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Welcome to an early and quite short December bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. This is essentially a quick catch up following the AGM, so no general healthcare news this time. We'll be back in very early January, and I intend to send out these bulletins early each month during 2019.

PPG Meeting – Monday 3 December (AGM)

Our AGM was on Monday 3 December. There were no elections for Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as Phyllis and I were elected last year for two years (as stated in our Terms of Reference). I presented my Annual Report (copy attached) and this began a discussion about the need for a closer, more trusting, relationship with the Practice. There is a lot more we could do, but this needs two things (a) more active PPG members, and (b) our being allowed to. But this is a two-edged sword: attracting members is difficult when there is little apparent change. We have to remember, of course, there are many things we cannot be involved in because of patient or business confidentiality. On the other hand as a "critical friend" to the Practice it is part of our job to keep pushing the boundaries on behalf of patients. Full minutes of the AGM will be in the next bulletin.

Priorities for 2019-21

As you will have seen in the last bulletin, we need to start agreeing our priorities for 2019-21. To do this we need a few minutes help from everyone to complete the short survey. The survey form is attached, or you can do it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X6DRRHC>. The survey is open until 6 January, and we will consider the consolidated results at our next meeting (see below). Thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

2019 Meeting Dates

The AGM also considered dates for meetings in 2019. At the October PPG meeting, and based on your feedback, there was a definite preference for meetings on Wednesday lunchtime/early afternoon. In discussing this with our Practice Manager, this turns out to be better for the Practice too, as it means there is more likely to be a doctor available to join the meeting – something which we hope will help our relationship with the Practice. We are well aware that daytime meetings will exclude many of those members who are working or who have small children, but we agreed the new day/time was something we had to try – and if we find it doesn't work then we should look at changing again.

The following Wednesdays were therefore agreed for meetings in 2019:

- 13 February
- 24 April
- 12 June
- 14 August (social only)
- 16 October
- 11 December (AGM)

All the meetings are at 1300-1430 in St Barnabas Church Hall, except the August Social which will be 1800 hrs in the Greenwood pub.

Please put the dates in your new 2019 diary now!

Meet the Patients

We are planning to be in the waiting area again on the afternoon of Tuesday 18 December for our monthly-ish "Meet the Patients" session. Do drop by and chat to us. And we do need volunteers to help with this, please – Noreen and I cannot do it all.

Barnabas Bulletin

The December issue of the Practice's newsletter, *Barnabas Bulletin*, is now available. I've attached a copy and printed copies are available in the waiting area.

And finally ...

NAPP eBulletin

The latest (November) eBulletin from NAPP is attached. As usual it contains some interesting news items.

It remains only for me to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy 2019!



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