



# Newsletter

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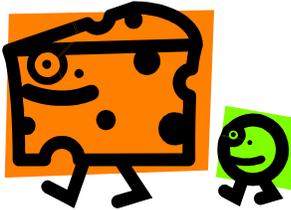
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## Welcome from Brian



This time of the year we are planning summer events and looking forward to all that good weather we are promised. Some of us are still getting air frosts in the garden but that doesn't stop us thinking positively and planning ahead. See the note below about our grand BBQ in July. If you have ideas for more events being organised just drop me or Roger an email. It's YOUR support group!

## PSA Testing Report

*Our two PSA testing days were very successful. At the Aylesbury event we tested 130 men and in Berkhamsted we managed 65. Some 30 of the total were "walk-ins". Our thanks go especially to the Buckinghamshire Masonic community who provided their hall for the Aylesbury event. In total over £850 was received in donations and this was used to reduce the overall cost of testing by the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust. The Chiltern group have agreed to share the cost of the events. The positive response we received from testing has encouraged us think about doing this again next year, and possibly extend testing to include Thame in the west and Hemel Hempstead in the east, where there is no support group structure. You can see below the set up outside a testing station, and Graham Fulford and one of his team inside, taking a well earned break!*



## Summer BBQ



Our next event will be a BBQ at Thame Football Club on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon**. This time we are hoping for good weather and we are planning to invite colleagues from our neighbouring groups to join us. The cost will be £10 per head and there will be a full bar available. There will be traditional garden games and we are trying to arrange some music. Partners are very welcome. Do please come along – just let Roger or Brian know if you plan to attend. We will send a reminder nearer the time.

## Oxford River Cruise

Our neighbouring group in Oxford are organising another river cruise, on Sunday 26 June, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., and will start this time from Wallingford. There will be cream teas and a bar, with jazz provided by Mike Wills and his friends. The cost is £11 per person. If any of our members wish to book a place, please ring George Goldsmith on 01235 763486. There is free parking at the riverside in Wallingford where the boat will depart.



## Recent Donations



We have been very fortunate with some generous donations to help with our support group. The Hampden Masonic Lodge in Aylesbury made a recent donation of £1750, Zip Direct Mail & Print (courtesy of Bruce Cameron) donated £500 and St. Mary's Masonic Lodge in Thame donated £300. We are grateful to all those who continue to help our efforts.

## Federation News

For those of you who want to stay in touch with national events don't forget to take a look at the latest news from Tackle at [www.tackleprostate.org/latest-news.php](http://www.tackleprostate.org/latest-news.php) The Federation's AGM will be in London on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the focus is on prostate cancer screening and PSA testing. There will also be a Q&A session with a clinical panel. Please let Brian or Roger know if you would like to come along, expenses paid.



## Future events



Make a note in your diary now of key dates in 2016 .....

- Fri 8 July - BBQ Thame Football Club
- Mon 12 Sep – Lunch meeting Thame Football Club
- Tue 4 Oct - Evening speaker at Stoke Mandeville
- Tue 1 Nov - Quiz at the Chandos Arms, Western Turville
- Mon 5 Dec - Lunch meeting Thame Football Club

*Brian*

*Roger*

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