

## **BGPert UPDATE LETTER FROM THE TREASURER & TEAM**

Dear Valued Member and Colleague,

***'We exist for you, and cannot exist without you and your continued support and ideas'***

On behalf of all the team here at BGPert, we wanted to write to **thank you** for your continued support of our charity.

As we all get busier, we continue to strive to provide up-to-date, relevant and accessible CPD activities for our members. This enables us to continue to be one of the leading areas of the country when it comes to the quality of care that we provide.

However, as time for coffee-breaks and colleague discussion during our working day is threatened, we feel that BGPert membership offers more than just high quality CPD events:

- Face-to-face contact with colleagues, promoting resilience, shared-working and ideas, and the chance for a good old chat
- Opportunity for direct contact with secondary care clinicians and services to improve referral efficiency and two-way dialogue to air any grumbles re services, AND get an answer
- A broad menu of topics covering all aspects of CPD, with over 60 local events per year, all for the price you would pay for a single GP update course
- A mentoring environment for our ST members and First 5s, promoting contact with more experienced members, allowing networking, job opportunities and a sense of continuity, hopefully encouraging local trainees to remain part of our community

We have not increased our annual membership fee since 2012, despite increasing challenges to accrue sponsorship, and we will continue to keep our membership fee as cheap as possible whilst safeguarding the continued viability of BGPert for your benefit. And remember, it's tax deductible, so you can claim back up to £72 on your tax return!

We hugely value all the feedback we receive from every event, and we are always open to ideas, so please keep them coming!

Overleaf you will find more information about our team, links to our website and online resources. Our membership subscription year runs from April – March and our fees remain the same for 2018. Annual GP membership from £180.00 and Nurse Practitioner membership from £150.00. We are always pleased to welcome new members to BGPert at any time of the year, working GPs (including Sessional doctors) and Nurse Practitioners charges can be found here - <http://www.bathgped.co.uk/page1.aspx?p=15>

Thank you again for your support and ideas, and please do come and have a chat to the team about anything when you attend your next event.



Olly Bradford, BGPert Treasurer, on behalf of the BGPert team (below)

**The Team:**

Dr Guy Worsdall	Trustee, Chair
Dr Nick Ashley	Trustee
Dr Coleen Campbell	Trustee
Dr Helen Kingston	Trustee
Dr Richard Wharton	Trustee
Dr Louise Willcocks	Trustee
Dr Nicole Howse	Programme Director & Education Coordinator
Dr Olly Bradford	Treasurer
Dr Linda McHugh	Outgoing Treasurer & Educational Consultant
Dr Tom Cahill	Education Coordinator
Dr Samantha Gardner	Education Coordinator
Dr Zoe Haines	Education Coordinator
Mrs Tina Rawlings	Assistant to the Treasurer, Bookkeeper & Administrator
Miss Fran Staples	Assistant to the Trustees & Administrator

**Our Meetings:**

Our full programme can be found here – <http://www.bathgped.co.uk/page1.aspx?p=14>  
 If you would like to book a place at any of these meetings, please email the BGPert Team - [BGPert@birdbath.org.uk](mailto:BGPert@birdbath.org.uk)

**Our Website:**

The BGPert website is full of information for our members, including useful links and resources, along with our up to date presentations library where we upload most presentations from our past meetings.

**Join us:**

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If you would like any further information, please get in touch; [BGPert@birdbath.org.uk](mailto:BGPert@birdbath.org.uk) or 01225 336363.

## EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

**If you would like to become/continue to be a member of BGPert, we need your CONSENT to hold your personal data:**

Under new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that comes into force 25th May 2018, we need your consent to hold the personal information you provide on this membership form. We will not use your data any differently than before. Under our privacy policy (see our website for full details of our GDPR policy <http://www.bathgped.co.uk/page1.aspx?p=15>) your personal data is held on our secure database, and used by BGPert in accordance with current data protection legislation. We will only use the personal data you provide to allow provision of our charity's CPD activities, including (but not limited to) taking membership payments, contacting you re upcoming courses, and requesting feedback for each event. Wherever possible, we anonymise your data to protect you. We only share your data with trusted third parties immediately affiliated to BGPert that are required to maintain the activities of the charity. You have the right to review, amend or have your data deleted at any time and can do so by emailing us at [bgpert@birdbath.org.uk](mailto:bgpert@birdbath.org.uk) or calling 01225 336363. If you lodge a complaint with us about the handling of your data, and you remain dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.

**By returning your membership form, you are confirming your CONSENT to us holding your personal data provided by you therein. If you do not wish complete the form, your personal data will be deleted from our database. Thank you for doing this.**