

TAMAR AREA PROSTATE SUPPORT (TAPS)

REPORT on 13th MEETING, 29 January 2020

Attendance was 8 men and 2 partners – a total of 10. This was our first meeting in the Council Chamber of Callington Town Hall and the room worked very well for us as did the revised timing of 6.00 to 8.00pm.

This meeting took the form of a quiz night. Paul Mansell very kindly devised the quiz questions and format but had already booked a holiday at this time. I therefore acted as quiz master which saved me having to rack my brains for answers! We had 4 teams and the winning team were Nigel Allam and Albert Doidge for whom Paul had supplied wine bottles as prizes. It was a great night with a lot of fun. Many thanks to Paul.

Future Meetings:

Location: Council Chamber, Colington Town Hall
Day of month: 4th Wednesday of the month (except for Jan 29)
Timing: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
1800 – 1815 welcome and housekeeping
1815 – 1915 speaker when possible
1915 – 2000 social time

This schedule will be flexible, eg if no speaker, then focused discussions

Next meeting: Wednesday 26 February 2020
Speaker: Rachel Mansell
Topic: Infection control at home & hospital

Future meetings:

Wed 25 March Dr David Harris, TVH GP, on
Recent developments in the management of side effects
resulting from PC treatment.

Tesco Bags of Help

Some time ago we applied to Tesco to join their Bags of Help scheme in which shoppers can vote for their favoured charity by putting tokens in the boxes by the Exit. Our bid was based on the need to purchase a projector and screen for presentations both in the Health Centre (now Town Hall) and external awareness raising events. We were successful in our bid and we are now one of 3 charities for the Jan – March 2020 voting period. The vote winning charity gets £2000, 2nd place £1000 and 3rd place £500. At present we estimate that we are lying second which will be enough for our projector needs.

This leads me to make two requests:

- a) If and when you shop in Tesco, please would you think of TAPS when putting your tokens in the box.
- b) Tesco has given us Saturday 15 February to have a publicity stand in the outside foyer from which we can inform shoppers about prostate cancer and TAPS (although we cannot point them to our box nor do any fund raising). The stand will have our new banners and tablecloth plus some TAPS and PCUK literature. Your Steering Group members will partially man it but we are looking for additional help from you, our members, please. We will man it in 2-hour slots from 0830 to 1830. We are looking for one person to help us for each of the 1230, 1430 and 1630 slots. Please call or email me if you can help.