

## **Greenmount May 2022**

Much of the detail for May 2022 has been irretrievably lost. Here is what we have managed to salvage from Jenny's own diary notes.

This was a difficult month for Jenny, who was trying to cope with pain in her left leg, severe and worsening pain in her left foot and ulcers on her left foot which were wrongly diagnosed by our GP as a fungal infection. It was a case of enduring the agony, for which our GP had prescribed paracetamol, which was utterly inadequate, until she could see the vascular surgeon on 19<sup>th</sup> May,

### **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

Matt and Carrie went grocery shopping for us since Jenny was in no fit state to go anywhere following her fall in the kitchen.

From what Jenny had been told at A&E, she had probably passed out in the kitchen due to the medication prescribed by our GP to try to resolve the pain in her left leg and foot.

### **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

Jenny had another bad night with her painful foot.

### **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

### **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

We went to vote in the local elections at the Cricket Club. Jenny managed to walk there and back despite her pain.

### **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

### **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

I went to D-CaFF in the afternoon. Joani had asked me to go to take some pictures. I didn't want to leave Jenny, because she was so ill with her left leg and foot and she was still recovering from her head injury but she said she would be alright.

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Jenny had a vey bad night.

We went for lunch at Owen's restaurant in Ramsbottom with Bob and Marie and Carrie. Matthew was away touring on his motorcycle. We gave Bob and Marie a lift home but Jenny was in too much pain to go up their drive and spend some time with them.

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Jenny was in agony all night.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The doctor rang to ask if Jenny was alright. She said she wasn't but was told she would have to wait for treatment until she had been to the vascular clinic.

## **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

## **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

No information available.

## **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

I took Jenny to Fairfield Hospital in Bury for her Vascular Clinic appointment and we spent most of the day there. Jenny had several scans and afterwards we saw the senior surgeon, Mr Lowe. He explained that Jenny had a large arterial blockage in her left leg and that her foot was dying due to the lack of blood. He wanted Jenny in hospital within 48 hours or there was a danger of her losing her left leg from just below the knee. The advanced state of her illness was due to an inadequate and timely diagnosis. She needed immediate bypass surgery.

Mr Lowe said he would try to arrange Jennifer's admission.

## **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Despite the grim situation, we went grocery shopping.

## **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

We were anxiously awaiting a telephone call to say Jenny could be admitted.

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

We received a telephone call asking Jenny to go to The Royal Oldham Hospital vascular triage unit within the hour, which we did. Jenny was admitted and I was advised to come home, being assured they would find her a bed.

## **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

I went to see Jenny. She had been given a bed in an en-suite room all to herself, not that she was in any fit state to take advantage of the facilities.

She said she had seen the surgeon and her operation was scheduled for 9 a.m. the following morning.

## **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

I went to see Jenny after her four-hour operation. The surgeon had inserted a synthetic bypass in her left leg and she was in the recovery ward. She was covered in wires and tubes.

## **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Rachel and I went to see Jenny. She had been moved to a general ward.

## **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Rachel and I went to see Jenny.

## **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

This was the day the fridge door on older of our two Miele fridge-freezers failed to close. Rachel and I spent quite a while relocating all the fridge contents into the new fridge-freezer and then all the freezer contents into the new fridge-freezer and the chest freezer in the garage. This made our visit to see Jenny later than usual.

## **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

Rachel and I went to see Jenny. Matt and Carrie had been earlier. Jenny was making good progress and had seen the hospital podiatrist who was treating her foot..

## **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Rachel and I went to see Jenny.

## **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Jenny telephoned to say she was being discharged and Rachel and I set off to collect her. Unfortunately, we were later than we should have been due to a traffic jam due to road-works on our route. Jenny was still in her dressing gown due to still being connected to a couple of monitors, one connected to either end of her bypass. She was uncomfortable and cold.

Jenny soon revived at home and she was pleased to be back.

## **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

We let everyone know Jenny was home.