

Minutes of meeting Thurs. 1st October 2015

Venue: Burnley Gen Hospital, 2-4pm

Present 26 people including our 2 specialist nurses who introduced a 3rd member of their team – and wives or partners of some of the people present. Apologies were received from John & Hazel, Eddie & Moira & Glenn.

Dave, Chairman, opened the meeting by announcing that we are not publishing the Minutes on the website any more as we feel that people are not coming to the meetings because they can find out all information as to what went on without attending. A copy of the Minutes will be on the tables for all participating members and a copy will be sent to our overseas members.

Dave read the minutes and matters arising: The stand at Burnley Beer Festival – not manned, looked very dark and he suggested that we put lights on it for future events when it is sited in a dark area, preferably battery operated.

Trip to the Sanctuary of healing for afternoon tea. - Thursday, 22nd October 2015, needs a £5 refundable deposit to secure the place. A sheet was sent round for people to put their names on and then pay £5 deposit for each person.

When the open day is announced at Blackburn Hospital for the Scanner it was suggested that the Support Group stand could be displayed and wanted volunteers to man it for a few hours.

The grant that is available of £1,000 is great value but we have not found anything yet to spend the money on.

Gary Steele reported to the last meeting of the PSA testing he is involved with in the next few months and at the present time he is booked up every weekend until next year. It is to be discussed as to whether or not a PSA testing will be carried out again at Burnley Football Club with the money raised by Barry Kilby. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting after Stuart has spoken to him when and more information is available.

The AGM for the P.C. Federation N.W. will be held on 3rd October 2015 at Christies Hospital. So far there are 32 members of the Fed. attending.

Steve Laird had just attended the funeral of one of his best friends who had been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer & had only known about it for 7 weeks.

Dave attended the Support Group meeting of Gary Steele's group at Leighton Hospital. He reported on the fact that it is completely different to our own with Gary being the chief speaker for the whole of the meeting talking for two hours at a time.

Stuart told the meeting of a £116 donation from a sheltered Housing Development at Fairweather Court, Padiham. A gentleman of 80 years old suffering from Prostate Cancer wanted to make a donation. This is the 3rd donation from them; Stuart will again send them a thank you letter

The awareness stand is going to be put up at Nelson Football Club for the match on 7th November 2015.

It was announced that the speaker at the next meeting in November is to be Kathy Taylor from Christies Hospital and Dave hoped that we will have a good attendance for it.

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The raffle made £34

The speaker for the second half of the meeting was Jane Brown, Macmillan Co-ordinator. She gave an informative & helpful talk on their services and gave hand-outs with contact details for Macmillan operatives.

Dave closed the meeting with one of his famous Prostate Jokes

The next meeting will be Thursday, 5th November at 2.00 p.m. at the McKenzie Medical Centre.