

# PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

Bradford on Avon & Melksham Health Partnership  
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## Patient Participation Group Meetings

The PPG is a group of patients and practice staff who meet at regular intervals to decide ways of making a positive contribution to the services offered by the Practice.

Please join us for our next meeting at the Health Centre, Bradford on Avon, at 7pm on Tuesday 6th June 2017.



Patient Participation Group

## Congratulations Dr Zoe Davis



We are pleased to announce as from 1st April Dr Davis has become a partner at the practice.

Dr Davis qualified in London in 1998 from Imperial College. She completed her GP training in Bristol in 2003 where she continued to work until joining the practice as an associate in 2014.

## New Melksham Leg Club

Melksham Leg club opened on the 6th April 2017 to provide medical help in a social setting for people with lower leg problems. The weekly sessions will be held on Thursday mornings at 9am Spencer Sport at the Social Club on

Beanacre Road. Members will be able to receive treatment from NHS nurses and also spend social time with other members.



## Dr Ruth Barnes wins Bath Half Marathon



Our very own Dr Ruth Barnes was the proud lady winner of the Bath half marathon. Dr Barnes was delighted as she crossed the finish line in a huge personal best time of 1hr 15 minutes.

## Appointments System

There are three separate areas of the new system:

1) If you have an urgent problem

Please telephone as early as you can on the day to book an appointment in the same day emergency service. These appointments are limited and therefore will only be booked with problems which are deemed to be medically urgent.

2) If you have a new problem (or a recurrence of an old problem) which is not medically urgent for today please speak to reception who will offer you a telephone appointment with a doctor. For continuity we advise that you wait to speak to your usual doctor when they are next available. This may sometimes mean that you will need to wait longer than you would ideally prefer.

3) If you have an on-going problem and the doctor has directly asked to see/speak with you again

*Please let the receptionist know as we have allocated a protected number of appointments for this purpose.*



## Dementia Awareness week 15th –21st May 2017

### What is dementia?

The word dementia describes a set of symptoms that may at first include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language. Later it may affect someone physically as the brain's ability to control the body declines.

Dementia is caused when the brain is damaged by diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease or a series of strokes. It is not a natural part of aging.

There are over 100 different types of dementia, and all types of dementia are progressive. This means that the structure and chemistry of the brain become increasingly damaged over time.

The Doctors have implemented a monthly 'topic of focus' which aims to raise awareness on various topics. This month we will be providing a 'spotlight' on Dementia. Information and leaflets will be available in surgery waiting areas and on the practice website. The staff will also be fund raising for the cause by wearing "bad tie for the day" Other events happening in Bradford on Avon Town also includes:

Monday May 15 - Dementia Awareness Day at Dorothy House, Winsley 12.30—4pm

Tuesday May 16 - Dementia Friends Information Session

Wednesday May 17 - Virtual Dementia Tour Bus at Wiltshire Heights - Professionals

Thursday May 18 - Virtual Dementia Tour Bus at Wiltshire Heights—Public Sessions

Friday May 19 - Trinity Café at Holy Trinity Church



For more information please visit our website [www.boamhp.co.uk](http://www.boamhp.co.uk) & [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)  
Telephone: 01225 776481

## Winsley Dispensary 10th Anniversary

April 2017 celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Winsley Health Centre opening the dispensary. This important addition to the Health Centre gave our patients who live in Winsley and the surrounding villages a convenient and friendly way to obtain their prescriptions.

Celebrating this event the Surgery ran fun competitions including guessing the name of the Winsley teddy who has been observing proceedings in the dispensary since it opened. The Practice would like to thank everyone who helped raise the £83.00 which was donated to the Winsley village Defibrillator fund.

**The partners and staff would like to thank you for your support over the last 10 years.**



## Cervical Cancer fundraiser



The practice would like to thank all the staff and patients who helped raise £97.22 last month for Jo's Cervical cancer charity.

For more information please visit : [jostrust.org.uk](http://jostrust.org.uk)