



## BRUNEL WINTER NEWSLETTER 2016

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Merry Christmas  
and happy New year!

We would like to wish all our patients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

All the staff and doctors would like to say a really big **THANK YOU** to patients who brought in gifts—they are very much appreciated.

### OUR CHRISTMAS CLOSING HOURS.....

All Brunel surgeries will be closed from 6pm on Friday December 23rd until 7.30am on Wednesday 28th December (Shiphay surgery opens at 8.30am).

All surgeries are then open as normal for the rest of the Christmas Week.

At New Year surgeries will close at 6pm on Friday December 30th. Re-opening at 7.30am on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 (Shiphay surgery opens at 8.30am).

**Routine clinic appointments chronic conditions are not available** over the holiday period. This is to ensure that all patients needing immediate care can be seen and assessed by the Brunel team.

### ... AND WHEN THE SURGERY IS CLOSED

If you are unwell and the surgeries are closed, please call 111. You will be directed to the most appropriate available service for your medical needs.

Unless you have had an **accident**, or are experiencing a serious **emergency**, please **DO NOT ATTEND A&E** at Torbay Hospital. A&E will be extremely busy and you will have a very long wait—111 is quicker and will get you to the right place first time.



### PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS

Repeat prescription requests received by Monday 19th December will be ready in time for Christmas. Requests received after that date cannot be guaranteed to be ready. Please make sure that you have enough medication to last you over the holiday period, and get your requests to us as soon as possible



## Staff News

### Dr Wildgoose



On March 1st 2017 Dr Nick Wildgoose will be retiring. Nick has been with Brunel since 1990. We will miss his hearty laugh and his cheerful disposition. He has given many years of service to the patients of Kirkham (initially) and Brunel. Nick's wife Joanna is also retiring from the NHS on the same day and we wish them both many years of happiness. We know they have big plans to do lots of travelling both on land and sea!

### Dr Keane



Dr Judith Keane has also decided to hang up her stethoscope on June 1st 2017. Judy worked initially in London and later in Devon. She has quietly done her best to look after her patients in both places. Judy hasn't made any firm plans but is certain to be spending more time in her beautiful garden with Andy her husband.