

## Minutes of meeting No. 101, Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Venue: Mackenzie Lounge Bar, Burnley Gen Hospital

Present: 19 people, including our Specialist Nurse, Debbie

Apologies: Pat & Dave, Hazel and J. Laycock

Dave, Chairman, opened the meeting by reading the Minutes of the June Meeting and speaking about matters arising. He mentioned the Classic Car Show which several of our men attended. He said it was very windy and we now need a new Gazebo!

Jim Marginson's death was announced and Stuart read out a talk which Jim used to give to ladies groups. He was an active man and Stuart thought this was a fitting tribute.

Dave gave an update on Colin from France. He is waiting for bladder removal surgery which is to be performed on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

The results from Burnley Football Club blood testing event are 32 red, 14 amber and 506 green. Following on from this Dave informed us that his brother in law had a reading of 4/6 and that another man had an amber reading and went straight to the doctor – as he had no symptoms the Doctor told him to “come back when you have symptoms”.

The Tackle National Conference, held in Birmingham and attended by Dave, Stuart & Jimmy was really, really good with excellent speakers. One of the speakers, Miss Jyoti Shah, a MacMillan Consultant Urologist Surgeon at University Hospital, Derby & Burton is very much for testing PSA and in fact runs a testing clinic with a colleague. She is doing a testing event on match day at Burton Albion Football Club. She would be willing to come and talk to us at our meeting but unfortunately she runs a clinic on Thursdays. We have not given up though and wonder if we could arrange for her to speak next year perhaps. Debbie suggested an extra-ordinary meeting could be arranged and another suggestion was that we could get a coach and visit her and attend a talk in her area. We are going to look into the possibilities of this happening.

Some facts which has come from Graham Fulford's organisation is that he has now done 122,000 PSA tests from 313 in 2005 to 27,004 in 2016.

Stuart reported on an article which he had read in the paper about Bill Turnbull and his diagnosis with advanced Prostate cancer. He is making a documentary for Channel 4 which will come out in the Autumn. So that is something to watch out for. Also, there is a very good article in INSIGHT – Prostate Cancer UK quarterly magazine – about Bill Turnbull which could be relevant to some of our members. Copies will be circulated at the next meeting.

BREAK FOR BREW – Raffle made £28 (also £6 was made from goodies donated by our Speaker).

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the meeting, we had an interesting talk by an Medical company on Incontinence. She showed us some of her products and played us a video about the benefits for men of some of the products.

Before the meeting ended, Shaun gave us a update on his condition. He needed to know where he goes from here. Colin said he would provide some information on Immuniology trials as Shaun could be interested if it was feasible.

The meeting drew to a close with a reminder that the next meeting will be Thursday, 1st August at the McKenzie Library at 2 – 4 p.m.