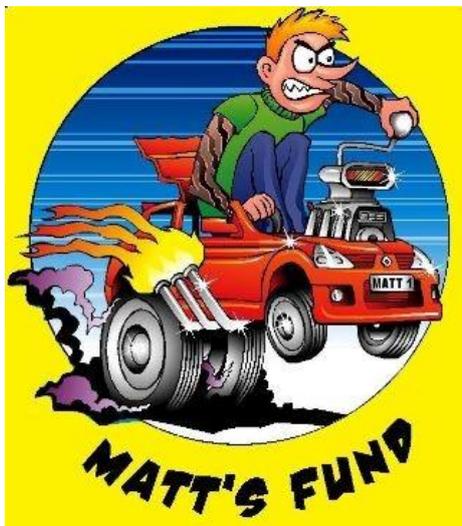


## *Matt's Fund*

### *Fundraising for Melanoma and Skin Cancer Research*



**Here** we go, entering 2021 with much hope and anticipation; but first we'd like to wish everyone a very happy new year and hope it's much more fulfilling than last year. Also, a big thank you to all those who have supported us through the last year.

With all that was (or wasn't) going on in 2020 there was quite an impact on charitable fundraising and we were no exception. We were, however, fortunate to be able to fit in our golf day in October and funds were still raised by our 100 club, counter collections and donations. This enabled us to make a significant donation to the melanoma research carried out at Nottingham UHT and, during a telephone call, Professor Patel updated us about the work carried out by his team there. They have now moved into a new building, alongside Queen's

Medical Centre, which is shared with all the cancer research disciplines, enabling much better communication and cross fertilisation of ideas. Professor Patel said, "In clinical situations, a patient with stage 4 melanoma (skin cancer) now has a 45-50% chance of a five-year survival, and that continues to improve; a huge change from the 5% we experienced back in 2007/2008".

Some of the regular work took a backseat in 2020 as members of the melanoma team, with their expertise in immunotherapy, were diverted to work with BioNTech, the German company which developed the Covid-19 vaccine, working with Pfizer to market, manufacture and distribute it.

We are applying for a licence to run the 100 club once again in 2021 and those involved already will be hearing from us soon about renewal. For anyone else interested in joining in, please contact us by e-mail ([matts-fund@live.co.uk](mailto:matts-fund@live.co.uk)), private message via our Facebook page or telephone (860875). For £12 a year you will be entered into the monthly draw with a chance of winning one of three cash prizes; not as big as the lottery but it's always fun to win a prize!

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