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SUPPORT

Families of prostate cancer victims get vital help

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A support group to help patients and families diagnosed with prostate cancer has been launched by the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It has been championed by the chairman of Burton Albion Football Club, Ben Robinson.

Around 25 men, along with their partners, were welcomed to Burton Albion's Pirelli Stadium in late January to formally launch the group alongside Queen's Hospital clinicians. They have worked hard to raise awareness of the illness, which is the most common cancer among men.

The clinicians held successful sessions in 2016 when more than 100 men were screened for the condition, including Elfyn Parry, 73, of Oakthorpe, who was given the all-clear following surgery.

He went to screenings at venues including the Pirelli Stadium, as both Ben Robinson, who launched the event, and the Burton Albion Community Trust, have been strong supporters of the trust's prostate cancer awareness events.

Mr Parry told the Burton Mail: "I want the message to get out there of how import-

ant prostate cancer screening is. The Burton Albion screening was well organised and there should be more like that. Of the 100 men screened I understand nine of them were found to have cancer.

"There will be others in the Burton area who have prostate cancer but don't know it. We need more of these screenings and people need to take advantage of them."

Another Burton Mail reader, who wished to remain anonymous said: "I thank the Burton Mail, Burton Albion Football Club and Jyoti Shah and her team for providing the screening event in March.

"I too was diagnosed with an aggressive prostate cancer. The treatment recommended for me was 37 sessions of external beam radiotherapy in Derby, which I have just completed. I now await the results but am very optimistic. I still do not know why I signed up for the screening as I had no symptoms other than needing the loo in the night which I had put down to age.

"I was walking for at least two hours a day with my dogs and felt perfectly fit.

"The radiotherapy did not affect me at all other than in the late evenings I was a little tired. I am now a vocal advocate that all men should get



Burton's Queens Hospital will hold a patients' support group for those diagnosed with prostate cancer. Pictured are associate director from the medical director's office, Deb Price, consultant urological surgeon Jyoti Shah, and urology advanced nurse practitioner Sarah Minns.

tested just in case and do hope that another screening can be held at the club."

Throughout the sessions held last year, abnormalities requiring treatment were found in nine men.

The purpose of setting up the group is to provide like-minded people with a shared connection and facilitate support in the form of meetings, information sessions or social gatherings.

Consultant urological surgeon Jyoti Shah said: "We want the men to own and run the group and let them tell us what they want to get from it

and how we can support them. The initial group of 25 men have all had surgery so they have had similar treatment and will likely to be needing answers to similar questions.

"We want to open this out eventually to anyone from Burton and the surrounding areas who has had or is living with, prostate cancer. The launch event was successful and I am looking forward to hearing from the men and their partners about how they want to take this group forward and what they want to get out of it."

Dr Magnus Harrison, medical director at Burton Hospitals, added: "The work of Jyoti and urology advanced nurse practitioner Sarah Minns in promoting prostate cancer awareness has been incredible. The support we have had from the football club has been crucial because it allows us to take our hospital out into the community.

"I am sure the men and their families will benefit hugely from this group and will continue to receive expert advice and assistance from our clinicians."

PLANS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Burton Tennis Club has submitted an application to East Staffordshire Borough Council, along with plans to change a hairdressers to a home.

2A Eton Road, Burton - Erection of a single-storey rear and side extension and raising of the eaves height to the rear to facilitate loft conversion, including the installation of roof lights to the front and rear roof slopes, and alterations to the roof to form front porch (Amended scheme).

42 Church Road, Rolleston - Felling of cherry tree and reduce pencil conifer tree to two to three metres in height.

95 Ash Street, Burton - Prior notification for the erection of single-storey rear extension 5.9m from the original rear wall of the dwelling, 2.8-metres to the eaves and 3.3-metres to the highest part of the roof.

Burton Tennis and Squash Club, Ashby Road, Burton - Display of one externally illuminated fascia sign, one non-illuminated entrance sign and one non-illuminated post sign.

Car park of Centrum East Retail Park, Wellington Road, Burton - Display of one internally illuminated pole sign, three non-illuminated fascia signs, four double sided non-illuminated directional signs, one non-illuminated exit post sign, one internally illuminated drive through barrier sign, two double-sided internally illuminated key seller signs, one internally illuminated letter sign, one double sided triple menu sign.

Poplar Farm, Poplar Farm Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley - Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling.

The Towers House, Dunstall Road, Barton - Felling of Laburnum tree.

45 Waterloo Street, Burton - Change of use of part of ground floor from hairdressers to living accommodation.

Barn off Main Road, Anslow - Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling - refused.

100 Newton Road, Burton - crown raising of silver birch tree - approved.

281 Blackpool Street, Burton - Retention of outbuilding - approved.

94 Captains Lane, Barton Under Needwood - Erection of a part two storey, part single storey front extension - approved.

2 Laburnum Grove, Fauld, Fauld - Erection of a detached garage - approved.

ENVIRONMENT

Alert after green dye spotted in river water



Passers-by were intrigued by the green slime leaking into the River Trent in Burton.

Pictures: William Scoular

Mystery surrounds green dye which has been spotted leaking into the River Trent in Burton.

Readers contacted the Burton Mail to say that they have spotted the green dye near to Green Street oozing into the River Trent.

They said that what appeared to be environmental health officers were at the scene.

These pictures, sent

in by William Scoular, show what appears to be green dye by the water course flowing into the river.

Mr Scoular said he had earlier spotted green water near to a drain cover and thought it was a "bit suspicious".

The Environment Agency said it had not been made aware of the incident but would log it and carry out an investigation.

