

**Minutes of meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2015, 2-4pm**

**Venue: Burnley Gen. Hospital**

**Our 5th Xmas meeting.**

Present: 28 people, including Naz, Jane Brown from Macmillan who brought new member Barry, Folk band entertainers Fred Gill & Barry Robinson and our 'own' regular Urology nurses Debbie, Deborah and her new 'trainee' -----?

Stuart chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Dave.

**Apologies** were received from Chairman Dave, Colin Ormston, John Heyworth & Kevin

**Usual announcements commenced:** On the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6 people from our group attended the open day for the new dAvinci Surgical Robot recently commissioned the Royal Blackburn Hospital. Everyone who attended were invited to see and try the Robot under the watchful eye of Mr Pillai and his team. An excellent hot & cold Buffet was also provided. It was also a good 'networking' exercise in that we made contact and spoke to potential speakers - including a Consultant Urologist who could be available to come and speak at a Group meeting.

The date has now been fixed for another blood testing event, to be held again at Turf Moor on Saturday 13th Feb. 9-30am – 12-30pm. A sheet to be sent round at the January and February meetings asking for names of helpers for the event.

Dave is awaiting a confirmation date for the Medical Detection Dogs speaker and it was unanimously agreed that the group would pay the £50 fee (for their charity).

**Party time!** 'Our very own entertainments member Glen organised a Quiz for us which everybody thoroughly enjoyed.

Short break – whilst everyone filled their glasses and plates! For the final hour of meeting we were 'royally' entertained with folk music and songs by Fred & Barry (The Lancashire Wailers) who should have had 'our very own member' Colin playing with them, unfortunately Colin was unable to attend due to illness.

A massive thank you to everybody who provided food and drinks and helped on the day.

**Next meeting: Thursday 7th January 2016**

