



M.E. Support (IOM)

IOM Registered Charity Number 381

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We hope you have managed to keep reasonably well during these difficult times. However many of our members have found it is an advantage to be able to have doctor's appointments virtually, and meet others via zoom etc, without the stress of having to get out and about. We had to cancel our meetings in Jan, Feb and March, and have also decided to cancel the April meeting since many will still be cautious even after the easing of restrictions. So the AGM has been postponed until Sat 22 May.

Forthcoming Events: *Please invite family and friends*

Saturday 24 April 2021 – Meeting Cancelled

Saturday 22 May - 2.00pm: AGM. We hope people will be able to attend this important meeting. Onchan Methodist Church Lounge.

Sat 26 June 2.00:- Textile Card Making activity with Pat Kelly. Come along for this very popular and simple craft afternoon. All materials will be provided.

Campaign News – We need your help

We have been campaigning for a proper ME Service fit for purpose since 2016 and there has been broad agreement since 2018/2019. Now Graham Cregeen MHK has agreed to propose a motion in Tynwald about ME, either this month or next. It is vitally important that all Tynwald members know how important it is for the service to be set up. So we are asking all members to contact their MHK's. A couple of sentences on how M.E. affects you and a couple more on what help you need would really help improve understanding and create the pressure we need to make sure the Health Minister delivers the multi-disciplinary M.E. service promised for April 2020. MHK contact details are all on line. We are also hoping to stage a short protest outside Tynwald on the day of the debate. Could anyone who may be able to support this please contact Hazel Jordan on 324111 or hazeljordan@manx.net. Our Campaign Team have been working extremely hard contacting as many MHK's as possible, and also the chair of the new body 'Manx Care' which now oversees the DHSC. They have also been working with the media doing interviews and press releases. **But we really need the support of all our members if we are going to persuade the DHSC to deliver on its promises of providing a service for us.**

If anyone is able to write in more detail about their experiences, please contact Craig on craigmorris78@hotmail.com. These case studies are invaluable in helping to educate.

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