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Dear Prostate

I think it is fair to say that since our last e-bulletin to our wonderful supporters, the weather has taken a distinctly autumnal turn.

I mention this obvious fact for one simple reason, and that is to pay further tribute to the amazing volunteers, led by the indefatigable Mike Collins, that keep the Man Van on the road, come rain or come shine.

Our mobile PSA Blood testing clinic continues to draw crowds and attention wherever it goes, from tractor pulls and car shows, village halls to business events. This bulletin contains a number of reports of Man Van activity, along with other news from the Prostate Project.

I hope that you enjoy reading it.

Movember





Let us kick off with a special thanks to everyone that is currently sporting facial hair on our behalf as 'Movember' gets into full swing. The annual fundraising spectacular started over 20 years ago, and in that time it has raised many millions of pounds to fund research, with many projects aimed specifically at prostate cancer.

PP Committee member Martyn Pryce has set up a team of fifteen 'tache growers called 'Puttenham Grows a Mo 2026'. You can donate to the cause here, and there's even a ladies section, with fake moustaches of course! We will have more news (and photo's), in our next bulletin.

Donate here

Screening debate goes on as we continue to tell men to 'Get Tested'



(Trustee Mike Collins and Martyn Pryce)

Despite years of campaigning for a national prostate cancer screening programme, the UK National Screening Committee confirmed in May that routine screening will be offered only to men carrying the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene.

The Prostate Project continues to support targeted screening for other high-risk groups, including Black men and those with a family history of prostate cancer. Prostate Project trustee, Professor Stephen Langley has argued that modern PSA testing should be viewed as the start of a sophisticated diagnostic pathway, rather than a stand alone test.

As a charity we welcomed a recent Parliamentary debate on improving early diagnosis, alongside confirmation from Public Health Minister Dame Diana Johnson that men who have discussed the benefits and risks with their GP can still request a PSA test, even if they have no symptoms.

With uncertainty remaining around screening policy, the Prostate Project will

continue offering PSA blood testing events via the Man Van across the region and encourage men aged 50-70, or over 45 if they are black or have a family history of the disease, to **Get Tested**.

Man Van schedule

Sharing the Knowledge



(Wissam Abou-Chedid, 2nd from Left, with Sanjeev Kotwal and Teele Kuusk from Leeds Teaching Hospitals)

As a world-renowned centre of excellence for the research and treatment of urological cancers, it is only to be expected that visitors from other regions will

be welcomed to Surrey to learn more about the ground-breaking developments that have been introduced.

Recently, Consultant Urological Surgeon, Wissam Abou-Chedid welcomed a fellow surgical team to the Stokes Centre for Urology to share insights on the latest innovations in making robotic prostatectomy safer, more efficient and less disruptive to patients lives. These innovations include refining surgical technique, and also rethinking the entire patient pathway;

- Clipless Retzius-sparing, nerve-sparing surgery to support continence and potency recovery.
- Day-case prostatectomy and safe, same-day discharge.
- Patient-led catheter removal at home (self-TWOC)
- High-efficiency theatre lists without compromising care
- Innovations including Histolog® confocal scanning and Innersight 3D surgical planning

These collaborative visits are a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas, share practical lessons and help spread innovations that improve patient outcomes.

Better robotic surgery isn't just about what happens in theatre. It's about making the whole patient experience better and recovery easier.

Man Van News











It has been a busy few months for our mobile PSA Blood Testing Clinic, the 'Man Van', here are just a few of the places that we have visited.

- **The Winter Wellfest Event** at G Live in Guildford, thank you to Ruth Stone for the invitation, it was a great day.
- **Eversley Village Hall**, where our thanks are due to Eversley Parish Council for their generous donation to PP.
- The wonderful **Olive Tree Pub** in Sutton Green, thank you to Nigel Farnfield for all his help.
- **Mercedes-Benz World** in Weybridge, where the Man Van even made it onto the test track. Thank you to everyone there for making this happen.
- **Connect South Business Expo and Networking,** a wonderful day where we met lots of business owners keen to help us. Thanks to Paul and his team for arranging this.
- **Guildford Farmers Market**, thank you to Guildford Borough Council for their kind support and invitation to take our place on the High Street on the first Tuesday of every month.
- **Abbotts Ann Village Hall**, a wonderful testing day in a glorious setting that attracted almost 100 men for their PSA Blood test.
- A very happy group of volunteers (all committed petrol-heads), took the Man Van to the **Goodwood Revival** in September…a very good day was had by all!

Don't forget, if you would like to, please let us know, it really is great fun.

Man Van Schedule

Get Tested



(Martin Davies is now in remission after nearly five years of gruelling treatments and complications. Credit: Rii Schroer)

As a charity we have remained steadfast in our simple message to men over 50, or 45 if they are Black or have a family history of cancer, should take a PSA Blood test.

Following recent coverage of the decision not to introduce a national screening programme, Prostate Project Chairman Martin Davies was interviewed by the Daily Telegraph.

You can read Martin's story on our website, it is a stark reminder of the value of the PSA Blood test, and what is at stake with the consequences of not getting tested.

Read the article here

Keep on Running



Parkrun has become a national phenomenon, with runners meeting every week to take on the now traditional 5k course at their own speed.

5K Your Way is a support group with a difference. They get together at Guildford Park Run in Stoke Park (and at locations across the country) on the last Saturday of every month, and welcome people affected by cancer to join them.

You can find Parkrun details here, they would love to see you at their next get together, it's a fun way to exercise and meet new friends, all at your own pace.

And finally...

Thank you as always for your support, we are achieving great things as a charity but we could not do a thing without your help.

You can read more about all the news from the Prostate Project, including the

latest guidance from HM Government on PSA Testing, Fundraising events, and much more on our website.



Martin Davies
Chairman

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