

Newsletter

Summer 2013

Chairman's Note

News

Our AGM was held on 23 May 2013 and I am grateful to the members for re-electing me as Chairman, Pam Ging as Secretary and Alan Rowe as Treasurer for the forthcoming year. We thank you for your confidence and we hope to serve you well.

At the AGM I was able to announce the exciting news about the launch of the Aylesbury Vale Prostate Cancer Support Group. This new group was formed by our Haddenham & Thame area who had managed to attract some additional members following the collapse of the Aylesbury Group. The Officers of the new group are: Chairman Brian Cole, Treasurer John Davies and Secretary Roger Wotton. We wish the new group well and we were able to make a contribution towards its establishment.

We have more exciting news! Krystyna Caine was safely delivered of a baby boy on 9th July. Mum and baby, Noah Benjamin James Caine, are both doing well.

Our website is developing slowly and by the time you read this the first draft will have been circulated to members of the Committee for their input and advice so that we can then finalise and launch it.

On 14 May the Federation held its Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting in London and I was accompanied by Tony Meaden and George Allison. The Officers who were re-elected are: Chairman Sandy Tyndale-Biscoe, Treasurer Hugh Gunn and Secretary David Smith. Consideration is to be given to amending the Federation's Constitution and further details will be sent out by the Federation in due course. The

Conference had a focus on Clinical Trials and keynote speakers were Professor Johann de Bono (the mastermind behind Abiraterone) from the Institute of Cancer Research and Professor Mark Emberton from University College Hospital in London. Both speakers gave captivating and very thought-provoking talks. It proved to be an excellent and very enjoyable day.

George Allison, who is our Area Representative for the Amersham & Chesham area, had responded to a request from a group of ladies who wished to raise funds for us. The Chesham Quilters worked hard and kindly made a generous donation to CPCSG. Well done George.

We had received a request to prepare an advertisement for inclusion in an Old Boys School magazine. Thanks to Terry Brown, our Area Representative for the Prestwood Great Missenden area, a suitable advertisement was designed and passed to the publishers. Consequently it was included in the newsletter of the Old Haberdashers Association and was circulated to over 3,000 readers.

In June I was invited to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Great Missenden to speak on the subject of prostate cancer and the role of CPCSG. My talk appeared to be received well, there were some very good questions afterwards and subsequently we received a very generous donation from the Club. My thanks to one of our members Richard Waterfield for this introduction.

I hope you are all enjoying this exceptional Summer and our British sporting achievements including the British & Irish Lions victory over the Wallabies, Andy Murray at Wimbledon and our progress in the Ashes tour. Best wishes to you all.
Andrew Scott-Priestley

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Information

Prostate Cancer UK has had a very busy few months judging by the volume of contact I get from the charity. Some of the issues are:

* The production of a new leaflet which can be obtained through the link: [When you're close to a man with prostate cancer: A guide for partners and family](#) This looks at ways to support a man with prostate cancer and where to get further information.

* The factsheet "A Guide to Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials" has been updated and can be accessed through the link: <http://prostatecanceruk.org/information/our-publications?typeld=all>

* A new magazine has been launched named "Progress" and it contains prostate cancer news and views. Copies, with Colin Jackson on the cover, will be available at our August meeting

* The Charity has also confirmed to the Federation that it will continue to support the programme of clinician education which had been initiated by Prostate Action prior to the merger of the two charities.

GP Surgeries

George Allison has circulated a list of GP surgeries throughout the County and has asked Committee members to claim "ownership" of their local surgery to keep the GPs apprised of our work, to ensure our leaflets are available in the surgery and to pass on our newsletters. Where there are insufficient committee members to ensure 100% coverage we will be seeking help from other members at our August meeting. Your assistance would be appreciated.

Hilary Baker and I will be speaking to trainee GPs on 24th September.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20 August 2013

Members Meeting 7.00 pm at Wycombe Hospital

The Committee will meet at 6.00 pm
The principal guest speaker will be **John Irwin**, Chairman of the Burnham Joggers who have been major donors to CPCSG over the past few years.

Dawn Fishley, Community Nurse Specialist with Prostate Cancer UK, will also make a presentation about her role and how the Charity provides support to support groups.

All members, their partners and friends are welcome – so are GPs and other healthcare professionals.

Thursday 5 December 2013

Christmas Social Evening 7.30 pm at the Church of St Mary & St George, Sands, High Wycombe.

We shall be sending out invitations in the Autumn, price will be £7.50 per head as in previous years.

Prostate Cancer UK

Note their new web address is: www.prostatecanceruk.org

Prostate Cancer Support Federation Newsletter

For anybody who is interested, the latest newsletter **prostate matters** from PCSF is available as a hard copy from Pam Ging or can be found on the website www.prostatecancerfederation.org.uk

If you would like more details on any of the above information, or would like to speak to a committee member or healthcare professional, or you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please contact the CPCSG Secretary, Pam Ging, Prostate Nurse Specialist, Urology Dept, Wycombe Hospital, High Wycombe, HP11 2TT, Tel: 01494 426020, or by email:

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