

**Minutes of meeting No. 33, - Thurs 1st August 2013**  
**Venue: Burnley Gen. Hospital, Mackenzie Theatre / Library**

23 people attended incl. Specialist nurses Debbie & Deborah and guest speaker Barry Williams. Apologies from Don W, John H, Colin S, Kevin S & Glyn S. Colin & Glyn sent their thanks for cards received. Donations were received of £10 from Shaun & £5 Jimmy C last month & £5 donation from Jimmy C this month, thanks were given to them.

Dave (Chairman) read out the Minutes of the last meeting and spoke about matters arising! He informed the meeting that we have splashed out on a portable table to take to fund raising events; he spoke about an idea for opening words to people when fund raising - "do you know anybody who has Prostate Cancer" this paves the way for a discussion & they are then informed about the Prostate Cancer Support Group. He informed the meeting that it had been spoken about having awareness days at Nelson & Colne and suggests writing to the Councils - if this comes off perhaps we could have a bucket collection for the Scanner Appeal - we would then try and get anyone affected by Prostate Cancer to attend the Support group meetings.

Dave told the people present about attending the Bolton Meeting with Colin S and how interesting it was. He said that they have several different features in their meetings - one being that they have an Almoner to trace people when they are ill and send cards & visit. Steve L volunteered for this role. Dave said that they have lots of interaction between members and new members can speak & get advice from people in the same position.

Forms were given out at the meeting asking people to write down two things they liked about the meetings & listing things they did not like about the meetings and how they would like the meetings to proceed.

Dave gave information about fund raising events for the Scanner Appeal and passed around forms for anyone wishing to attend a meal at Aldos on a Tuesday night costing £13.50 for 3 course meal - to be arranged, and for an event at Burnley Football Club at £17.50 per head for entertainment by 60's recording bands a hot & cold buffet on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The Prostate Cancer display could be on show as this is to be a Scanner appeal event. He said that anyone interested in helping with the Scanner fund raising then give their names to Dave or Stuart.

It was mentioned that we may need some money for ourselves in the eventuality that we may need to find and pay for a venue in the future for the meetings - (IF we could not hold them at the Mackenzie Medical Centre). This is something we shall need to find out in the next few weeks.

Scott Heywood Bell attended the meeting and spoke about his new business 'Burnley Companies' and how he intends to help support the Group by promoting awareness in connection with his clients. He spoke for about 3 minutes explaining about his business and how it could help awareness of Prostate Cancer.

BREAK FOR BREW - In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half there was a talk by Barry Williams - Collective Legal Solutions, - entitled Tax, Care & Toyboys.

After his talk (which was relating to financial matters & "putting our house in order") which was very interesting and informative, it was realised that quite a few members were missing because of holidays and it was decided that we would ask Mr Williams to return next year to give the talk again. It is well worth listening to.

At the October meeting, the speaker will be Dr. James Wiley, Senior Oncologist at the Christie Hospital. His talk will be primarily about Radiotherapy and will last approximately 45 mins.

The meeting closed with one of Dave's famous jokes and the next meeting will be on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

The raffle made £26.

**Next meeting: Thursday 5th Sept. 2pm - Burnley Gen. Hospital Mackenzie Centre/Library,**

