

Buzz Bulletin

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Newsletter of the
North Hampshire Prostate
Cancer Support Group



Welcome to the Buzz Bulletin

Chairman's Chat



Keith Jones

I need to start this month with an apology to all members who attended the June group meeting. Our guest speaker was Sarah Gray from Tackle Prostate Cancer and I assume like me, you were particularly looking forward to hearing what she had to say about her role and the work of the charity. It was

especially frustrating when there was such a good turnout of members. Before she left, Sarah confirmed that she will be happy to come again to a future meeting and we are looking to schedule this.

In the meantime, we are following up with Brighton Hill Community Association to ascertain why they had not been available to open the centre for us and how they will ensure this is not repeated in the future. I will update you on their response in due course.

As a result of having to cancel the meeting, this edition of Buzz will not have a speaker review. Instead, I will update you on the various subjects that I intended to cover in last week's meeting.

Group News

- **Insurance**

A few months ago, we were informed that the public liability, employee liability and equipment insurance cover provided to support groups by Prostate Cancer UK (PCUK) was being withdrawn due to policy changes within the organisation. Obviously as a group we need to be insured and as a result two members of the committee were tasked with obtaining competitive quotes and from this, we have now taken out a policy which provides the same level of cover as previously provided by PCUK. If anyone wants to see the detail of the policy, please get in contact.

We also needed to appoint a Health and Safety Officer to ensure we comply with various elements of our policy and I am pleased to announce that Martin Budd has volunteered to take on this important role.

- **Storage**

You may recall from last month's edition of Buzz, that we were due to lose the storage facility we

DIARY DATES

Thursday 27th July
Group meeting
Presentation by
Green Health Tadley

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**Thursday 3rd August**  
**Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke**  
**Pub Pint and Chat**

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Thursday 31st August
Our Group's
Anniversary Meeting
There will be CAKE

had at Axminster Tools for our publicity materials and display equipment. Well, we now have good news and must thank Anna-Marie Bennett, the manager at Axminster Tools, who made arrangements with the manager of Hobbycraft, the neighbouring business, to provide us with storage space. Just over two weeks ago some of the committee viewed what Hobbycraft were offering. It was considered suitable and that same day, our materials were moved into their new home.

Thanks again Anna-Marie

- Tadley Treacle Fair - 4th June

Wonderful weather, great turnout and plenty of guests interested in our awareness message. I want to thank all those who volunteered to man our stall and make for a very successful day.

Prostate Cancer News

- The Infopool

The research charity, Prostate Cancer Research has established a new resource available to all. If like me you are interested to read up on information related to prostate cancer matters, this is a great new resource. It was co-designed by patients and clinicians and the information which is reviewed every year is based on the latest evidence available.

Among the topics are:

- Learn about testing and diagnosis
- Understand treatment choices
- Living with side effects
- Personal stories

It is simple to navigate around the site and I urge you to take a look.

www.theinfopool.co.uk

www.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk

- AI cancer detection

Every day there seems to be information in the papers and on the news about artificial intelligence. Some of it is good and some not. It seems that there is no way to stop it infiltrating our day-to-day life in some way. Among the good is news from Prostate Cancer UK about the potential for AI to help diagnose prostate cancer potentially making diagnosis from prostate biopsies quicker and more accurate. Below you will find a link to an interview with Professor Clare Verrill, Consultant Histopathologist and Associate Professor in Pathology at the University of Oxford about the work she has been doing in this area of research. Again, well worth a read.

<https://prostatecanceruk.org/about-us/news-and-views/2023/04/could-artificial-intelligence-help-diagnose-and-detect-prostate-cancer>

Future Events

August Group Meeting

We are now planning for August and last week at our aborted meeting, Virginia Budd circulated volunteer slips for members prepared to provide a cake, home-made or bought, for the meeting. If you did not get a slip or were not present and would like to contribute, please get in touch with Allan at info@nhpcsg.org.uk with your name, E-mail address and the type of cake you will provide and he will pass the information on to Virginia.

I have my name down already and will be baking my go-to chocolate cake.

Finally, I am trying to introduce myself to as many members as I can, but if we have not spoken before, please come and say hello at the next meeting.

Keith

Response to NHPCSG letter to HHFT

Hi Allan,

I have spoken to the urology team and I would like to confirm the correct contact details for the CNS team as there may be a leaflet with the incorrect email address:

The correct details for HHFT patients are:

Localised Prostate Cancer CNS Team:

Call: 01256 577145 (Ext.: 49145)

Email: HHFTprostatecancer@hhft.nhs.uk

Locally Advanced & Metastatic Prostate Cancer CNS Team:

Call: 01256 852825 (Ext.: 42825)

The phones and emails are manned by the team so can you check please that your members are using these details. The email is the same for both groups and apparently should be on the contact cards given to them. Please let me know if this is not the case and there are still issues.

Thank you

Best wishes

Lisa