

Buckden & Little Paxton Surgeries Newsletter



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Belated Happy New Year to all patients and welcome to our first newsletter which we hope will become a quarterly publication. Please let us know the sort of information you would like to see in the newsletters.

Car Park

We appreciate the concerns expressed by patients regarding the recently icy car park at Buckden Surgery. Having given this much thought – we would like to stress that it is ineffective to grit/salt gravel and even less effective to apply grit/salt on top of ice and snow. We are unable to tarmac the car park on what is reclaimed land due to regulations. Please, therefore, take the utmost of care in the snow and ice.

Also – when using the car park, could all patients please park between the yellow bollards.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please remember when you place a repeat request we need

48hrs

Before you call to collect your prescription

This also applies to medication requests from hospital consultants, etc



Requests for Completion of Forms, etc



Please also remember to allow 5 working days from submission of requests for forms to be completed, eg passport forms, etc.

Any requests for copies of medical records, immunisations, etc. need to be submitted in writing to your usual GP.

Important Dates

We are closed:

Good Friday – 29th March

Easter Monday - 1st April

Christmas Raffles – Many thanks to all those who supplied prizes and bought tickets for our Christmas Raffles. The total raised at Buckden Surgery was a wonderful £579.65 which will be donated to Magpas. The winner of the first prize – food hamper – was a delighted Sue Paul.

The total raised at Little Paxton was £196.00 which has been added to the Little Paxton Patient Group treasurers account which currently stands at £980. As yet, it is undecided where to spend the money but possibilities are for some to be spent on new toys for the children's play area. This account will sit accumulating some interest until decisions are made.

New Members of staff:



New Practice Manager – We have a new Business Practice Manager – **Adele** who took up her post last May following the retirement of Bob Young.

Adele lives locally with her husband and 8 year old daughter and brings with her a wealth of experience in business and sales management. She carries a practical, real-world awareness much needed during these changing times of the NHS.

Adele says: "I worked for four years within Primary Care before joining the team here at Buckden and Little Paxton and it is a privilege to be given the opportunity of combining my business knowledge with my invaluable NHS experience. Rome wasn't built in a day but as the shape of the NHS alters and requires us to be more savvy. I am determined to do my utmost to give our patients a continued service to be proud of and ensure we are at the front of the queue when improvement opportunities present themselves."

Nurse Practitioner - We also now have a Nurse Practitioner – **Jackie** - at Buckden Surgery who is able to prescribe as a GP does. Please bear this mind when making an appointment.

Jackie says: "I would like to introduce myself to those of you who have not met me yet. My name is Jackie and I am the new Nurse Practitioner at Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries.

I started working at the Surgery last May and have to say I find it a pleasure to work with such great colleagues and patients.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this new role, I think the easiest way to explain what I do is that I work similar to the doctors. I can diagnose conditions, prescribe medications and refer to the hospitals for further investigations and treatments. Saying that, I am still a nurse with a lot of years of nursing experience.

I have a strong background in general practice in this area. In 1996 I left Bedford Hospital to work as a practice nurse in Godmanchester. After 5 years, I took a position in Gamlingay and Potton where I did a lot of extra training to become a Nurse Practitioner. I eventually decided I needed a change and took a position as a Nurse Practitioner at St. Neots Walk-in Centre. After a while, I realised that I missed the close involvement of working with a local community and so was happy to accept this position.

My husband is a GP in Gamlingay and so we have many interests in common. Apart from work, we both love to travel to far flung places, care for the animals and enjoy our garden.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know a lot of you."

New Practice Nurse – We now have a new Practice Nurse, **Sarah**, offering services to both Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries.

Sarah says: "I joined the surgery in November 2012 after deciding a new challenge was needed!

I live in Needingworth with my husband, 2 children, and my gorgeous dog Archie!

I qualified as a Registered Nurse in 1995 at Buckinghamshire College of Nursing and Midwifery and have enjoyed a variety of different roles. My most recent job was Community Respiratory Nurse for 5 years in

Huntingdonshire, supporting patients with COPD and other chronic lung diseases.

I'd like to thank you all for welcoming me to Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries. Its great to be part of such a wonderful team."

Trainee Doctors - We currently have two trainee Doctors with us. Both Kate and Sajan are working under the supervision of our GPs and are qualified to see patients in their own clinics.

Dr Sajan Patel is nearing the end of his training to be a GP and will be with us until August 2013.

Dr Kate O'Shea is in the second year of her foundation stage of her career (formerly known as a junior doctor) and is with us until March; as yet she is undecided which route to take but General Practice is a possibility. Kate says: "I studied medicine at Manchester Medical School and graduated in 2011. I have come back (home) to the East of England to complete my foundation training. I've worked at Hinchingbrooke and Addenbrooke's Hospitals across various specialities including General Surgery, ENT Surgery, General Medicine, Stroke Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

I'm hoping to start speciality training in August."



Second Hand Books

We appreciate the generosity of the supply of these books from our Patients. It would be most helpful if you could only now donate **paperback books** which are in a really good condition.

Please check that no personal items such as photos used as bookmarks are left in the books.

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