



CHILTERN PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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A "Must" for your diary

Consultant Urologist **John Kelleher** (who I am sure is well known to many of you) is going to be our guest speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday 25 April**. He intends to address "*New Developments on Prostate Cancer management and the ProtecT study*". **Please note that the venue for this special meeting is at the High Wycombe Cricket Club** and NOT at Wycombe Hospital. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7.00 p.m. and the Club bar will be open. For those of you who have not been before the Cricket Club is on London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1DE. We are also hoping to welcome our colleagues from the Aylesbury Vale Prostate Cancer Support Group.

Progress Review

We held our Christmas Social at High Wycombe Cricket Club on 8 December 2016, it was very well attended, the food was delicious as usual and we were delighted to see that our nurse specialists **Rose Southby** and **Pam Ging** were able to join us. Many thanks to all those who kindly provided raffle prizes and a particular "thank you" to our Secretary Keith for organising the event even though he was unwell and unable to attend himself.

We are investigating whether we can provide awareness information stands (subject to volunteers being available and willing to provide support) at:

Waitrose, High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire Show

Rebellion Brewery, Marlow
Sports Centre, Handy Cross
Various Garden Centres
Chalfont St Giles Show
Marlow Town Regatta

Once all these dates are known we shall approach all those who have kindly offered their services for awareness events to secure their commitment. Remember - without our volunteers we cannot run these awareness events which can help to save lives.

We have now ascertained that it is feasible and legitimate for CPCSG to make a donation to Scannappeal by contributing towards the urology initiative for a 3D theatre stack system being promoted by Urology Consultant Neil Haldar.

We are undertaking a trial whereby information about CPCSG and prostate cancer could be promoted through the information screens in GP surgeries.

We are providing funds to allow Prostate Nurse Specialist Pam Ging to attend the European Association of Urology Congress 2017. This is a major world-wide gathering of urologists and the National Federation (Tackle Prostate Cancer) is organising a patients' symposium to coincide with the Congress. Pam has also been invited to present a report on her attendance to the Patient Experience Group (CPCSG Chairman Terry sits on this committee) of Bucks Healthcare NHS Trust. Pam will be making that report on 16 June to the PEG at Amersham Hospital.

Your Committee has met in November 2016 and in February 2017 to review progress and to prepare plans for the year ahead. We

would welcome some “new blood” who could provide new ideas and impetus towards keeping CPCSG vital and useful to its members.

Plans are already in progress towards repeating our highly successful BBQ at High Wycombe Cricket Club – watch this space but put the date in your diary – it’s on Friday 4 August 2017. We are also planning on holding a quiz that evening – a bit of fun to keep the “grey matter” working.

The purchase of urinary flow meters is still ongoing – however the specification has now been agreed and we are hoping to make a formal presentation shortly. Details will be included in the next Newsletter.

Plans are in progress for the Annual General Meeting to be held in September 2017 – watch this space for further news.

Donations

We are very grateful to all our donors as without their support we would be unable to provide our services to the local prostate cancer community.

We were again invited by the Burnham Joggers to attend their Charity evening which was held on 14 March 2017. This was attended by our Chairman Terry Brown and by our Secretary Keith Gordon who took the opportunity to update the Joggers on how we are wisely using their generosity. Terry and Keith were both surprised and delighted to receive a donation of £2,000 from the Joggers. The Burnham Joggers have been our principal donors over the past few years, we know that some of them have been on a prostate cancer journey and we are enormously proud to have been selected to receive their donations.

Future Plans

Your Committee has reviewed the success of the Christmas Social which has been held at Wycombe Cricket Club for the past couple of years. As this even continues to be popular plans are underway to repeat the event in December 2017. Full details will be provided in the next Newsletter.

We continue our close relationship with our neighbouring support groups, both of which we were involved in their establishment some years ago.

Please feel free to visit their websites where you can see their news and you can access their periodic newsletters too.

Aylesbury Vale Prostate Cancer Support Group – www.avpcs.org.uk Bruce Cameron is one of their Trustees and he is also a member of the CPCSG committee.

Oxfordshire Prostate Cancer Support Group – www.opcsg.org Rose Southby, our Clinical Nurse Specialist and team leader was instrumental in establishing this group during her time at the Churchill Hospital

Diary Dates 2017

28 March: EAU Congress, Excel Centre
25 April: CPCSG Meeting, John Kelleher guest speaker
11 June: Awareness Stand, Marlow Town Regatta
15/16 July: Awareness Stand at Rebellion Brewery
4 August: Summer BBQ, Wycombe Cricket Club
2 September: Awareness Stand, Chalfont St Giles Show
December: Christmas Social, Wycombe Cricket Club

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