

Goodbye

As many of you will already know, **Dr Ken McWilliam** is retiring as our Senior Partner at the end of March 2007 after 36 years with the practice. He will be greatly missed by all the staff and his patients, but we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Dr Christina Benson, our GP Retainer, is heading off to New Zealand with her husband and baby daughter in the summer, and will be leaving us around April/May time. This will be a busy and exciting year for her, and we wish her all the best.

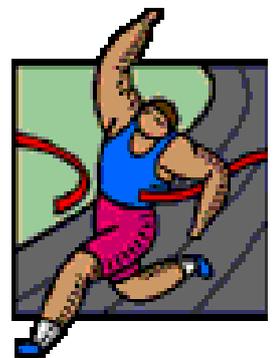


Welcome

Dr Kris Wipat is our new GP Partner and will be joining us at the beginning of April 2007. Dr Wipat will be based principally at Taymount Surgery, and we are sure he will settle in very quickly and become a valued member of our practice team.

Congratulations

Dr Lenny Burnett ran his first marathon in Edinburgh last summer, and completed the course in the very respectable time of 3 hours and 23 minutes. He raised over £1600 for Macmillan Cancer Relief, and would like to thank everyone who supported him.

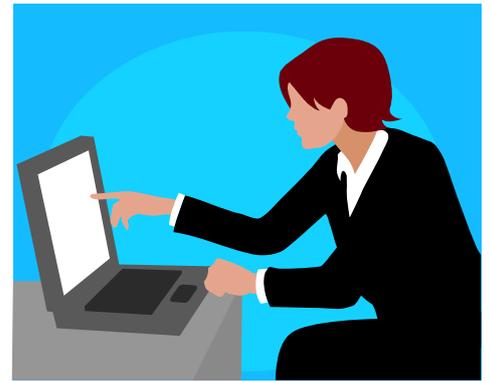


Dr Angie Martin had a bouncing baby girl in August, and is due to return from maternity leave in March 2007.

Practice website

Our practice website is now “live”, and we would encourage all our patients to have a look at the site, on www.perthandscone.co.uk. We will keep the site updated with practice news and post any relevant documents, such as the results of our patient survey, on a regular basis.

Please let us know what you think of the site.



Patient feedback



We have once again been conducting our yearly satisfaction survey, and are delighted with the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have had from our patients across the whole range of services.

We continually monitor our appointment system, and remain committed to ensuring a high standard of appointment availability. Although we have 5 dedicated incoming telephone lines for Taymount and Scone, we are looking at ways to improve access, particularly in the mornings, and will feed back to our patients any changes we make to our system.

Many thanks again to those patients who so willingly completed the questionnaires.

Contact details

We will shortly be asking patients when they attend surgery to give us up-to-date details. This will ensure that we have the correct name, address and telephone number recorded in case we have to contact you at any time.



Health check

Are you aged 45-65? Is it over three years since you have been seen by a doctor or nurse in the practice? If so, we would encourage you to make an appointment with a Health Care Assistant for a blood pressure and urine check — two very simple checks which can detect early signs of heart disease or diabetes.
