



St Luke's Cancer Centre Melanoma Support Group

In Association with Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals, East Surrey Hospital, and Frimley Park Hospital

Website: www.melanomore.net **E-mail:** melanomore@googlegroups.com

Introducing MelaNoMore and MelaNoMore Buddies

Dear

Welcome to our support group for people affected by Melanoma receiving treatment at St Luke's Cancer Centre, Guildford.

We have joined forces with the St Luke's Cancer Centre Skin Cancer Professional Team, Macmillan Cancer Support, and the Fountain Centre to help you.

We are building a space where those affected by Melanoma and other Skin Cancers, can:

Talk More

Through social events including our "virtual café" meetings we have a place where everyone can meet and talk.

Learn More

Through educational events for members and we have information on our website to help members. Events are posted on the website.

Support More

Through MelaNoMore Buddies so you can team up with people going through similar experiences to you, sharing support and practical advice and receiving emotional support.

We are struggling with Covid – 19. like everyone, so we do most of our activity online at present.

Our **Virtual Cafe** meetings are held monthly with dates available on the Website www.melanomore.net, so please do join in.

I also attach our latest newsletter for your information.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our events, which are proving very successful. This is a place where you can meet other members and enjoy their company in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

MelaNoMore Buddies is a new part of MelaNoMore which has set up the Buddy System aimed at offering telephone support to Members, enabling them to talk with someone who has had similar experiences to the ones you may be dealing with.

MelaNoMore Buddies is led by Chris Caswell, with Gina Freeman, Neil Harrison, and Pam Walls who are involved most closely with the Buddy service. Updates will follow so do watch out for these on the website and through your e mails. ***If you do not want to use or join the Buddy system that is entirely your choice and does not bar you from being a MelaNoMore member.***

You have kindly supplied us with your email address and / or postal address so we can keep in contact, through the provision of a regular MelaNoMore newsletter for members. We will also send you invitations to join events. We will use your email address to send you an invite to the Melanoma Virtual Café which is held monthly via Zoom.

Your information will be treated as confidential and kept secure by us. It will not be shared with any other organisations or persons unless agreed with you. If you wish to stop us sending Newsletters and Event invites, please let us know by emailing melanomore@googlegroups.com

If you no longer want to be a MelaNoMore member please let us know via the email link above. We will remove all your details. For our detailed data protection policy please see the Privacy Notice on the MelaNoMore website.

I hope MelaNoMore will help you. If you have any suggestions or feel you can help in some way do let me or one of the Committee know.

The Group is for you.

Best wishes

Paul

Paul Duhig, Chairman, MelaNoMore

For contact details now go to the website www.melanomore.net or if you want to talk to someone now please contact

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