



Dr Ian Kelham is Retiring

**Please join us for his
Retirement Party
Porlock Village Hall
Sunday 29th April, 3pm-
5pm**

Please bring a plate of food to share

After 22 years as the GP for Porlock, Dr Ian Kelham is finally, at 63, retiring from practice. He arrived in Porlock in 1996- The list size was 1209, only just enough to earn a living. The practice was earmarked for closure. The practice started to thrive and grow. After much stress finding a suitable site, obtaining all the necessary permissions and finance, the new surgery in Porlock opened in 2003 with space for a much wider range of services, dedicated parking and even a children's play area.

In 2009 Ian took over the Dunster Surgery contract, when Dr Currie retired, and developed a second new building in Dunster (twice the size and twice the price!). During the building of this in 2015 Dr P. and Dr M. Wilson retired from Brendon Hills Surgery and we took this contract on as well.

David Davies joined Ian in Dunster in 2009, Ben Fawden in 2015, Catherine Sherry in 2017 and Jenny Capps this year. Once Catherine comes back from maternity leave the service will be at full strength. Congratulations Catherine on the safe arrival of your baby boy.

Dr Fawden, will be based in Porlock, supported by the other GPs, our registrar Dr Rick Marsden and our two long term locums Aoife Doran and Jo Cummings.

The list size of Dunster and Porlock surgeries continues to grow, with a combined list size of 6137, five doctors, six nurses, two healthcare assistants, eight receptionists and a range of admin staff. The combined surgeries on one contract will make Porlock much more secure for the future.

