**MEMORIAL SERVICE OF DR MORGAN**

## Local Healthawares August 2019

**Health for Life Green Gym Leyhill Site** [on](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-for-life-green-gym-leyhill-site-tickets-66168579001?aff=ebapi)

[Monday 26](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-for-life-green-gym-leyhill-site-tickets-66168579001?aff=ebapi)[th](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-for-life-green-gym-leyhill-site-tickets-66168579001?aff=ebapi) [August 2019 from 10](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-for-life-green-gym-leyhill-site-tickets-66168579001?aff=ebapi)[am](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-for-life-green-gym-leyhill-site-tickets-66168579001?aff=ebapi) [at](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-for-life-green-gym-leyhill-site-tickets-66168579001?aff=ebapi)

[Selly Oak, Birmingham, B31 1TT.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-for-life-green-gym-leyhill-site-tickets-66168579001?aff=ebapi)

[TCV Community Food Network](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/tcv-community-food-network-17621423517), Organiser of Health for Life Green Gym, Selly Oak. The Conservation Volunteers' mission is to connect people to green spaces to improve health and well-being whilst also improving their local environment.

The Community Food Network is a project commissioned by Leicester City Council's Public Health department to improve dietary health across Leicester by encouraging more people to grow their own food and learn cooking skills. Details via:-

https:/health-for-life-green-gym-selly-oak-tickets-66348459027#

**Chai in the City Birmingham** on

Wednesday 28th August 2019 at 6pm – 7:30pm at

3 Three's Coffee Lounge (Birmingham Coffee Shop)

17 - 19 Martineau Way, Birmingham, B2 4UW.

Join the Punjabi Male Forum hosted by Taraki!

Taraki works alongside Punjabi communities to reshape approaches to mental health. Every month, they run a forum for Punjabi men to express themselves in a safe, secure and non-judgemental space. This month's session will focus on recognising the symptoms of mental illness.

Limited spaces, to book contact:

<http://www.taraki.uk/>

**Mental Health First a 1 day Champions course** on

Saturday 31st August 2019 at 9am – 4:30pm

Changes UK, 8-9 Allcock St, Digbeth, Birmingham,

B9 4DY.

This course will give you a good understanding of issues such as: psychosis, suicide, eating disorders,
depression and anxiety.

For further information email:

enquirymhfa@gmail.com

**Ppg news**

**Patient | Participation | Group**

As reported, in a previous newsletter Dr David Morgan who joined Bath Row Medical Practice in 1985 and retired in 2014, sadly died on the 6th April 2019. Such a short retirement for a man, who was both a gentle man and a gentleman who had devoted himself not only to caring for the health of his patients but also to train medical students.

During Dr Morgan’s 28years at Bath Row Medical Practice he became the senior partner and nurtured the development of each new Doctor who joined the Practice. In the light of his achievements a Memorial Service was held in Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday 6th July 2019.

The service was conducted by the Very Reverend

Matt Thompson, Dean of Birmingham, words of welcome to a congregation of colleagues, ex-colleagues, friends, family and grateful patients were given by Professor Helen Stoke-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Tributes were also paid by Dr Iqbal (who has succeeded

Dr Morgan as senior partner at Bath Row Medical Practice), Professor Kate Thomas of University of Birmingham and

Dr Kevin Lisley, former Provost West Midlands Faculty, Royal College of General Practitioners. A touching address was presented by the Reverend Cannon Nigel Hand a close friend of the deceased. Readings from the Bible and The Canterbury Tales were given by Mrs Joy Morgan and Professor Peter Coss

Finally the service was concluded with an anthem composed by Jon Rutter, with lyrics from the Book of Numbers chosen by Dr Morgan and sung beautifully by the choir.

 **by John Bimms**

 **PPG Member**

**TRIBUTE TO DR MORGAN**

I consider it a privilege to be asked to write about Dr Morgan and to endeavour to explain how it was that Dr Morgan was above all else committed to being a Doctor and one who was able to understand and help his patients to a better understanding and management of their health problems. It has been said by those who knew him best that he put his patients care before all else, not easy for his family who were concerned for him and whose lives could be so easily disrupted by such commitment.

Born in London in 1949, he was educated at Kings’ College Wimbledon. At the age of 18yrs, he travelled to Scotland to Glasgow University to study Medicine and to embark on a career that was eventually to lead him to become a GP. His commitment to medicine started early and never faltered during his working life.

Early in his career he passed the Membership examinations for the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow and the Royal College of General Practitioners. There followed a post as a GP trainee in Edinburgh where he married in 1980. The couple moved to Liverpool where he became a GP partner at Old Swan Health Centre and a member of the committee that inaugurated the department of General Practice at Liverpool University. He became a part-time Lecturer there and a part-time Medical Officer in the A&E Department of Paediatrics at Alderhay Hospital.

In 1985, Dr Morgan and his wife moved to Birmingham, to become a Lecturer (later Senior Lecturer) at Birmingham University and GP in the inner city Lee Bank area with Dr Brian Colston and Partners. He spent the remainder of his career, some 29years at this practice where he was a GP Trainer and an undergraduate tutor. He succeeded

Dr Colston and Dr Ian Fletcher to become Senior Partner in 2001. His two children were born in Birmingham, a son who now works in London with the National Grid and a daughter who is now in training as a Paediatrician in Scotland, both of whom he was justly very proud.

Dr Morgan commanded the respect of his colleagues for his clinical acumen and during his career was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners and of the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow and the Royal College of Physicians of England. He gained a Doctorate in Medicine and wrote a number of academic papers. He sat on a number of important committees, the only GP on the Guideline Development Group at the Royal College of Physicians.

Wherever he worked Dr Morgan was an active member of the local faculty of the College of Practitioners, being their research governor with a prize named after him and awarded annually. In 2010, Dr Morgan and his first wife divorced and he moved to Warwickshire, remarrying in 2013.

After retiring from general practice in 2014 he became an enthusiastic cook, joined a photography club, and sang with the local church choir while participating in hall bell ringing at Christmas. He became involved with the

Myton Hospices and became a trustee.

Dr Morgan survived a heart attack in his early 40s and bore repeated bouts of cardiac problems with great fortitude working tirelessly to keep fit and healthy. In April of this year he underwent further surgery but died shortly after.

Dr Morgan was known as a skilled doctor and a kind and compassionate man, hard working, a man of great integratory with a mischievous sense of humour, I felt fortunate to have him take over my care when I too was a doctor with health problems.

A Memorial Service was held in St Philips Cathedral on Saturday 6th July 2019.

by **Ros Jamieson**

 **PPG Member**

Practice will be closed on **Bank Holiday Monday** 26th August 2019 and will reopen from 8.30am on Tuesday 27th August 2019

 **Date of next Patient Participation Group Meeting on**:-

Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 6.15pm contact Lorraine/Steve for further details/information.