

Newsletter

April 2013

Chairman's Note

News

I must start this newsletter by paying tribute to Mike Basnett for his brilliant organisation of our Awareness Week in the Chilterns Shopping Centre in High Wycombe.

He was supported by an amazing group of volunteers, more than we have ever had in the past, and we are very grateful to Mike and his team for their hard work. They spoke to nearly 1100 people and distributed information leaflets. The stand had the new banners which we had produced and the new leaflets which targeted women were well received. This was very relevant as several of our ladies volunteered to work on the stand and their impact was considerable. Mike then crowned his success by issuing a press release which resulted in an article and photograph being published in the Bucks Free Press. Well done Mike!!

During the same week the Haddenham and Thame group established their information stand in a new location, Hale Leys in Aylesbury and a large proportion of their members volunteered. They too found that there was an increasing awareness of prostate cancer and were encouraged to see the message was getting into the general population.

In February Bryan Roebuck and Tony Meaden represented CPCSG at the Burnham Joggers annual charity evening. The Joggers presented them with a generous cheque as a donation to CPCSG. We are very fortunate that the Joggers have donated funds to our group for the past several years; this has enabled us to produce the publicity material which we use to promote awareness and we are very grateful for their support.

We have also learned about other exciting news. Krystyna Caine, one of our key specialist nurses, is expecting a baby in July and will commence her maternity leave in June. We send our congratulations and we shall look forward to hearing news about Baby Caine in due course.

The new website is slowly developing and we hope to be able to go live during the summer.

We have received an offer from the Ladies Chesham Quilters to raise funds for our group and our Vice Chairman George Allison is liaising with them.

Hilary Baker and I have been invited to make a presentation to trainee GPs during the Autumn as part of their training programme. We feel this is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness with the next generation of general practitioners.

In my previous newsletter I announced that Professor Peter Hoskin would be the guest speaker at our February meeting. Professor Hoskin spoke engagingly and amusingly on the subject of brachytherapy; his style and humour captivated the audience and provoked many questions. It was good to see that two of his patients were in the audience and they were able to speak positively about their brachytherapy experience. However the event was very well attended – it was good to see that so many people wanted to hear Professor Hoskin – but the Marlow Room was full to capacity. We can only apologise for the cramped conditions but, our normal venue the Lecture Theatre had already been booked by the Trust, and hence our move to the Marlow Room. Our May and August meetings will be held in the Lecture Theatre as normal.

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Information

Following the presentation made by Professor Hoskin at our last meeting we received some questions about travel insurance and which insurers might provide cover to those who have had cancer. The link to the relevant section in the Macmillan website is:

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Cancerinformation/Livingwithandaftercancer/Practicalissues/Travel/Companies.aspx>

You may have seen the article in the Daily Mail about three notable surgeons diagnosed with prostate cancer. The most poignant was that of John Anderson who had been a speaker at the Prostate Cancer Support Federation's inaugural conference in 2008. Here is the link to an ITV interview with him which should inspire us all: [VIDEO: Prostate cancer interview | Calendar - ITV News](#).

Whilst on the subject of the Federation I thought you would be interested in a link to a pan-European disease awareness initiative which aims to bring together interested parties to call for improvements in the approach to advanced prostate cancer care. The link is: <http://everymonthmatters.org/>. It will be my intention to ensure that such links are included in our new website.

Looking Ahead

You are urged to pass copies of this newsletter to your local GP surgeries so that GPs are kept informed about the Group, its activities and how it can support recently diagnosed patients.

On 14 May the Federation will be holding its AGM in London and also a conference on the topic "Clinical Trials, What, Why & How". Guest speakers include Prof Johan de Bono and Prof Mark Emberton. I shall be attending.

Best wishes to you all
Andrew Scott-Priestley

Diary Dates

Thursday 23 May 2013

Annual General Meeting, 7.00 pm at Wycombe Hospital

The Committee will meet at 6.00 pm. The purpose of the evening is for members to network and enjoy themselves. There will be a short address by Jan Backhouse of Cancer Research UK to promote Relay for Life an event to be held in Aylesbury on 6/7 July

Tuesday 20 August 2013

Committee Meeting/Members Meeting 7.00 pm at Wycombe Hospital

The guest speaker will be John Irwin, Chairman of the Burnham Joggers who have been major donors to CPCSG over the past few years.

Thursday 5 December 2013

Christmas Social Evening

Venue and timing to be confirmed

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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