

DR CLEAR HILL TO RETIRE

After nearly 25 years service at the surgery **Dr Clear Hill** has announced that she will be retiring in the New Year.

Dr Cockcroft will replace **Dr Clear Hill** as Senior Partner. Further details will be available on the Practice website later in the year and in a future additional issue of the Newsletter.

Patients, if you have any reminiscences you would like to share about **Dr Clear Hill**, could you please write in, sending it for the Practice Manager's attention.

STAFF CHANGES

Dr Bowry left on the 2nd August as he had finished his training and passed all of his exams. He will be working at his parents' surgery in Islington.

Dr Orford is still off sick and **Dr Ukpaka** will be working at the surgery to cover her sessions. He started on Monday 8th August.

Dr Mahfaz, our new registrar, started on the 3rd August and will be here for at least 6 months.

We have two new practice nurses in addition to the existing team: they are **Jacqui De La Salle** and **Alison Whiley**, each working two days a week.

A warm welcome to the new doctors and nurses.

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Our next talk will be on **Wednesday 19 October** :

'Hospice Care - Be surprised'

Eileen Marshall, Chief Executive Officer and **Deb Hickey**, Head of Care Services at **St Lukes Hospice** are coming to speak to us — 7.00 pm in the Health Centre

Flu Sessions are now being booked -

Please contact the Surgery for your appointment if you are over 65 or in the 'at risk' group.

Billericay Health Centre Patients Participation Group

is open to all patients of Dr Clear Hill and Partners. If you want to get involved in the group — please get in touch by a note in the repeat prescriptions box at reception — or by an e-mail to:

ppg-bhc@nhs.net

Like to contribute and have your say but there's not enough time.... too busy, too many commitments, travelling etcto attend meetings ? - No problem—**become an e-member** and get the latest information and newsletters sent by e-mail. Send us an e-mail to go on the list.

OBITUARY

Dr EHS Miles (1935 - 2011) Former Senior Partner

The practice was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dr Miles after several years of declining health. Many patients still remember Dr Miles with much affection and he is greatly missed by his former partners and staff.

Eddy Miles was born in Cardiff. He studied medicine at Kings College Hospital Medical School, qualifying in 1960. His house jobs were in Margate, and then he worked in various parts of the country, initially training as an anaesthetist.

He first came to Billericay in 1965, working in the Obstetric unit at the old St Andrews Hospital. No doubt he helped bring into the world some of his future patients!

He became a GP, practising in Hornchurch and Rayleigh before settling in Billericay at Dr Robert's practice.

He later set up his own practice at Silversands in Stock Road (now Hamelin House) with Dr Sarfraz becoming his partner. Dr Miles was influential in persuading the Health Authority to build a new Health Centre to help provide for Billericay's rapidly growing population. He played a significant part in the planning process, and in 1980, he and Dr Sarfraz, along with Dr Ian Porter, moved the practice into the new premises.

Over the next 12 years, Dr Miles' effective clinical and organisational skills saw the practice grow to serve 9,000 patients, with 5 doctors. He worked tirelessly to improve the facilities and services available at the Health Centre, often fighting bureaucracy to achieve this. Patients and doctors admired his clinical skills, knowing that he would effectively deal with any serious medical problem. He was also a wise mentor for the less experienced GPs and I certainly learnt much from him. His legacy is a practice founded on good quality care.

Aside from work within the practice, Dr Miles also provided medical cover to Billericay Town football club, notably during their successful seasons in 1970's, enjoying the club's three victories in the FA Vase competition.

Ill health forced him to retire from full time practice in 1992, but we continued to welcome him back to provide locum cover until 1999, when he finally hung up his stethoscope. He also enjoyed sessions sitting on Benefits Tribunals. Golf, his family and his dog provided much pleasure.

He leaves his wife, Jean, three sons and five grandchildren, one of whom is now studying medicine.

Gytha Clear Hill, with thanks to Jean Miles and Graham Lazell.