

Minutes of meeting Thurs. 4th February 2016
Venue: Mackenzie centre Burnley Gen. Hospital, 2-4pm

26 people present, including wives of members and Debbie our specialist Urology nurse. Apologies received from John H., Kevin & Glenn.

Chairman's Report

Dave opened the meeting by introducing 2 new members. Keith and Barbara. He then read the Minutes of the January meeting and matters arising. He spoke about Tim who had talked about the trial he was undertaking at the moment.

He explained about Geoff Stelling, football presenter for Sky Sport who is fund raising for prostate cancer and is walking from Hartlepool to Wembley calling in at football clubs on the way and anyone who wanted could join him and get sponsors to raise more money for a good cause.

He said we had had an invitation to the 7th N.W. Eco system event, to put up our stand and man it from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on 23rd February 2016.

Grants Dave said he had applied to the P.C. Federation and we have been awarded a grant for £500. He had used some for cable etc. for lighting up our display stand and to pay for the speaker today "Medical Detector Dogs". He spoke about an e-mail he had received to all the federations and as its 12 pages long he has a link if anyone wants to read it.

He spoke about the upcoming PSA blood testing event which is to be held at Burnley Football Club and that Radio Lancashire are running a programme from there on the Saturday morning, 13th February and that 2 BR radio will be doing an interview with him on the previous Friday. He digressed into talking about comedian Bob Monkhouse who had back ache and other aches and pains and they couldn't find out what was wrong until it was suggested that he had a PSA test which proved to be over 300 and he had advanced Prostate Cancer. He was then given 2 years of life and this was a correct prediction. He mentioned this whilst emphasising the importance of early diagnosis with the PSA test.

Secretary's report

Stuart then went on to speak about the Blood Testing event at Burnley football club, Turf Moor to be held the following Saturday week (13th February – between 10.00 .a.m. and 1.00 p.m.) The event is to be held at the James Hargreaves stand (there's a car park at the back) and he was asking for volunteers to give out leaflets at the football match on the Saturday prior to the event. He also asked for volunteers on the testing day to help with the blood testing event. He said there had been great publicity from the football club and the event was expected to be very big.

It was mentioned by Dave that despite Prostate Cancer being the charity of the Football League, (now in its 3rd season) apart from Crewe FC Burnley was the only club who have participated with PSA testing - when they were in the Premiership and now the only club in the Championship.

Stuart again asked if anyone had any ideas about speakers.

Debbie spoke about the update on the treatment of Enzalutamide.
Keith, new member then explained about his journey with Prostate Cancer.

BREAK FOR BREW - the raffle was drawn and made £37

In the 2nd half of the meeting there was a very informative talk about “Medical Detection Dogs” that can detect cancer by sniffing urine samples, particularly Prostate Cancer in men and the very interesting trials that are taking place.

The meeting drew to a close – it was interesting that Dave forgot one of his “famous” prostate jokes, but he gave a reminder of the **next meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd March 2016** at the Mackenzie suite – it is hoped we shall have a speaker on alternative therapy - Bowen technique.