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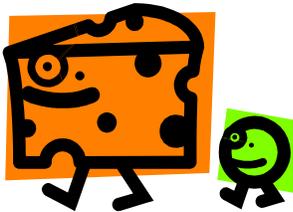
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Welcome from Brian



As we start another year and upon reaching my 80th, I am reminded how I said I would call it a day, but mainly because of the support of members across our group I have decided to “do one more year”. That’s not to say we don’t need members to help out on the committee – we do. If you feel you are able to help guide our group forward please contact me and we can have a chat. It’s not too onerous, otherwise I wouldn’t be staying on!

Festive Lunch

We had a great time at our Christmas lunch, attended by forty members and wives/partners. Everyone enjoyed the traditional lunch organised by Thame Football Club. With warming mulled wine, plentiful Christmas spirit, a free Champagne prize draw and a small gift for all the ladies, a good time was had by one and all.



Our AGM

The group held its AGM at Thame Football Club on 16th February, where Brian Cole reported on another successful year. As well as our regular lunch meetings we had successful quiz evenings, a summer BBQ and two very successful PSA testing events in Aylesbury and Berkhamsted. We plan to do more testing in 2017. At the meeting the existing officers were re-elected for another year: Brian Cole as Chairman, Roger Wotton as Secretary, and John Brown CBE as Treasurer. Bruce Cameron and David Barrow were happy to continue as Trustees and we were very pleased to accept the nomination of Alan Kerr as an additional Trustee. We very much look forward to having Alan help shape the group going forward.

Recent Donations

At our AGM we were honoured to receive a cheque for our National Federation (Tackle) from St. Mary's Lodge in Thame for £450. David Kew is seen here presenting the cheque to our Secretary. We are most grateful for the continuing support of the local Masonic community.

We also received a donation from new members Sid and Jan Nicholl from Tring for £200 towards our local efforts.



National News



This year the major gathering of Urologists worldwide (the EAU Congress) is being held in London and our National Federation has been asked to organise a patient's symposium to coincide with the Congress. This will take place on **Tuesday 28th March from 1000-1300 at The Excel Centre in London's Docklands**. Four major speakers have been assembled and members are being invited to attend the symposium, with travel expenses being paid. You will hear about the latest developments in prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment from one of the UCLH team, a presentation on bone health from one of the leading speakers on the topic, the CEO of ORCHID Male Cancer speaking about encouraging men to speak about prostate cancer, particularly in the BME community, and a speaker on the push towards prostate cancer screening and wider use of the PSA test. This will be a very interesting set of topics. If anyone would like to attend please let Roger know - phone and email details at the foot of the page.

Revised Leaflets

We have revised and reprinted out two main leaflets – the tri-fold version and the credit card sized version. If you would like a supply for your local surgery please let Brian know – phone and email details at the foot of the page.



Future events

Make a note of these events in your diary coming up soon.....

25th February : MK Dons awareness day with PCUK and the Milton Keynes Group.

22nd March 6.30pm : Neil Haldar talk on the history of medicine : Stoke Mandeville

28th March 10am to 1pm : Tackle Patient Symposium at Excel Centre, Docklands.

1st April 10.30am to 1.30 pm : PSA Testing at Masonic Hall Aylesbury

25th April : Mr Kelleher talk on prostate cancer developments : Wycombe Cricket Club

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