

Milton Keynes Prostate Cancer Support Chairman's Report 2017

Guest of Honours, Ladies & Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure and honour to submit my report to all members of Milton Keynes Prostate Cancer Support; I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, for your valued support and recognition throughout the year.

As a support group, we have enjoyed talks from a variety of speakers, who complemented their presentations with a useful question and answer sessions, we are very grateful to every one of them. Some of these valuable talks are:

January 2017 - Medical Detection Dogs

Together with the Bedford Support Group, some of our members revisited the Medical Detection Dogs Centre at Great Horwood.

February 2017 - Presentation by Open University Lecturer Francesco Crea

Dr Crea gave a very interesting account of his research at the OU entitled, *Targetting the Dark Matter of the Genome to Prevent the Emergence of Advanced Prostate Cancer*.

March 2017 - Presentation by Dr Hyde, oncologist at MKUH

Dr Hyde spoke on treatments for localised and advanced prostate cancer, recent major research trial results and current research trials. The presentation was well received.

March 2017 - Patient Symposium at Excel Conference Centre, organised by Tackle

The programme covered developments in prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment, bone health after hormone treatment.

July 2017 - Presentation by our Patron Mr Henry Andrews, Consultant Urologist at MKUH

Henry updated us on Focal Treatments for Prostate Cancer. This led to a lively Q & A session.

October 2017 - PSA test event in Wolverton Christian Foundation

MKPCS organised this event in association with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust.

One hundred men attended for testing - a very gratifying turnout. Ten of these men were subsequently advised to consult their GPs (seven "red" letters and three "amber" letters).

October 2017 - Tea Party at Lakers nursery near Great Horwood

An afternoon Tea Party organised by Christiana Lewis was held to enable members and their friends to meet informally and exchange experiences.

Sadly, and very recently, we've lost two very good friends and members of this group to this evil Disease, Fitz Lawson one of our committee members who done a lot of work, raising awareness of Prostate Cancer among the Caribbean community, and Jack Piggott who helped us with our meetings organisation. Both will be sadly missed.

We maintain a very good and healthy relation with Milton Keynes Cancer Patient Partnership "MKCPP" and Tackle. We are proud to be recently recognised officially by PCUK as their partner, also we were awarded the Certificate of good practice.

We have very stable and healthy account, thanks to our treasurer David Tomlinson, who keeps a very tight control on all expenditures. David will give you a complete breakdown of the groups account.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all our committee members, who put a lot of time and effort to keep this Group growing stronger and provides as much support as possible. Finally, we are very proud and lucky to have Mr Tom Leslie & Mr Henry Andrews both Consultant Urologist Surgeons at MK University Hospital as our patrons.

Thank You.

Sam Younan