

**Minutes of meeting No 81 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**  
**Mackenzie Centre, Burnley Gen Hospital 2 -4pm**

Present: 26 people. Today we had no specialist nurse. Apologies from C. Stott & P. Chadwick. Today we had 2 new members.

Dave opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to this meeting and reading the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Dave then thanked everyone for their help at the blood testing event held at Turf Moor, Burnley Football Club on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. He described it as a phenomenal result with 480 men taking the test. He has had advice from Graham Fulford with HIS take on how we could make it even better. A discussion took place as to how **WE** can make it better from our point of view. Some people thought our previous system was better than the new system. Martin S. knew some of the people & timed them in & out and some of them were out after 20 mins – maximum 40 mins. The Blood test goes to the Doctors Laboratory at Salford University and Dave has received the results which were 20 Red and 22 Amber – one of the reds was 231 and another 101. These results show that we are certainly doing a worthwhile and important service. Graham Fulford has public liability insurance for testing events and Stuart informed us that we are insured through the Prostate Federation.

After informing us of the results from the Burnley Blood testing a general discussion took place about the next proposed event. A Blood Testing Event is to be held at Blackburn Rovers Football Club in conjunction with Blackburn Rovers and again subsidised by Barry Kilby's Prostate Cancer Appeal. It is hoped that this will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Stuart will send a list around for people who can help at this event and also who can help Friday the day before to set things up at Blackburn Rovers at approximately 4.00 p.m. The members of the Blackburn Rovers commercial team are organising this event with the help of the East Lancs Prostate Cancer Support Group and the team visited Burnley's Blood Testing to find out how they should proceed. Dave is going to order more tabards for our members. It is hoped that the same set up can be arranged at Blackburn Rovers with tea & coffee (normally a charge of £3 and supplied by Northcote Manor) being waived and biscuits being supplied by ELPCSG. More information and results of this event will be given at the next meeting.

Our two new members spoke about their journey with Prostate Cancer after being diagnosed at the previous blood testing event at Burnley Football Club

BREAK FOR BREW – RAFFLE DRAWN & MADE £28.00

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the meeting Dave reminded people about the Annual General Meeting of 'Tackle,' National Federation of Prostate Cancer Support Groups to be held at Christies on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October from 1.00 – 3.00 pm. At the present time it will be attended by Dave R. & Jimmy C. but if anyone else is interested Dave can give information to them. This will be reported on at the next meeting.

One of the facts emerging from the Blood Testing Event at Turf Moor is that the cost of the blood testings was £8,400 with £2,400 being collected from the men at the door and £6,000 being subsidised by Barry Kilbys Prostate Cancer Charity.

In the absence of a speaker for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this meeting, having been again let down by the McMillan nurse, Leon showed a video that has been made by Bury Prostate Cancer Support Group. This was very informative and we hope, helpful for our members.

Dave closed the meeting with one of his famous Prostate Cancer jokes and a reminder that the next meeting will be in our old venue upstairs i the McKenzie Medical Centre Lounge Bar at 2-4 pm. on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November and it is hoped that arrangements can be made for our usual Christmas Jacobs Join.