

Long Furlong Medical Centre

January 2018

Happy New Year and Thank You:

- for all the lovely Christmas treats and messages that we received from our patients over the festive season. They were very much appreciated.
- For all your support purchasing raffle tickets for the hampers that were provided by members of the practice team. Together we raised **£113** which has been donated to the **Long Furlong Community Defibrillator fund**. If you would like more information on the defibrillator programme please visit the community centre's website.
www.longfurlongcommunitycentre.wordpress.com

PRACTICE NEWS:

Retirement: We are very sorry to inform you that Dr Allan is retiring at the end of January. Please join us in the waiting room on **Thursday 25 January 12:30-14:30** for light refreshments and an informal reception to wish Dr Allan farewell. A message book and collection will be available for patients to sign at Reception week commencing 8 January.

We are very pleased to welcome: Dr Susan Lowe, who will be joining the Practice as a Partner at the end of January. Dr Lowe will take on the care of Dr Allan's patients and will be in surgery on Monday mornings, all day Wednesday and Friday mornings.

We also welcome **Dr Rachel Preston** who will be joining us in February on Wednesdays and Thursdays as we **congratulate Dr Barter** who is expecting a baby in March. While Dr Barter is on maternity leave her patients will be looked after by Dr Preston.

Rota Changes: We would like to inform **Dr Keeling's patients** that from February, Dr Keeling will be changing her working days to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

From mid January **Jennifer Evans**, our HCA, will be available for appointments all day Wednesday and all day Friday. Jennifer is now qualified to provide a range of treatments including: blood tests, blood pressure reviews, hearing screening, basic health checks and ear irrigation. We continue to develop Jen in various clinical skills so please enquire at Reception regarding her availability for appointments.

On **Wednesday 14th February** we are having a **PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT DAY** and will provide a limited service for **urgent appointments only**. Normal services will resume on Thursday 15th February at 08:30. The pharmacy will be open as usual.

Patient Survey: Our local patient survey has been published. We would be very grateful for your time to complete this. Copies are available in the waiting room and available via an on-line Survey. A link for this will be provided on our website.

Travel Vaccines: There continues to be national shortages of travel vaccines. If you are planning a holiday abroad this year, please check the Fit for Travel website for the latest information on vaccine requirements for your destination and vaccine availability. www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk

Please book your appointment with our nurses in plenty of time prior to travelling as you will be required to complete a Risk Assessment Form which should be returned to the nurse prior to your appointment. Thank you.