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Welcome to the August bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. It's holiday season so there isn't too much to report this month.

PPG Meeting – Summer Social – 6 August

There are no minutes from our meeting on 6 August as that was our summer social. Half a dozen of us had a pleasant evening and a few drinks. Much of the time was spent discussing various healthcare topics and explaining them to a couple of our patients who dropped by.

Next PPG Meeting – Tuesday 2 October

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2 October at 1400 hrs in St Barnabas Church Hall. We may or may not have a speaker, so watch out for details in next month's bulletin, on the noticeboards in the waiting area or in the upcoming issue of *Barnabas Bulletin*.

Meet the Patients

Our monthly-ish "Meet the Patients" was on Tuesday 14 August. As it was a quiet afternoon, Janet Bettaccini encouraged us to spend some time removing litter from under the waiting area seats and from the heating grilles in the seat backs. These spaces accumulate paper, toy cars, biscuits, pens etc. donated to them by bored children; we found items going back quite a few years! While "litter picking" seems a waste of time, it isn't as the accumulated rubbish must increase the fire risk as well as impacting the efficiency of the heating system. And it is something the PPG can do to help the Practice. We shall resume, and hopefully complete, this job at some future date.

Our next "Meet the Patients" is scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 26 September. If you can help with this – it entails mainly chatting to patients and answering questions; it does not normally involve manual labour! – then please get in touch.

Prescription Drugs and Brexit

In the *Guardian* on 31 July, Ash Soni, the president of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, gave a perspective on the possible ways in which Brexit could affect the supply of drugs. I'm not competent to comment on the actual likelihood of problems, nor where they originate (with the drug companies, NHS, regulators ...), but it does look as if the fallout could be serious. You can find the article at <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jul/31/prescription-drug-brexit-pharmacy-supply-chains-shortages>. Only time will tell.

Finally, I've attached two newsletters which contain interesting and useful news items and are well worth reading ...

- **Ealing CCG Newsletter** (August 2018)
- **NAPP eBulletin** (July/August)

More next month. Meanwhile have a good Bank Holiday weekend and enjoy what remains of the summer>

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