

Minutes of meeting No. 80, 7th Sept. 2017

Venue: Burnley Gen. Hospital, Mackenzie Theatre 2 - 4pm

Present: 22 people. Today we had no specialist nurse. Apologies from C. Stott & David J. We had one new member Andrew B.

Dave, Chairman, opened the meeting by explaining that there had not been a Support Group meeting in August due to the fact that the room at the hospital was unavailable. We did, however, have afternoon tea at Richester Arms where 4 people joined us from the Bay Support Group of Lancaster who came with us for our afternoon tea.

Dave gave details of various meetings and trials that are about to take place on Prostate Cancer. He told the assembled support group that if anyone wanted further details they could contact him and he would give them information.

Dave reported on the proposed blood testing event to be held at Burnley Football Club on Saturday, 30th September 2017. Stuart would send a list around for people who could help on the day. The blood testing event would be co-ordinated by Graham Fulford's Charity. He was coming from Warwick with 4 phlebotomists for the morning of 30th September and Dave had got a further 4 phlebotomists to help on the day. It is hoped that more meetings between Barry Kilby and Graham Fulford together with Dave and Stuart would finalize the details as the new blood testing event would be run slightly different to the one run by Gary Steele MBE. The General public will only pay £5 for the blood test (it actually costs £17.50) as each blood test is being subsidised by Barry Kilby's charity. Stuart will contact the Federation to make sure we are adequately insured for the blood testing event.

A meeting took place at Royal Blackburn Hospital with hospital management. 5 of them were present and they wanted to know how many people they could expect to see with diagnosis of raised PSA after the blood testing event. Dave & Stuart gave them the number which is approximately 8 - 10% of the people tested.

The organisers of the Fete at Read presented the support group with a cheque for £1,250. Dave, Stuart, Alan and Sandra were at the presentation on Sunday 3rd September.

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The raffle made £32.

Stuart gave details of the 50th Anniversary dinner of the Pendle Charity League. This is to be held on Friday 1st June 2018. As Prostate Cancer is one of the charities to be supported it is proposed that we take a table for 10 people. We will display our stand and give people as much information on Prostate Cancer as possible.

Dave had arranged a speaker from McMillan nurses to give us a short resume about her work, but unfortunately she did not make an appearance. It is hoped that we can contact her again and that she can make the next meeting. Therefore in the absence of this speaker one of our new members, Barry gave a short speech about his treatment: Prostatectomy and Radiotherapy and a discussion then took place.

Dave closed the meeting with one of his famous prostate jokes and a reminder that the next meeting will be on Thursday, 5th October at **THE MCKENZIE LECTURE THEATRE 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.**