

APPLES NEWS

7/1/2014

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter. After our Patient Survey, it came to light that our patients would like to have more information with regards to their Primary Care and us as your Medical Centre. We plan on issuing the Newsletter

bottom of the Newsletter) A copy will be available in our Waiting room, plus it will be emailed to our **Virtual Patient Participation Group**

We have had our first 'Actual' meeting, document is on the website and displayed in

We very much value our patient's feedback (hopefully positive as well as where we could improve). There are several ways to get your voice heard; email Practice Manager Philippa.cannings@gp-i81029.nhs.uk or Via the NHS Choices Website www.nhs.uk/Services/GP/Overview call the surgery !

quarterly, starting from 1st July 2014. The Newsletter will be attached to our Website (please see our website address at the

the waiting room, if you would like to attend the next meeting please let me know – REMEMBER ITS YOUR PRACTICE

Congratulations to Dr Miles on achieving a bike ride from Sherborne to Italy, astounding 843 miles! Looking forward to hearing about the next challenge – ideas anyone?

Dr Griffiths' Retirement

30th June 2014

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We would like to inform you that Dr Griffiths retired on Monday 30th June 2014 – Dr Griffiths has been a very major figure within the surgery, we will miss her greatly, but I am sure you will join me on wishing her a Happy Retirement. We would like to welcome our new GP to the Apples Medical Centre, Dr Angela Tweedie she is joining us from 1st July 2014, Dr Tweedie will be working the same hours as Dr Griffiths, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday



Changes to our Practice

Within the last year there have been many changes, I took over from Jayne Ashworth and Jayne now has her hands full with twins! A few new faces in Reception (Liz) and Dispensary (Gemma), plus we have just recruited a new Phlebotomist (Lyndsey); however the main change has been our clinical Computer system.

Would like to thank everyone for their patience whilst we learnt our way around the system!

From July 1st there will be a few changes to Duty Doctor Days:

Mondays – Dr Miles
Tuesday – Dr Lewis
Wednesday – Dr Morris
Thursday – Dr Tweedie
Friday – Alternate GP's

Appointment times –
From January Dr Lewis piloted 15 mins appointment times, this has worked well, so from 1st July Dr Morris will also have 15 mins per appointment.

Chiropody – Michelle Crabbe moved on after 20 years at the practice, unfortunately there has been a few problems with the service provider - Information Leaflets available in Reception

Repeat prescriptions, please allow two working days.

If you have any ideas for your Newsletter I would be very interested to hear from you.

Clinical information

Over 75 years named GP's – By the end of June you should have been informed who your registered GP is, if not please contact the practice

COPD, Diabetes, Asthma checks – we would like you to have your review in the month of your birthday, please call the surgery to make an appointment with the GP or Nurse

Bowel Screening letters – If you have declined this service you may receive a letter from us, if so please ring the number on the letter to discuss

Health Checks – we have a clinic purely for these health checks on a Thursday afternoon, we will be contacting you if you are eligible for a health check – more details coming soon.

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