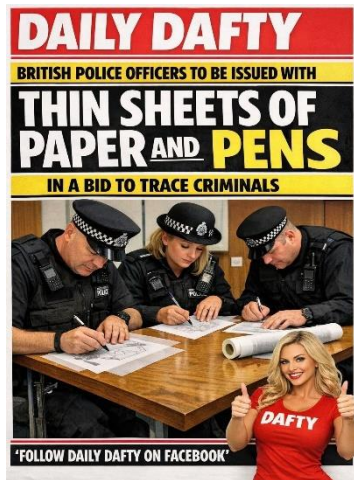
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And finally . . . Don't forget, laughter is the best medicine



One for the Comrades!
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The man who invented the Tennis serving machine has a birthday today. Many happy returns.

Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honeycombs.

The next face to face meeting - 22nd May

12.30 to 2.30pm

Next zoom meeting - 3rd June at 2pm



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