

# Buckden & Little Paxton Surgeries Newsletter



December 2021

## Welcome to our Newsletter

### Covid Vaccinations

After the Prime Minister's announcement we will be re-joining the vaccination programme on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you are aged over 18 and have not been fully vaccinated you will receive a text invite to book an appointment online at Little Paxton Surgery. If you do not receive this text and had your last Covid vaccination over 3 months ago please contact the surgery. Please note you should not have the vaccination within 28 days of a positive Covid test.

### Team updates

#### **Dr Rodriguez McCullough**

A warm welcome back to Dr Rodriguez McCullough who returns from maternity leave this month.

#### **Dr Madeleine Lameris who joined the Practice as a salaried GP in August.**



Dr Lameris qualified from Norwich Medical School in 2007. She worked in hospital medicine and qualified with MRCP in 2011 before completing the MRCGP in 2014. She has an interest in Women's healthcare, and has a Diploma with the Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive healthcare, acting as the Contraception and Menopause lead at the Practice. She works at the surgery on Mondays and Thursdays.

She also works part time as the Year 5 and Curriculum lead for the General Practice component of Cambridge University's Medical Degree and is in the process of completing her Masters in Medical Education. She loves running outside, books & podcasts, and writing never ending to-do lists!

Also joining the surgery are Claire Lawrence in reception, Aimee Jackson in administration and Rachel Gray a specialist nurse in Lymphoedema.

Unfortunately we have said goodbye to two members of our reception team Zoe and Charlotte. We wish them well for the future. We are currently recruiting replacements.

### **Face masks and Covid Prescautions.**

In line with government guidance all visitors to the surgeries should continue to wear a mask when entering the building

If possible we ask that you attend the surgery alone. This is to reduce the number of people in the surgery at any one time following the increase in cases and transmission.

### **Buckden & Little Paxton Surgeries Patients Association (BLPSPA)**

Flora Sheringham (past chair of the BLPSPA) sadly passed away in May 2021.

Flora's Husband Ken has given some thoughts about what Flora would have wanted mentioned:

*"Flora would have wanted first to thank all those Committee members who helped to make her time as Chair of the Patients' Association so worthwhile, to cheer on her successors in the role and to urge others in Buckden and Little Paxton to become involved. It was always important; it is especially so now."*

*"She would also have wanted to acknowledge the professional care that she and all the Sheringhams have received from general practitioners in Buckden - we go back to the days of Dr Morris, as I'm sure do many of you reading this. To all of them, and to Dr Fagnoli in particular for his expert care and personal concern in recent years, many thanks."*

Dr Fagnoli also had this to say on behalf of the surgery:

*"We were so privileged to work with such a dedicated member of the patients association. Her contribution and altruism to members of her community was heart-warming. She was very supportive, understanding and considerate of what the NHS was trying to achieve. We shall miss you Flora!"*

### **Phones**

The cabling for the new phone system is being fitted in February 22. Once this has been completed the new system should be operational early spring. We appreciate your continued patience during this time.

### **Research – Active Brains**

The surgery is supporting the Active Brains Study – This is a website which aims to help older adults to look after their brain and body health. To prevent problems with things like remembering, concentrating or reasoning (known as cognitive decline).

### **Monthly appt data**

Over 17,000 consultations have been carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November. Out of this 49.6% were attended in person.

### **Flu vac data**

All patients aged over 50 and those who have specific underlying health conditions, are currently pregnant or who looks after someone are eligible for a free Flu Vaccination under the NHS before the end of March 2022.

Children aged 2-3 years old on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 should have a nasal flu vaccination at the surgery. School age children should have the nasal vaccination through the school nurses.

So far **2856** eligible patients have received their flu vaccine at the surgery.

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU STILL NEED YOURS

### **Dispensary**

From January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will no longer take telephone calls to order repeat medication, this is to improve patient safety and to free up phone lines for patients needing to contact the surgery. You can use the NHS app <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/> to order your repeat medication and book appointments. Alternatively paper prescription requests can be placed in the boxes outside both surgeries.

If you need proxy access for children or older people, you can find the form to complete on our website or contact the reception team.

<b>Collections times for medication from the Dispensary at Buckden are:</b>	
Monday	08:00 - 12:00, 14:00 - 17:45
Tuesday	08:00 - 12:00, 14:00 - 17:45
Wednesday	08:00 - 12:00, 14:00 - 17:45
Thursday	08:00 - 13:00
Friday	08:00 - 12:00, 14:00 – 17:00

### **Finally**

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### **Contact Us**

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