



BARGOOSE

(Dr Simon P Hughes and Partners)

Patient Participation Group

Chairman's report November 2021

Having had our first meeting on 21st July since the beginning of the pandemic it felt very strange to meet face to face again. During our absence we learned of the sad passing of Brian Finney one of our most long-standing loyal members of the committee. When asked to be Chairman of Bargoose, Brian was a tremendous support and without him I would not have been able to undertake the responsibility.

I have just recently been contacted by Paul Rich who sadly, through ill health has taken the decision to stand down from the committee. Paul too will be greatly missed, and I wish him well going forward.

Jill Hiscox, Susan Turner, and I attended our first PCN PPG meeting on 19th August, held at Houghton Close surgery in Ampthill. This is the Patient Care Network, Patient Participation group which aims to bring together the local surgeries of Barton, Ampthill, and Flitwick. This is a new group, and the aim of this meeting was to discuss the ways that the surgeries can work together for the benefit of patients and Doctors. Each surgery is represented by three members of each PPG and our next meeting will be on 18th November 2021.

Unfortunately, our member numbers are lower than we would like them to be. I would ask members to encourage any people they know, who are patients of the practice to come and see what we do and see if they would like to join.

I would like to thank the members of staff at the practice for all their hard work during what has been an exceedingly difficult two years of the pandemic. Their commitment is very much appreciated.

Gareth Jones
Chair