

## A Farewell from Dr Iain Christie

I still remember the first patient I saw in Carluke; it doesn't seem so very long ago, but it was. To be precise it was 32yrs 8months ago, the 1st January 1984 and I was 27 yrs old (that on the other hand does seem a long time ago). I am now at the start of my final month as a GP and I really can't believe that all these years have gone by. I will be retiring at the end of September with mixed emotions. I won't miss the bureaucracy, which has increased over the years, and at times the pressure of the workload can be intense. I would, however, do it all again because being a GP brings great satisfaction and fulfilment. Most of all though, it is the personal contact I will miss, with all my colleagues in Carluke Health Centre and of course with you - all the patients of the practice - some are now my friends, some I know less well but I have been affected by many of you in many ways and I am very grateful. I am also very grateful for, and touched by the good wishes that many of you have passed on to me.

I will particularly miss the people I have worked most closely with, my dear friends - the team at High Mill Practice, I could not have wished for a better bunch around me. The receptionists and admin staff, the practice nurses and community nurses and my medical colleagues have all been great - supportive, friendly and very professional.

So I have some regrets but more importantly I have happy memories and on 3rd October a new doctor will arrive - Dr Steven Zonfrillo - he will be a lucky man if he is as happy here as I have been. Thank you all.

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