

Minutes of meeting Thurs 1st August 2019

Mackenzie Centre, B.G.H 2-4pm

Present: 19 people but unfortunately no Specialist Nurse at this meeting.

Dave, Chairman opened the meeting by reading the Minutes of the July Meeting and speaking about matters arising. He read out an article from the paper regarding the saving of a life. Basically it was about a man's life being saved by having a blood test at Portsmouth Football Club by the Barry Kilby Cancer Appeal. A discussion took place about the value of having regular blood tests and Dave told the group that he and Stuart had done a talk at Burnley Pendleside Rotary Club about Prostate Cancer in general and the advantages of men having a PSA blood test with a view to early detection. This generated a discussion about Doctor's being against PSA testing. Dave mentioned that the PSA test is not perfect, but is the only thing we have at present and is the first step to detection of Prostate Cancer and we know that it saves lives.

Stuart told the meeting we will have a speaker (Carl, Clinical Nurse Specialist) for the September Meeting and a speaker for the October meeting who is a colleague of Nicole our new Cancer Care Co-ordinator.

Dave told us that he had an e-mail from Graham Fuford with some exciting news about Online Registration and Result Obtaining. Graham Fulford is hoping to organise a conference in November to explain the benefits of this scheme. More news will be given as and when we receive it.

Dave read out an e-mail from his "friend" from Pilkington Glass on his musings about Prostate Cancer. Basically he now has a lot of information about Prostate Cancer which he didn't know was out there. Colin gave a short talk about the different treatments available in response and hopefully all our members will find this information out by regularly attending our meetings.

There is to be an afternoon tea and get together for our members on Thursday, 15th August at the Ribchester Arms at 3.00 p.m. Anyone interested can put their names on a paper which is being circulated.

A letter was read out from Jim Marginson that he had sent in February about his condition at the time. We never received the letter because of Web Site changes & we felt very bad because we now know that Jim died in May. He was knowledgeable about his condition & often helped members.

Colin from France is having his bladder removed on 6th August. We will hopefully update in Sept.

Dave read out a beer mat entitled "Third Nut" he had found in Wales & some of the statistics on it said FACTS: 1 in 4 black men & 1 in 3 with family history will get Prostate Cancer. If you have any concerns whatsoever about Prostate Cancer you will find out information at our meetings. This generated a discussion about whether it would be feasible for us to design a beer mat for this area and inform people of our presence.

BREAK FOR BREW – The Raffle made £32.00

In the 2nd half of the meeting we showed a video on active surveillance. A discussion ensued on the benefits of active surveillance. Next Meeting will be 5th September at the McKenzie Library 2.00 pm.

