

The latest news from the Prostate Project • April 2022

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Some days just make us want to stamp and cheer, and few have been better than last Tuesday, March the 29th.

We started the day well with the delivery of some new display boards for use in the hospital. John Lloyd and the team at **Bluedot Display** in Chiddingfold have become firm friends and great supporters of the Prostate Project over the past few months, we genuinely appreciate their help, and for those of you who visit the Royal Surrey, you'll see their work is first class.

Then, we opened the post, which contained five donation cheques including a very generous contribution from the wonderful people at [The Probus Club of The Horsleys](#). The group meet regularly at [The Drift Golf Club](#), enjoying good company, some fascinating speakers and of course fabulous hospitality courtesy of The Drift.

...and we hadn't even taken our coats off yet.

The great news kept on coming, this time from the **Rushmoor Male Voice Choir (Oddfellows)** telling us that the Prostate Project have been chosen as the beneficiaries of their summer [concert, 'Singing for You'](#), at High Cross Church, Camberley, on July 8th.

This is not the first time that we have been lucky enough to benefit from the generosity of the Oddfellows, and it will be my pleasure to thank them in person when I attend the concert in July.



RUSHMOOR 'ODD FELLOWS' MALE VOICE CHOIR

SUMMER CONCERT!

8th July 2022
High Cross Church
Camberley

Then came the email that really elevated March 29th to Red Letter Day status.

His Honour Christopher Critchlow DL, former Resident Circuit Judge of Guildford Crown Court and newly installed as the **High Sheriff for Surrey** sent a message 'During my year of office I would be delighted to give you whatever support or recognition that might be appropriate'.

Not bad for a Tuesday.

The Lions continuing to roar on our behalf

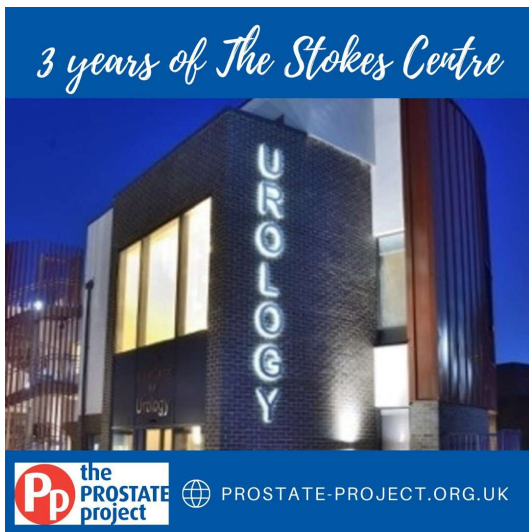


Guildford Lions are long-time supporters of the Prostate Project, many of their members are active fundraisers for us and we have a season of special group talks planned for later in the year.

We cannot thank them enough for naming us as the beneficiaries of what sounds like a magical weekend of music and live entertainment for all the Family. **The Guildford Groove takes place over the weekend of May 28th and 29th at Shalford Park**, with plenty of food and drink concessions, side-stalls and music from local bands and musicians.

Prostate Project supporters can claim an exclusive 20% discount on tickets by following [this link](#) and entering code **GG-TICKET-OFFER** at checkout. **This code is available until 14th April.**

Happy Anniversary...to us!



On March 5th we marked the 3rd anniversary of the official opening of the **Stokes Centre for Urology by HRH the Duke of Kent.**

How time flies.

The Stokes Centre was the largest NHS investment in urological services for a decade, and the building continues to be a well maintained state of the art facility, in high use now that outpatients are returning to normal.

The Royal Surrey Hospital is now firmly established as a world-leading centre for the care and treatment of prostate cancer and much of this achievement is yours to celebrate.

You can read more about the Royal opening on our [website](#).

Radio Days

Our very own **Professor Stephen Langley** was interviewed on BBC Radio Surrey & Sussex on March 19th, the interview, which focused on the Mobile PSA Testing Clinic fundraising appeal can be [heard here](#), with Stephen featuring around 2 hours 45 minutes into the programme.



