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Well, the awful weather we had during the Spring eventually left us and we have been basking in beautiful sunshine for the last couple of months which has enabled us pursue our plan of redecorating the outside of the building and freshening up the interior. I am sure you will all agree that everything is looking much fresher and cleaner!

There have been a couple of changes to doctors since the Spring. Unfortunately Dr Julia Gaffney left us to take up a fulltime post in Torquay but we are pleased to welcome Dr Heather Elliott who will be us on Tuesdays and Fridays and of course we still have Dr Paul Hutchinson with us on a regular basis.

This month we will also be welcoming our new Registrar Dr Rowan Lepley, who writes :

'I completed my medical training at Birmingham University, graduating in 2010. I then completed my foundation training in Worcester and Birmingham before moving to Devon in 2012 to start my GP training. I have very much enjoyed the training programme so far and have completed attachments in obstetrics and gynaecology, general practice, oncology and older adults psychiatry. My other interests include travel, music and walking. I'm very much looking forward to starting my registrar year at St Luke's Medical Centre'

Holiday Vaccinations

With the arrival of summer I am sure many of you will be thinking about travelling abroad for your holidays and may need vaccinations before you go.

Some vaccines need to be ordered in and others need to be administered a certain amount of time before travel to allow them to work, so please ensure that you leave plenty of time before travelling to organise this.

You can pick up a travel information pack from the surgery or please ask a member of the Reception team for more information.

Bank Holiday Looming...!!

We have another Bank Holiday at the end of August so the surgery will be closed on Monday 25th.

If you are on regular medication please remember to order this in plenty of time and if you should need medical assistance whilst we are closed you can ring NHS 111 for advice. If you need emergency help during this time please call 999.

Doctors Corner

Dr Walker talks about training of future GPs ...

You might know the surgery is the practice in Brixham that trains future GPs. The doctors who have been selected for GP training are fully qualified and often bring skills and knowledge from other areas of medicine, which can add to the care we provide for patients. In addition to this, we value their enthusiasm and energy! All the doctors and staff are involved in training, with Dr Johnson and Dr Walker taking the lead. The GPs in training have a weekly teaching session with one of the doctors and so occasionally you may be asked if you mind another doctor sitting in whilst they see you. This is helpful to them as they learn more about consulting with patients in General Practice - but there is no obligation to do so and if you prefer to see the doctor by yourself, just say so to the receptionist and she will let the doctors know, with no effect on the care you receive.

Photography Competition Winner

You may remember that we ran a photography competition earlier in the year which highlighted that we have some

very talented photographers amongst the Brixham community and making a shortlist of finalists was very difficult.

We displayed the photographs taken by the finalists in the surgery and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stlukesmedicalcentrebrxham) for people to cast their votes,



and we are now pleased to announce the winner is **Sylvia Gilmore** who took this wonderful photograph of boats moored in Brixham Harbour. The winning photograph is now the cover photo on our Facebook page and will also be enlarged and displayed in the Surgery waiting area.

Getting prepared for Winter!

With the glorious weather we have been experiencing it is hard to believe that we will soon be embarking on our annual flu vaccination clinics.

With the success of holding clinics at Brixham Hospital in conjunction with Compass House and Greenwood Road surgeries last year, we have again joined forces and will be holding two of our clinics there this year.

As usual, all vaccinations will be by appointment only and we will start booking these from early September so please look out for the clinic dates and times which will soon be displayed in the surgery and on our website.

BING voucher collection for schools..

Wow, what a fantastic response from our patients and staff asking for help in collecting supermarket school vouchers. Between you we managed to collect nearly 1000 vouchers which will enable Brixham C of E School to put these towards something substantial to help promote healthy activities and lifestyle for the children. Thank you everybody!



Dr Johnson presenting vouchers to Class 5 teacher Kerry Rushton with Megan, Amelia, Dacia and Marsden.