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NEWSLETTER



Winter 2008/09

Dear Patient

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable festive season and we wish you a healthy and happy new year. Winter seems to keep a grip on us but we are heading towards a new spring.

PARTNERSHIP

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Iain Forth - who has for the past 18 months been with the practice as a salaried GP – has now accepted a position as a third partner in our practice, joining Drs MacGregor and Fraser. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Dr. Forth.

FUNDRAISING

During the run-up to Christmas the practice – in conjunction with Boots pharmacy – raised almost £300 for the 'Wear it pink' campaign (breast cancer) and the 'pyjama day' for Children in Need. We thank all those who generously supported these 2 very worthy causes.

QOF VISIT

In line with all other practices, we are occasionally audited by outside agencies to ensure we are providing first class service - both medical and administratively - to our patients. We are pleased to report that such an audit took place in November 2008 and the practice was highly commended in all areas.

STAFF CHANGES

We are sorry to report that one of our members of staff, Elizabeth MacConnachie, has decided to seek pastures new and leaves the practice on the 13th February. We would like to record our thanks to Elizabeth and wish her every success for her future career. The practice is currently in the process of screening applications for a replacement.

LATE EVENING SURGERIES

The introduction of the late surgery on Tuesday nights has proved to be successful. However, may we re-iterate that this late surgery is primarily for people who find it impossible to make an appointment during the normal surgery hours. Your continued assistance in this would be greatly appreciated as it does allow those who cannot otherwise attend, can have access to a GP.

PATIENT QUESTIONNAIRE

As you might be aware, the Scottish Executive – in conjunction with NHS Scotland – has carried out an independent survey of patients throughout Scotland on access to GPs and the quality of service received. We understand that this survey is now complete, but the results are not expected before April at the earliest. Should these arrive prior to the next newsletter, we will of course inform you of the results for our surgery.

The Practice Team
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