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MINUTES OF MEETING 64 - THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2016

VENUE MACKENZIE CENTRE – BURNLEY GENERAL HOSPITAL 2-4 pm

26 people present including our speaker Roger Watton and wives of members. Apologies received from our Specialist Nurse, Debbie.

Chairman's Report Dave opened the meeting by reading the Minutes of the last meeting. He reported about the blood testing event which was held at Burnley Football club, this was named "Extra Time Blood Testing Event" to give the opportunity to all the people who attended the last blood testing event in February and had to be turned away. He said that another 382 men had come forward for a blood test and that makes 1,200 altogether with the 3 events held at Turf Moor. He reported that Burnley was the 1st Premiership and the 1st Championship team to hold one of these events. He said that Barry Kilby, Chairman of Burnley FC and who, himself, has Prostate Cancer, will try through his influences, to make headway with the Football League. When England played the previous Saturday it had been announced that Ray Clements, ex England Goalkeeper has prostate cancer. He was treated in 2005 but has had a recurrence and is retired now.

Ian Britten, who scored the winning goal against Leyton Orient, to keep Burnley in the Football League has passed away recently with Prostate Cancer.

Dave reported that he is hoping to attend a Police Prostate Cancer Support Centre in Los Angeles in a few weeks. He reported that he has sent two emails and never even had replies. Apparently they have a web site which says "contact us". He mentioned that our own group is very good when contacted by worried men.

What's on Christie Hospital – Tackle Workshops 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. 9th April 2016. Some of our members hope to attend and will report on this at the next meeting. An interesting topic will be an Open Forum including diversity by Martin Wells.

Colin S. spoke about Male care and said there were two very good forums on this site. Roger Watton, our speaker, informed us that there are lots of blogs which pop up all the time; protocol is different in all countries, you have to relate the articles to your own situation. He referred to a list produced by Prostate Cancer UK and when the list was read out John H. spoke a little about statement 13 (if you want to read this refer to our website).

Secretary's report we have no new members today! Stuart told of the £500 from our group donated to Prostate Cancer Research. In their letter of thanks they sent their quarterly magazine and a small informative booklet. He has requisitioned another 36 booklets and they are now on the back table at the group meetings.

He spoke about the blood testing event and thanked Jimmy C. who went all around the area to 12 different venues in towns and villages and distributed 150 small leaflets advertising the event. He was given a round of applause. A letter has come from Gary Steele informing

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us that 382 men were tested at Turf Moor and he thanked all our group members, for the refreshments, bacon baps, biscuits and he received £2,060 from the £5 donations, some of the money will be financed from Barry Kilby's and Gary's team will subsidise the rest as he did in February. In this testing it is expected that 10% will have to see their G.P. in line with national average.

In the three events held in the last two years nobody has ever tested so many men and that is due to the help and organisation from the Prostate Cancer Support Group. At the event there was also a detector dog and 75 men volunteered a urine test to help with the on-going research.

It was mentioned by one of our members, Terry that his friend had taken a test at Turf Moor but it did not ask for his doctor's name. It was explained to him that the person would receive a letter and if necessary would be recommended to visit his own doctor for further tests.

We have £50 donated to Prostate Cancer UK from the blood testing event just by sales of the Pin Badges alone.

Football Collections: Burnley/Wolves game generated £1,680 for Prostate Cancer UK. There is to be bucket collections at Accrington Stanley and Morecambe and anyone who would like to "shake a bucket" and receive a free ticket see John H.

BREAK FOR BREW – raffle made £35

In the 2nd half of the meeting there was a very informative talk by Roger Watton, Chairman of the National Federation of Prostate Cancer Support Groups (Tackle) and also a young lady called Jessica came to thank all our group for the blood testing event which her uncle attended – he was one of those with a very high reading who had to see his doctor and was sent for treatment for PC cancer within a short time. She was very grateful and intended to fund raise herself. Dave closed the meeting with another of his 'famous jokes.

The meeting drew to a close with a reminder that the next meeting will be **Thursday, 5th May at the McKenzie suite, Burnley General Hospital.**