

The Buzz Bulletin



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Newsletter of the
North Hampshire Prostate
Cancer Support Group

Welcome to the Buzz Bulletin

Chairman's Chat



Our March group meeting also included our Annual General Meeting, our first since 2019, as the 2020 AGM had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus. 22 members joined us on Zoom including Lorraine, our liaison nurse. Formal proceedings were kept short as some of the officer's reports had previously been distributed by email and copies of my Charman's report and Allan's Secretary report that were presented at the AGM will also be sent to all members by email.

As there had been no nominations received for committee membership, and as all the existing members had indicated that they were prepared to continue for another year, a motion was proposed that all the existing committee members be re-elected. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

On the 16 and 17th of March, Allan, Richard and I took part in a Prostate Cancer U.K./Tackle networking event for group leaders on Zoom. At its peak there were 98 people on-line representing 62 different support groups. Many support groups reported that they had found it difficult providing support to their members during the Covid pandemic and as lockdowns eased, we were encouraged to re-visit our group's key support objectives.

We really need to know your views on how the NHPCSG moves forward. What works well for you? What are you less keen on? Do we simply return to our original meeting format once we are allowed to meet together as a group, or would you like to see a complete change of format? Please do tell us.

Martin

Group Meetings

Group Meetings are via ZOOM



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March Group Meeting Report

Following the brief AGM, the group was privileged to have Sian Woodward give us an insight into Parliament and its workings. Having worked in the Houses of Parliament for many years Sian has now risen to becoming one of the clerks who sit in front of the speaker. The role of clerk goes back many hundreds of years. In addition to these duties which include advising the speaker on such matters as the House standing orders, another of her tasks is running the Table Office. This involves scheduling of questions members wish to raise. In the past she has worked on many of the select committees which are established to scrutinise ministers and the actions of their departments.

She then outlined in more detail the composition of the two houses, with the Commons comprising 365 conservative, 199 Labour 47 SNP, with the balance making 650 in total from minor parties. 'The Other House', as the house of Lords is referred to, now contains nearly 800 members including 26 Archbishops – the only ones to have arms to their seats to save embarrassment if they nod off after a good lunch!

Adding a more personal slant to her talk, Sian mentioned that contrary to most peoples perception she is a Crown employee. As she was working in Parliament at the time, she and her husband were able to get married in the beautiful St Marys Undercroft chapel, which is set down below the Great St Stephens Hall. One of her most memorable experiences occurred on her first day, when just 21. With real trepidation she was taken into the members dining room to be greeted warmly by none other than Tony Benn. Another moment she shared occurred when she was still very junior and was tasked with counting members entering into one of the lobbies, each being recorded by name. One notable face she did not recognise was Tony Blair – her excuse being that he was not often seen in the lobbies as he rarely voted.

At the end of her informative talk Sian welcomed and covered a diverse range of questions.

Keith



If you have subjects you would like publishing in YOUR newsletter please send them to us using the contact information. Bee happy.



Some Useful Web Contacts

Macmillan Cancer Support with
advice relating to coronavirus
Prostate Cancer UK advice at
Macmillan Cancer Support at

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/coronavirus/cancer-and-coronavirus>
<https://prostatecanceruk.org/>
<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>



Cancer Services Partnership
Patients, Families, Carers and Professionals Together



COME & JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON CANCER SERVICES! THERE ARE PLANS FOR NEW HEALTH SERVICES IN NORTH HAMPSHIRE ~THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT A HOSPITAL~

Understand how the Programme
is progressing.....

Hampshire Together Programme
Director - Natasha Kerrigan -
and her colleagues will be joining us
.....SO COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

Hosted by: Cancer Services Partnership
APRIL 14 2021, 11AM-12 ON ZOOM

ZOOM LINK:

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81140298500?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81140298500?pwd=BNdFA2XUMGHCV2LWBJVHUVR6DDNEZZ09)
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