

The Story of Pat, Monty and Prostate Cancer

Pat started going out with Andy in 1990.

In 1993 Pat was pregnant when they both became aware that Andy had problems.

Andy went to the doctors and was told he had a possible hernia or groin strain.

On another occasion of illness he was told it was possibly cystitis.

Pat doubted this diagnosis and told Andy to go back to the doctors.

Andy was 45 when the doctor gave him an inspection and referred him to a consultant.

Two months later, in February 1994 Andy and Pat with their new baby were devastated when the consultant told Andy that he had prostate cancer and had six months to live.

Once the hormone treatment took effect Andy survived for thirteen years. During these years as well as being a City Councillor Andy became a spokesperson for the Prostate Cancer Charity, trying to assist others who had concerns or problems.

Sadly Andy died in November 2006

In 2000 Monty was diagnosed as having a hernia. This was repaired.

In 2002 similar symptoms returned. The doctors told Monty it was possibly the beginning of another hernia. Monty was told to return to the doctors if the symptoms worsened.

The symptoms never got worse and over the next five years regular visits to the loo became a way of normal life for Monty.

In 2004 a working colleague of Pat's died of prostate cancer.

Monty filled the vacancy, where he first met Pat.

In February 2007 Monty was devastated when his wife had a sudden fatal heart attack.

A couple of weeks later when Monty returned to work after this shock, Pat noticed how much losing his wife had affected Monty and later Pat phoned Monty to offer her condolences. Pat and Monty were both missing their partners but during their conversation they found they had similar interests and arranged to have a day out together. This led to them later going out dancing, walking and sight seeing.

In May 2007 Pat noticed Monty had similar symptoms to her deceased husband, Andy.

Monty told her about the hernia diagnosis in 2002.

Remembering Andy's diagnosis this rang alarm bells with Pat who told Monty to get to the doctors and ask to be checked out specifically for prostate cancer.

Monty was found to be in need of urgent treatment.

Monty had his prostate gland removed in September 2007

Monty is now free of cancer and looking forward to a long life with Pat

Monty and Pat use their story to bring awareness of prostate cancer to others and hopefully prevent someone else becoming another victim.

Monty and Pat are not medically qualified but if you would like to talk to them about their experiences with prostate cancer, or your concerns, before, during or after diagnosis

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Please help to raise awareness in others
See www.prostatecancercheckitout.me.uk for more
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