



Torbay Prostate Support Association

Serving men of all ages, and their partners, through a programme of support before, during and after diagnosis
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Dear All,

What a wonderful summer we have enjoyed we now look forward to a pleasant autumn and a relaxing time ahead.

Our last project (**purchase of Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy Treatment Equipment**) is continuing to function very well indeed. Everyone involved including the patients are extremely well pleased with the results – thank you all that donated to this venture.

We are as always looking for new ideas for the Newsletter and Website – if you feel you may have a story to tell of your experiences with Prostate Cancer from the beginning to the present time why not share it with us all. Many of us have gone down different roads with this problem and you could well be helping someone out there who is worrying needlessly. Please think about it and contact myself or Mark the Newsletter Editor.

Members, family and friends at our last members meeting really enjoyed an excellent presentation by Yvonne Trace a Support Group Development Officer. We are now endeavouring to arrange our next Members meeting, again at the Redcliffe Hotel. We will publish the details as soon as possible – a poster will be produced as soon as the full details are available please display prominently.

The Torbay Police Choir together with the Cordettes Ladies Choir and Carnaby Set put on a concert in aid of the TPSA on Saturday evening 12th July at Central Church Torquay. It was an excellent performance and thank you for your support – many thanks to the choirs. We benefited to the tune of over £1000 I understand – the exact figure has not been calculated although expected shortly.

Again please let us know if you would like to receive your Newsletter by email since you will all appreciate that the cost per year is rising and on top of the printing, postage costs are a real consideration. Your help in this context would be very much appreciated.

Sincere Best Wishes to Everyone
Peter Hosking,
Chairman



Cancer Lifeline

Cancer Lifeline Southwest want to bring people together in the most scrumptious way with a demonstration of how to prepare an ITALIAN meal by a top Italian Chef Giovanni Bhutto who will cook with fresh ingredients from scratch. Giving you the chance to observe, participate and share in the Italian delights being cooked in front of you.

To book your place telephone Darrell or Helen on 01803 292171 or 07704044929 Ticket price £25 inclusive strictly limited to 20 places.

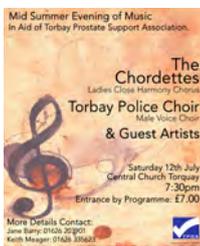
Charity fund raising event on behalf
Cancer Lifeline South West

Top Italian Chef
Giovanni Bhutto

Come and sample the delights of a
Italian cookery demonstration.

£25 includes
all ingredients and food tasting.

Saturday 4th October 2014 9.30 - 1.30pm
Torquay Academy, Cricketfield Road, Torquay, TQ2 7NU
For bookings please contact
Darrell or Helen on 01803 292171 or 07704044929



Mid Summer Evening of Music in Aid of Torbay Prostate Support Association

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- Blue 280 4 ball voucher D/Warren.
- Green 513 2 ball voucher D/Warren.
- Buff 253 £10.00 meat voucher
- White 834 Cream Tea.
- Buff 276 Crystal Glass flower basket.
- White 760 Thornton's Chocolates.



Lancet study concludes that PSA screening programmes should not be introduced at this time

Press comment: According to the long-term results of a major European study involving over 162 000 men, published in The Lancet, screening for prostate cancer using prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing could reduce deaths from the disease by about a fifth. However, despite this new evidence, doubts as to whether the benefits of screening outweigh the harms remain, and routine PSA screening programmes should not be introduced at this time, the authors concluded.

Dr Iain Frame, Director of Research from Prostate Cancer UK says:

“Our ability to identify those most at risk of aggressive prostate cancer through a national screening programme is a topic high on most people’s agendas. These results are no great surprise and highlight yet again the urgent need for a test which can distinguish between dangerous cancers that could go on to kill and those which may never cause any harm. Without a reliable test, the introduction of a screening programme could mean an enormous rate of over diagnosis and therefore over treatment of potentially harmless cancers – outweighing any benefits that a screening programme might bring.

A big Thank you to the members of Carnaby Set



Albert Parks (Bass), Denny Carnaby (Guitar and Vocals) and Darrell Fulford (Guitar and Vocals).

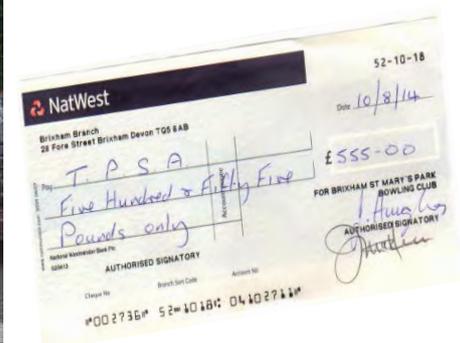
“Getting an accurate diagnostic test that can be delivered relatively cheaply and simply could mean that the UK can start thinking about the introduction of a national screening programme and our research is working towards that. However, in the meantime, men most at risk of prostate cancer – black men, men over 50 and men with a family history of the disease – should speak to their GP about their risk and whether the PSA test is right for them.”

Brixham St. Mary's Bowling Club

Brixham St. Mary's Bowling Club held their Annual Charity Pairs Competition on Sunday last 10th August. The nominated charity this year was Torbay Prostate Support Association. This event together with musical concerts held on Brixham Old Fish Quay by Déjà vu Swing Band (all bowls club members) well known throughout Torbay made a grand total of £555.



The cheque was presented to Peter Hosking (Chairman TPSA) by Club Captains Mrs Irene Fletcher and Mr Ken Short at the conclusion of the event.



Janssen and NICE must continue negotiations until vital prostate cancer drug is made available

Today (Friday 15 August 2014) the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) confirmed its refusal to let men with advanced prostate cancer have a drug which could extend life and delay their need for chemotherapy with its devastating side effects.

Abiraterone – a simple pill which men can take at home – has already been approved for men with advanced prostate cancer who have had chemotherapy. NICE was considering evidence submitted by the manufacturer Janssen that its use should be extended to those yet to have chemotherapy. This would allow potentially thousands of men in England and Wales to enjoy the improved quality of life that abiraterone can offer.

From April 2013 to March 2014, abiraterone pre-chemotherapy has been the second most requested drug on England's Cancer Drugs Fund, suggesting clinicians and patients have great confidence in its benefits. Moreover, on 29 June 2014, former Health Minister Paul Burstow urged the Department of Health to intervene in the NICE process and call off the proposed restriction on this pre-chemotherapy use of abiraterone. Owen Sharp, Chief Executive of Prostate Cancer UK said: "It's a fiasco. This decision is a kick in the teeth for men with advanced prostate cancer. For many this presented a vital opportunity for extra time with loved ones and a chance to delay chemotherapy and the debilitating side effects which come with it.

"An inflexible NICE process plus the drug company's inability to produce all the requested data has led to this being just the latest in a string of hugely disappointing rulings on prostate cancer drugs. Once again men in England will have to take their chances with the Cancer Drugs Fund, with men in Wales and Northern Ireland left with nowhere to turn. "The current system is flawed. It is not fit for purpose and it is the very people it is supposed to serve who are bearing the brunt. This decision is unjust and it needs to be overturned so that men in desperate need can receive the most effective drugs, wherever they live. We urge Janssen and NICE to get their act together and do whatever is necessary to get abiraterone pre-chemotherapy across the line without delay."

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