**Bradford on Avon and Melksham Patients’ Participation Group**

**Chairman’s Report to the PPG A.G.M. 10 September 2013**

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This is my first report as Chairman of the Bradford and Melksham Patient Participation Group and what a year it has been.

The retirement of Dr Ethel Johnson from the practice left a vacancy in the role of President of the PPG. I would like to thank her for her time and commitment to that role and welcome Dr Nell Wyatt as the new practice representative and look forward to her input and advice.

There has been a lot going on this year and we have been involved in it to a greater and lesser degree depending on the subject. We helped out at the annual flu jab sessions as usual which can be an interesting and rewarding experience. At the same time we held another raffle, prizes were donated from practice staff and PPG members. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of Marlene and Mike Nolan who sold tickets at all the sessions we made a grand total of £839. This has enabled us to provide among other things blood pressure monitors and wall rack leaflet holders for the practice.

Our meetings have included talks by Amanda Brookes, Project Leader, about the leg club being set up in Bradford on Avon. John Cottle, the Leg Club Chairman, also gave an update about the organisation of the club. Dr Nell Wyatt gave a talk on her background and her role within the practice. Ros Carlile, Practice Nurse Manager, then gave an interesting talk about the new health checks service. I would like to give sincere thanks to all those people who so generously gave up their time to do this.

I would also like to thank all the members of the PPG committee and members for their help throughout the year and the staff from the practice including Michelle, Angie, Debbie and Corinne who have given so much of their time and worked so hard with the PPG to achieve this successful year.

Sue Walters

Chairman