

## Minutes of meeting Thursday 5th December 2013, 2 – 4pm

Venue: Burnley Gen. Hospital, Mackenzie Centre/Library

39 people were in attendance including our regular Specialist nurse Debbie.  
Apologies were received from Eddie & Moira, Hazel & John, Deborah D, James S, Don.

Dave (Chairman) opened the meeting by reading the Minutes of the previous meeting & reporting on the Prostate Cancer Conference at Birmingham which he attended two weeks previously. It was mentioned that when going for a regular blood test it should be possible to tick the box for a PSA test whilst there. The NHS rules are that men are entitled to have a PSA test from age 50 onwards.

He reported on a meeting at Christies which he and Sec. Stuart attended. One of the main items on the agenda being the potential affiliation between Prostate Cancer UK and the Prostate Cancer Federation/Support Groups. This is on-going at present & will be reported on at a later date

Dave then gave details of future events which will be taking place by the fundraising committee for the Scanner Appeal. He informed Support Group members that he had set up the Support Group stand at a Race night at Greenhill Club in Burnley where attendees could see the help that the Support Group could give to people diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. The Scanner Appeal is to raise money for a new Prostate Scanner for Burnley General Hospital and hopefully a mobile unit to be used in the local area. He gave further information about monies raised in the previous weeks which were £900 for bag packing at Sainsbury's (Prostate Support Group members in attendance), £350 for a dinner at Rosehill Baptist Church, £650 for winning the green token award at Asda, £700 for Diane Ireland walking from Burnley to Todmorden Cricket Club & £1000 raised at a visit to Carl Wylde, celebrity flower arranger. Altogether, an amazing £20,000.00 has been raised to date and eventually the people of Burnley and surrounding areas will benefit from the proposed new scanner.

There is to be a two day bag pack at Marks & Spencer for the Scanner Appeal and there is to be a big event at Burnley Football Club at the Sheffield Wednesday Match on the 18<sup>th</sup> January when there will be a bucket collection for the Scanner Appeal, Sea Cadets and Air Cadets will be helping with any of our Support Group members who are willing to help fundraise on the day.  
**Members who can offer help at any events can contact Dave or Stuart for details.**

The January meeting was discussed and it was decided that it **will go ahead on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January** despite the fact it is the day after New Year's Day. It was agreed that it would be more important to maintain continuity of the meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.

Secretary Stuart informed the group that at the February meeting, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February Collective Legal Solutions will again give a talk on financial matters. This talk is called Tax, Care & Toy boys and is a repeat of the very successful talk earlier in 2013. Please try and attend because you will not be disappointed and it may help you to put your financial affairs in order.

There is to be a change of date for the April meeting – you are being informed early but will be reminded at further meetings, a new date will be announced in due course.

After information on the aforementioned items, the Jacobs Join Christmas Party to which all members had contributed to was opened. Plenty of delicious food and drink was enjoyed and we were 'right royally entertained' by our very own member Glenn with songs, music and comedy. +

Glenn handed over to Dave, our Chairman, who finished with one of his famous Prostate jokes.

Thanks were extended to everyone who provided food and drink and particularly to Glenn for his fabulous entertainment. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were keen to show their appreciation and all left with a smile on their faces.

The raffle raised £37, there was a £5 donation from Jimmy C. and a bottle of wine was auctioned for £10.

**Next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 usual venue, 2- 4pm**

**A merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to everyone and good health in  
2014.**