

# **BARNT GREEN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE TEAM**



Issue 42

## **THANK YOU FROM DR TAYLOR**

Autumn 2016



**I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all those patients who kindly passed on their best wishes and contributed towards my retirement gift. It has been a pleasure and privilege to work as a GP in Barnt Green. I will miss the many friends that I have made over the years along with the great team at the surgery.**

**Sincerely, Frank Taylor**

**The patient's donations were put towards a voucher for a telescope as Dr Taylor is very interested in astronomy.**

If you haven't already had or booked your Influenza vaccination, then please do so as stocks are limited. A list of those who are eligible is on the website or at Reception. All 2, 3 and 4 years olds should also be vaccinated via the nasal spray.



## **NEW PARTNERSHIP OPEN EVENING**

Dr Jeremy Clarkson, who has been working with us as a salaried GP since January, now joins Dr's Andy Peacock and Sarah King as one to the partners of the practice. Dr Karen Baker, who left us in May 2015 has now returned from maternity leave and will be working Thursdays and Fridays.

The new partners would like to welcome patients to an open evening on Monday 5th December, at 7pm at the surgery. This will be an opportunity to meet the partners and hear their plans for the way forward.

## **SELF REFERRAL**

**Did you know that it is not always necessary to see a doctor to be referred for further treatment such as physiotherapy and counselling.**

**Physio direct 01527 488179 allows for self referral and the Well Being Hub 01905 766124 is an information and signposting service for people over 16 years of age who are experiencing low mood, anxiety or stress.**

### **SUSPECTED URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS**

In the interest of patient safety and improved care, we no longer allow urine samples to be left in Reception. All patient's must attend an appointment with either the nurse or the GP with a urine sample.

### \*\*\*\*\* SURGERY RANKING \*\*\*\*\*

We reported back in the Spring that the surgery had been ranked nationally as 440th in the country out of 7708 GP practices. We are delighted to report that in the latest survey, we have risen to 225th in the country and 6th in the West Midlands. Please do continue to provide us with feedback to help us continue to improve the service we offer.

The practice was inspected by CQC back in March and we received a rating of good overall with an outstanding in the area of helping our patients with disabilities.

### **TRIVIA**

Last year there were 69 babies registered at the practice. 34 girls and 35 boys. The most popular names at the surgery and nationally were :-

Surgery		Nationally	
GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS
Charlotte	William	Amelia	Oliver
Darcey	Harrison	Olivia	Jack
Abigail		Emily	Harry



### **CAR PARK**

We continue to experience difficulties with parking at the surgery and would appreciate it if all patients other than those that are disabled, could kindly park in the Victoria Pub or Social Club car parks.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

### **Christmas Opening Times**

The surgery will be closed on the following days:-

**Monday 26th December 2016**

**Tuesday 27th December 2016**

**Monday 2nd January 2017**

