

Welcome to the Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries Patients Association – June 2017

We're pleased to host an event on:

Audiology Awareness

in association with Specsavers, suppliers of hearing aids to the NHS at Buckden Surgery Thursday 29 June, 1.30 – 2.45p.m. Free Light refreshments, ALL WELCOME

If you have recently moved to the area, or feel you would like to be involved in the community, we'd welcome new people onto the BLPSPA. As a patient registered with the Buckden & Little Paxton Surgeries, you are a member of the Surgery Patients' Association (BLPSPA) which exists to support the surgeries in their services to you.

You may feel you have a particular skill to offer that could be useful occasionally e.g. designing posters, publicity, organising events. We do some fundraising through the 200 Club, but our main aim is to address, where we can, your collective non-clinical healthcare needs and all manner of issues which may affect you as patients. Among others, our funds have provided amenities in surgeries like the check-in screens, the wipe-clean chairs and Wi-Fi, blood pressure monitors for patients to borrow, pillows for examination couches and much else.

We are a friendly, all-inclusive group and meet 4 times a year. Reflecting the spread of patients, there are representatives from Buckden, Little Paxton, Brampton, Grafham, the Offords and other outlying villages. In September there is an AGM, held annually where the business part is relatively brief and informal. It's really an opportunity to bring the wider audience together to discuss plans for your surgery. At this meeting, all the officers will be elected for the coming year as our constitution states that they should be re-elected on an annual basis. We would be keen to see more patients attend.

If you'd like to know more, please do contact me, I look forward to hearing from you: Flora Sheringham, Chair 811189 <u>f.sheringham@btinternet</u>

Voluntary car scheme

This provides transport for patients who need it to keep appointments at the surgery. The demand is high and we need more drivers so if you would like to help, can spare an hour occasionally and have a car do get in touch. Pam Dodman is the coordinator and will tell you more.

Contact her on 01480 812880 pam.dodman@buckdencambs.co.uk To join the 200 Club contact Sheena Wilkinson 01480 810086 <u>kwilki5986@aol.com</u>