Wishing Mick Denyer a very long and happy retirement



After 16 years of hard work Mick is taking a well-earned retirement from his Prostate Project funded role as **Senior Research Technician** in the University of Surrey Research Laboratories. Mick will be missed by everyone, perhaps especially by Dr Nicola Annels and her team, having supported the ground breaking immunotherapy research which is becoming the standard cancer treatment in the NHS, improving quality and length of life for a great many patients.

A staunch supporter of the Prostate Project, Mick also leaves a great legacy of success in mentoring and supporting our MD and PhD students, helping them to go on and achieve their full potential. We funded his position when he first started with the team following his arrival around 6 months after Professor Hardev Pandha set up the team.



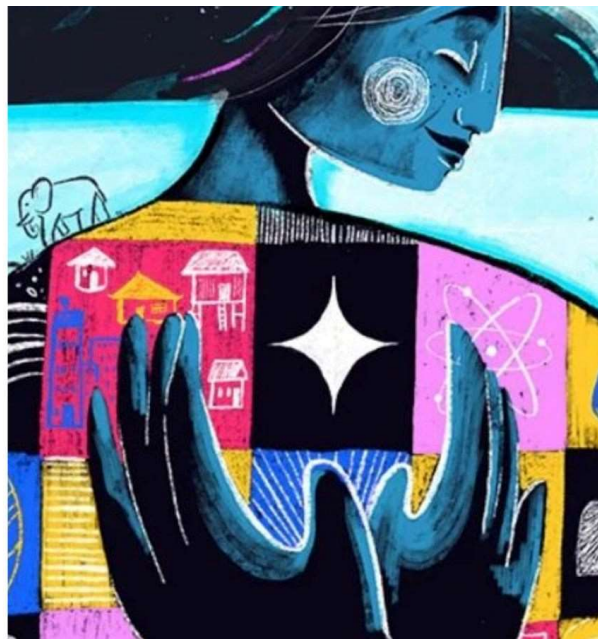
Mick could always be relied upon to support our many and various fundraising events (especially the beer festivals!), and we hope that he will continue to do so with his boundless energy and infectious charm.

The team gave him a lovely send off on Thursday and it's safe to say that there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Doing my bit

World Health Day
7th April 2022

TENANT TAKEOVER!



On the afternoon of April 7th, it will be my privilege to give a presentation at the **Surrey Research Park as part of World Health Day**. I will be talking about the Mobile PSA Testing Clinic and raising awareness of all things relating to our research work and the ground-breaking developments being made in the treatment of prostate, and other urological cancers. If you would like to attend, places can be booked

[here](#).

I carried out a similar talk on-line to a company called HSO last week who are kindly going to give us a donation.

Looking ahead, we are planning how we support fabulous music events over the summer of our new Patron, Les Spaine, which is a very exciting development. We're also looking forward to joining our friends at The Drift Golf Club in May as part of their Captain's Charity fundraising year for us.

Fundraising

The **Mobile PSA Testing Clinic** initiative continues to go very well and I would like to finish this mini newsletter with an appeal and a huge thank you.

I know that times are hard for a lot of people right now, news bulletins are full of stories about the cost of living, the war in Ukraine and rising prices. Many sensible folk are being cautious with their finances, and rightly so.

That is why I am so keen to stress that you can help the Prostate Project without putting your hand in your pocket.

Tuesday 29th was a great example of the different ways that people contribute to the cause. New banners, an offer of support from the High Sheriff, a free profile page in Vantage Point magazine, a Male Voice Choir concert and yes some cheques. We never want anybody to donate more than they can afford or feel comfortable giving, you can help by sharing this newsletter with friends, liking our posts on social media, or enjoying a family day out with the Guildford Lions.

You can find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), the link for the Guildford Groove is [here](#) (don't forget to use your discount code), and for those wishing to donate to the Get on Board, Mobile PSA Testing Clinic Appeal, please click here:

[Donate here - Get on Board our Mobile PSA Testing Clinic](#)



I know that I say it every time I write, but it is true...we are here to improve lives and save lives, but we could not do any of it, without your help.

Thank you and have a great Easter!!!

Alf Turner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alf Turner'.

Chairman

PS - a big thank you to [Vantage Point](#) who gave us a free profile page in the April Edition. You can read all about us [here](#).



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