

28th (Wednesday): Normal working day

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**Closer working with Churchfields Surgery**.

There is a national problem with GP recruitment and finding good quality doctors is a real problem. Smaller practices are particularly struggling in the current climate. You may have seen some of the Churchfields partners taking surgery at Catshill in recent months. We have taken a decision that it is better to share resources and have ‘locum doctors’ who are experienced local GPs rather than unknowns. We are also sharing other resources with Churchfields, including some of our ‘back office’ staff, and pooling our collective expertise to tender for local service delivery. Working closely and more efficiently with Churchfields surgery will provide Catshill Village Surgery with security for the future. Together we intend to be a strong force in primary care locally.

Both the practices still work under the direction of Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (RBCCG).

**Bromsgrove Primary Care Network (BPCN)**

Catshill Surgery is part of this group, alongside the 4 Bromsgrove ‘town’ practices. The idea is that closer working amongst the geographically closest practices can forge stronger partnerships and promote excellence in the delivery of local healthcare. As part of BPCN, Drs Barrett and Ford are part of a medical rota currently covering Lickey Ward at the Princess of Wales Community Hospital. We still provide the same number of appointments at the surgery, although at times one of the partners may be unavailable for surgery

**Welcome**

Catshill Village Surgery would like to introduce our new GP, Dr Michael Bloxham, and welcome him to the practice.

Michael has recently finished training in the Black Country. He grew up locally and now has a young family. Prior to studying medicine he gained a first class degree in aeronautical engineering. He has a clinical interest in ophthalmology.

Nichola Wintle joins us in the nursing team and is currently working at both Catshill and Churchfields surgeries. She has previous experience as a practice nurse in Redditch, a district nurse and also work in cardiology. She lives locally with her young family.

3rd (Tuesday): Normal working day

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**31st/1st/2nd: Practice closed**

30th (Friday) normal working day

##### **New Year**

**24th/ 25th/26th/27th Practice closed**

23rd (Friday) normal working day

##### **Christmas**

#### Christmas and New Year opening

If the problem is not an emergency, but you need medical advice urgently, please call 111.

Call 999

##### **In an emergency**

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Dr Hall is also leaving the practice for pastures new, after nearly 3 years at Catshill Village Surgery. She is leaving us to work as a locum GP and so we may see her here for the occasional surgery in the future. She hopes to further her specialist interests and gain new qualifications to broaden her career. We and her patients will certainly miss her.

Most of you will be aware by now that Dr Christopher Kimberley decided to hang up his stethoscope for good. He took retirement at the start of September after a distinguished career in general practice, and this will allow him to spend more time with his family. Thank you to everyone who wrote in his leaving book and sent him personal wishes. He was genuinely touched by it all. We thank him most sincerely and wish him the best for the future.

Shortly following this, Wendy Goodchild, our practice manager for 20 years, decided that she too would like to seek a new challenge. After running a tight ship here for so many years, and more recently serving the larger practice at Churchfields, she is moving to the Bridge Surgery in Headless Cross. Again, we thank her sincerely for all of her hard work and commitment, and wish her all the best for the future.

# NEWS

**CQC**

We were inspected by the Care Quality Commission in May 2016 and overall received a ‘good’ rating. In actual fact we were rated ‘good’ in every domain which is a real achievement, and we are very proud of our hard work. We were particularly pleased that 45 patients took the time to complete comment cards on the day of the inspection, the vast majority of which were complimentary about the service we provide.

A PDF of the inspection report can be downloaded from: [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk) by entering ‘Catshill Village Surgery’ into the search box.

**Healthy Minds**

Worcestershire Healthy Minds can be accessed by patients directly, either by filling in the self assessment form online, or by calling the Wellbeing Hub on: 01905 766124.The hub is a service for people over the age of 16 who experience low mood, anxiety or stress.

Services offered include: Counselling, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Self Help, Psychological therapy and Online and Computerised Psychological Therapies (Big White Wall). There are also short courses available.

For further information visit: [www.hacw.nhs.uk](http://www.hacw.nhs.uk) and click on ‘H’ for Healthy Minds

**Patient Self -Management**

Worcestershire Health and Care Trust are offering a Patient Self Management course, particularly relevant to patients with long term health conditions.

For further information either call: 07715 634205 or visit: [WHCNHS.Patientselfmanagement@nhs.net](mailto:WHCNHS.Patientselfmanagement@nhs.net)

Practice pharmacist

**Sad news and goodbyes**

Catshill Village Surgery are: Dr Barrett, Dr Ford and Dr Bloxham.

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