

Your PPG Committee in Brief

Joan Manning (Chair).

I have lived in the Bushey/Oxhey area for more than 25 years and my husband and I joined Manor View Practice in 2003. I work as a Registered Nutritionist but started sharing my time with patient groups after my husband got ill in about 2008. Currently I sit on the Board of Healthwatch Hertfordshire (your local health watchdog) and work with a number of NHS patient involvement groups and health research panels. I have visited many GP practices and hope that I can help bring the sense of community and closeness between staff and patients that I have seen in the best of them. I have two sons – one in Harefield and the other in Barbados. There are two grandsons and numerous family members spread around the world. My interests include: anything to do with food & eating, theatre, travel, reading, writing, walking, home, family, garden etc. etc.

Brian Richards (Secretary).

I am 76, Cambridge MA in Engineering, Chartered Engineer. I have been a patient of Manor View practice for over 35 years. I am husband, father and grandfather. My career of over 40 years has been in the defence industry at various levels including Chief Executive of a 6000 strong organisation. I have no specific Medical experience, but have always been considered to be an able communicator and skilled at “asking good questions” leading to better understanding and articulation of problems, issues and practices in business, commerce and life in general; good committee skills.”

Colin Stodel (Vice Chair & IT Specialism).

I have been a Bushey resident since 2000. I am a weekly volunteer at Watford Hospital, spending the rest of the week helping 4 different charities. I volunteered at the Olympics and Para Olympics. I have been an IT consultant by profession since 1978 and have helped with Practice Website for last twelve months.

Chloe Walters (Social Media)

I am 27 and have been a Bushey resident since childhood.

I studied Fashion and Textiles at university but unfortunately wasn't able to continue this into the working world due to ill health. I have been greatly supported by the staff at Manor View and continue to be in the management of my health. I am self employed and run my own home based beauty business. I'm hoping to do what I can to assist the practice and other members of the PPG.

Pam Ghelani,

Age 64, married to Viren, retired in early 2016 after 17 years at TescoExtra - Watford. Last career post - Catering Development Officer for Inner London Education Authority - left to give birth to first of three daughters, two of whom now work in the NHS, one as a Wheelchair Therapist and another as a Clinical Psychologist. I have been a patient at Manor View for 35 years and many of my extended family are also patients. Interests:- swimming, Pilates, rambling, gardening etc.

Ruth Waxman

A patient with Manor View since moving to the area almost three years ago. Used to teach IT and Business Administration at Colleges and schools. Taught Microsoft Office at a charity which trains unemployed people to find work. I am chairperson of the Enfield Diabetes Support Group, a voluntary group, part of Diabetes UK. I regularly meet up with Enfield CCG with regard to diabetes care in their borough. I speak at NICE as one of Diabetes UK's expert patients regarding new diabetes medications, have spoken in Parliament at the All Party Parliamentary Group for Diabetes and meet up with and correspond with MPs regarding diabetes care. Am an active participant for Diabetes UK's Diabetes Voices. I have taken different training courses at Diabetes UK including peer support and speaker's training, passed two Open University courses, 'Diabetes Care' and 'Understanding Cardiovascular Diseases'. I have attended a few events put on by Healthwatch Hertfordshire.