

Newsletter

January 2013

Chairman's Note

Our New Year has started on a sad note as we report on the loss of one of our founder members, Bill Payne on 7th January.

William T Payne



Bill, who was the area representative for the Amersham, Hazlemere and Holmer Green area, had been a CPCSG stalwart from our foundation and a wise member of our Committee.

He provided wonderful support to many patients in his 'patch' and continued to act as a counsellor and mentor to his patients right up to his premature demise.

Bill was the inspiration for the creation, design and delivery of our website. He also provided us with the presentation equipment which is used whenever we set up information stands in support of Prostate Cancer UK's Awareness Month. Hence we shall have a permanent reminder of him when we are spreading the message to the general public.

Several of the Officers of CPCSG will be attending his funeral being held on 17th January.

On behalf of the Group we express our sincere condolences to his widow, Peggy, and to his family and we are grateful to them for allowing us to benefit from his good humour, hard work and wise counsel over the past seven years.

Update on Recent Events

On 7th November 2012 Colin MacArthur organised a patients evening at Cherrymead Surgery in Loudwater. The GPs had invited relevant patients to learn more about prostate cancer and some 60 men and women attended. Colin explained his own prostate cancer journey, Joe Kearney gave an illustrated presentation from diagnosis through treatment and this provoked some good questions from the floor which were answered by Joe, Colin and Pam Ging. An excellent event and it could be repeated if other GP surgeries could be persuaded to imitate it.

On 22nd November 2012 I attended the Autumn Workshop of the Prostate Cancer Support Federation which was held at the University of Warwick Medical School. It was well attended by groups from throughout the UK and there were some excellent speakers including: Brigadier John Anderson spoke on Leadership which he defined as "Persuading people to do what they don't want to do".

Ann MacEwan from Prostate Cancer UK outlined the emerging role of the charity following the merger with Prostate Action. She explained how the charity is establishing Community Support Managers who will be a valuable link with support groups.

Kara McDonnell from Macmillan gave examples on how the charity can help support groups become more effective. The workshop was very participative and other support groups explained how they were organised and had grown.

Our Christmas Social was held on 4th December 2012 at the Church of St Mary & St George, Sands. It was attended by around 40 members and their partners who enjoyed good food and fellowship over a glass or two of wine. My thanks to Alan Rowe for handling ticket sales and to Jeff Gunn for an excellent raffle.

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Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust holds Annual Staff Awards which allow the public and staff to nominate potential recipients under a variety of different categories. On behalf of CPCSG I nominated our Secretary Pam Ging for an award under the "Outstanding Contribution" category in view of her hard work which is in addition to her normal work for the Trust. I knew this nomination would receive unanimous support from all the members of the Committee and in particular from Past Chairmen. Pam has received a Certificate of Merit from the Trust in recognition and I hope that in future she will be a winner of a prize – she richly deserves it.

Looking Ahead

The website design has commenced and we hope to have the first draft in a few weeks.

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.

My suggestion of obtaining tabards has not been well supported on the sensible grounds that we are not collecting monies at our information stands but are raising awareness. Hence it will not be pursued.

We have already designed additional promotional banners which will hopefully be ready for Awareness week in March together with new leaflets targeting ladies as a means of getting the message through to their men.

I hope it's not too late to wish you a Happy New Year.

Best wishes to you all
Andrew Scott-Priestley

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th February 2013

Committee Meeting followed by Members Meeting at Wycombe Hospital

Our Guest Speaker will be **Professor Peter Hoskin** from Mount Vernon Hospital who will be speaking on Brachytherapy and answering questions.

This is an excellent speaker and I hope that many members and their partners will wish to attend. Please note the meeting will be held in the Marlow Room (same floor) in the Education Centre and not the Lecture Theatre as hitherto.

Thursday 23 May 2013

Annual General Meeting at Wycombe Hospital

Tuesday 20 August 2013

Committee Meeting/Members Meeting at Wycombe Hospital

Thursday 5 December 2013
Christmas Social Evening

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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