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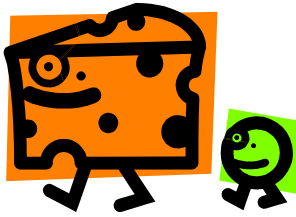
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Welcome from Brian



As we find ourselves in the holiday period this newsletter is just the job for you to read on the plane, train, boat or just in the garden in a deckchair! You also have the latest editions of the Tackle magazine and Prostate Cancer UK magazine in the pack that has been sent to all our members. I trust you are managing to take some time off to recharge your batteries. Don't forget to put the Bucks Show in your diary - it is always a good day out.

Recent Donations

We were honoured to receive a generous donation of £1500 from Haddenham and District Rotary Club. This will help us to raise awareness locally and continue our PSA testing programme. Our Chairman, Brian was invited to attend the President's evening and the picture shows him receiving the cheque from Martin Andrew, the President.



Leo Kyte, one of our long standing members, also donated £100 in celebration of his 80th birthday. Happy Birthday and thank you Leo!

News from Tackle

The Federation AGM and Conference was held in mid June at Edgbaston. Some 85 members attended, with representation from thirty-one support groups. Brian, along with Bruce Cameron and Ronnie Marston and his wife attended on behalf of Aylesbury Vale. The AGM reviewed progress during the past year and noted that considerable progress had been with growing the Federation, now up to 87 support groups, and in its campaigning efforts, where the Tackle presence is more noticeable than ever before.



The conference itself had the theme of “Trials and Tribulations” and was very well received, with good feedback on the sessions. The highlight for many was the informative and humorous session given by Julian Shah and Victoria Muir on some of the more intimate side effects many men with prostate cancer endure! Generously supported by Prostate Cancer UK (PCUK), many felt it was one of the best events in recent years. A full report is published in the current edition of Prostate Matters. The speaker sessions were videoed and you can find a record of the proceedings at www.tackleprostate.org/conferences.php#Conference2017

Progress was also reviewed on the “Tackle Bus” project, which is likely to proceed to a pilot phase in conjunction with Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, making use of their existing health awareness truck/trailer.

Medical Detection Dogs



Many members have fond memories of our visit to the Medical Detection Dogs facility near Milton Keynes. We thought you would like to know how the centre is developing. Detection of early stage Parkinson's disease is their latest exciting project. Working with Manchester University they plan to study whether dogs can identify the disease from the odour on test skin swabs for Parkinson's. The two year study is partially funded by Parkinson's UK and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

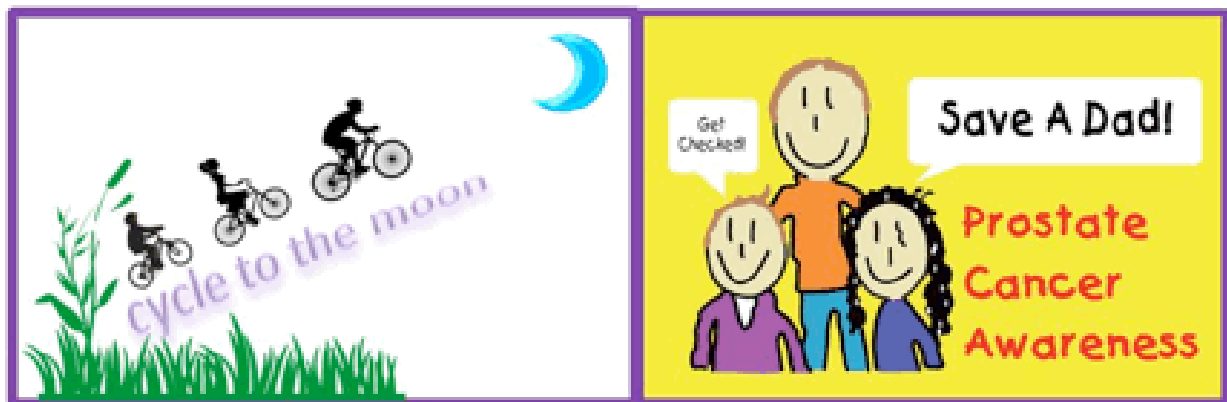
As there is currently no definitive test for Parkinson's, they hope this research will be able to help detect this terrible disease earlier. CEO, Dr Claire Guest, said: "Parkinson's is a pernicious condition and to be able to extend the quality of life for those affected would be a highly significant step forward." If you are interested you can find out more about this new development at www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk/parkinsons-disease-detection-dogs/.

Bucks County Show

Thanks to our willing band of volunteers we now have enough members to man our Aylesbury Vale stand at the Bucks County Show on Thursday 31st August. If you have a spare hour or two it is well worth visiting the show. There is something for everyone at the show. Our thanks to Alan Kerr for organising the rota for the day.



Cycle to the Moon and Save a Dad



One of the major projects being planned for early next year is a nationwide event called "Cycle to the Moon and Save a Dad". The plan is to raise enough funds to keep our National Federation going for at least the next three years by getting members, friends, children, cycling clubs, and anyone else to cycle a total of 254,000 miles – the distance from here to the moon. They hope to raise £1 per mile.

We will let you know of more details nearer the time, and we hope Aylesbury Vale will be able to play its part. A proposal is currently being developed. So, get those rusty bikes out of the "man cave", spruce them up, have a trial run and get ready to Cycle to the Moon!

A European Perspective



Tackle Prostate Cancer is also a member of Europa Uomo, the European prostate cancer coalition. This organisation held its annual General Assembly in Vienna in June, which Roger attended as its UK representative. At the meeting, there were discussions about progress across Europe, projects currently underway and their plans for the future. If you are interested, more details can be found by visiting www.europa-uomo.org/2017/06/annual-report-2016-2017/.

Future Events

Please make a note of these events in your diary for the rest of the year

Thursday 31st Aug Aylesbury Vale Awareness Stand at Bucks County Show

Monday 11th Sep Late summer lunch meeting and BBQ at Thame.
We are lucky enough to have “Aunt Sally’s Delight” to play at this event, courtesy of David Rogers and his friends in the band. Look out for more details soon.

Tuesday 21st Nov Autumn Quiz at The Chandos Arms, Weston Turville

Monday 11 Dec Christmas lunch meeting at Thame Football Club



Brian

Roger