

**MINUTES OF MEETING (NO 54) THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015, 2-4PM**  
**VENUE: BURNLEY GEN. HOSPITAL MACKENZIE CENTRE**

19 People present: including 2 speakers (John – diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in his 40s after his father was diagnosed) & Roger Hones (Prostate Cancer UK) & our specialist nurse Debbie. Apologies were received from John H., Dave R., Pat & Glenn. We had 1 new member - Ian P.

Dave, Chairman opened the meeting by reading the Minutes of the May meeting and any matters arising were discussed. He had had a call from Sky Television wanting to speak to 6 people who are terminal. As we hope that we don't know of anyone in that condition, he could not furnish them with that information. If anyone would like to be included in their Programme, Dave will get all the information. He asked if anyone had taken the full water cure after the speaker at the last meeting, Lesley Pierce, Nutritionist, spoke on the merits of Water. John G & Francis had tried this & gave their verdict. He mentioned about the collection at the Burnley match where the Prostate Support Group provided 12 people to help with the bucket collection. The total is on-going and at the time of the last meeting had made £2,420. Other information given was about a survey from 'Tackle' that will go on the Newsletter next month – for a reward of £35 it is hoped that members will complete the survey – its message is 'how to better understand the needs of people and their families.' There is a new Prostate Cancer book - the ABC of Prostate Cancer, written by a 'layman' about his journey with Prostate Cancer and we were wondering whether or not to stock this book. At this point it was announced that Eddie & Moira will not be doing the book library again because the books are not being made use of. The leaflets are popular so they will still be on the table for anyone who needs them.

A discussion took place as to whether or not the library at the Mackenzie Centre would stock the Prostate Cancer Books and this would be looked into. Dave had received an e-mail about another small grant which could be available – up to £500 to help run Prostate Cancer Support Group meetings. The Classic Car Show is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. It is hoped that our display stand can be put up at this event to create awareness of the group as had been done in the previous year and Dave asked for volunteers. Some people volunteered and this would be reported on at the next meeting in July.

Debbie, our specialist nurse, reported on the Robotic Arm which is now insitu at Royal Blackburn Hospital and at the time of this meeting had been used 4 times. It was mentioned that perhaps we could have a trip out to view the Robotic Arm. At this point in time it is not known if this is feasible but it is something to look into. Debbie also informed the meeting, that she has seen 4 people in her clinic who had had blood samples taken at the “event” staged at Turf Moor. 3 were positive and those people were now getting the advice they needed on treatment available. Everybody present at the meeting felt that THIS WAS A RESULT!

Stuart gave out the new helpline number for the Local Federation, or TACKLE and that is 0800 0355302.

A short film was shown at this point, from a comedian, which was very funny.

Just before our BREAK FOR BREW Roger from Prostate Cancer UK told us about his journey in Prostate Cancer and that he had had a Robotic Prostatectomy in Manchester. It had been used 100 times before, in fact, it came to him. He was unaware that most areas did not have this procedure. He had 5 tiny keyhole scars and this was all he had to show from the operation. His PSA level is now 0 – 0.1 and has been the same ever since the operation. He was now giving something back to Prostate Cancer sufferers by being a volunteer for **Prostate Cancer UK.**

**BREAK FOR BREW**

The Raffle was drawn and made £21. Stuart announced that a further collection by Classic Cuisine has made £36.78.

Our new member, Ian P. spoke about the fact that he was newly diagnosed and had come to the meeting to find out information. He felt that he had found out some things that could help future decisions on treatments.

At this point we had a talk from a young man who had been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in his 40s after his father was diagnosed. He also had become a P.C. UK Volunteer and he gave a very informative & interesting talk on the topic of hereditary Prostate Cancer.

After John's talk Dave brought the meeting to a conclusion with one of his famous Prostate jokes and announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the McKenzie Medical Centre. HOT OFF THE PRESS: We have another presentation at the next meeting by Nutritionist, Lesley Pierce, on Healthy Eating & we would like as many people as possible to attend as members are very thin on the ground at the moment!