

MINUTES OF MEETING 35 – THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2013
VENUE: BURNLEY GENERAL HOSPITAL, MACKENZIE THEATRE/LIBRARY

38 people attended incl. Specialist nurses Debbie & Deborah, Kathleen Birtwistle from the Scanner Appeal and Doctor James Wiley, Consultant Clinical Oncologist at Christie Hospital who is to speak today. Apologies were received from Francis Dugdale.

Dave (Chairman) opened the meeting by reading out the Minutes of the last meeting and spoke about matters arising. He mentioned that at the last meeting, in the absence of an official speaker, tables had been set up to talk about various treatments which members had received and lots of information was discussed on treatments for Prostate Cancer and everyone thought it was a very successful and helpful exercise. Dave informed the group that one of our members, James Sinclair McLoughlin, who is an author, has donated 10 of his book "A Wartime Trilogy" to be sold for our Prostate Support Group funds.

Dave reported on some of the fund raising for the Scanner Appeal as he is representing the Support Group and attending meetings. The auction at the Burnley Miner's Club eventually raised almost £1,000 and a Golf Day held at Burnley Golf Club where there were 28 teams of 4 people is still being counted, but early indications are that it could raise £2,000 - £3,000. The Prostate Cancer Support Group had an awareness stand at this function. There is to be an Autumn dinner on Saturday 2nd November at Rosehill Baptist Church, Burnley at £15 per head for a 3 course meal coffee & wine with all proceeds going to the Scanner appeal. There are 64 tickets on a 1st come 1st served basis. Dave & Stuart plus their wives have already confirmed that they will be going; anyone else interested can contact Stu on 01282431465 or 07976268537.

Kathleen Birtwistle was invited by Chairman Dave to say a few words about the Scanner Appeal which is to buy a Scanner for Burnley General Hospital, plus a mobile scanner which is to be used throughout the East Lancashire area. She started by thanking the members of the Prostate Support Group for their support and help in fund raising for the Appeal and then carried on by explaining about the history of the evolution of the Appeal. It was a very informative talk and she made it clear that the Prostate Support Group can have an awareness stand at any of the functions which have been arranged to promote the Appeal, thus bringing awareness of our group to people who did not previously know of it.

BREAK FOR TEA & COFFEE

2ND half of this meeting was devoted to a 45 minutes talk by Doctor James Wiley, Consultant Clinical Oncologist at the Christie Hospital followed by a question & answer session. This was a very informative and interesting talk and all the people in attendance were very impressed and felt that Doctor Wiley was very "approachable".

There will be a presentation at our November meeting by one of our own members, John Heyworth. John is also an official volunteer for Prostate Cancer UK.

The raffle made £56.21 and there was £10 donation for the sale of 4 badges from Prostate Cancer UK.

The meeting ended with one of Dave's famous Prostate jokes and a reminder that the December meeting will be a Jacobs's join and we will discuss this at the next meeting on **Thursday, 7th November 2013 at Burnley General Hospital Mackenzie suite, 2.00 p.m.**