

Buckden & Little Paxton Surgeries Newsletter



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Welcome to our Newsletter

COVID Update:

Little Paxton Surgery remains temporarily closed apart from one weekly clinic for patients who cannot get to Buckden this includes shielded patients. This is due to reduced staff numbers whilst they are shielding or self isolating and to aid physical distancing of staff members. We will keep this under weekly review as to how we can increase services at Little Paxton. Still continue to drop your prescriptions in the box outside as these are collected daily.

Currently we are still not able to book routine appointments this is being reviewed in line with guidance. Other appointments will be via telephone and video call with the GP. Please ensure to try and use our email address: bandlp@nhs.net for reporting your medical concerns and a doctor will make contact by telephone or email with the appropriate advice. This can be especially useful if you are unable to get through in the first half of the morning when the phones are busy.

We do video consultations with special video online software which can be used with your smart phone/tablet and can save you a trip to the surgery. The software we use is called accurx...see <https://www.accurx.com/>. This also provides the ability to use text messaging, a lot of you have already received communication via this method.

Collections times for medication from the Dispensary at Buckden remains as below;

Monday	8am - 10am	4pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday	8am - 10am	4pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	8am - 10am	4pm - 5.30pm
Thursday	8am - 10am	Closed
Friday	8am - 10am	3pm - 4.30pm

Please continue to order your repeat prescriptions online or by telephone between 10am and 12.30pm. Paper requests can be placed in the boxes outside both surgeries.

Dr Fargnoli

Dr Fargnoli has recently received his accreditation for GPwER (GP with extended Role) in dermatology from the RCGP and we are pleased that the previous role of GPWSI has seamlessly transitioned with merit to this nationally approved role. This helps us when patients are needing diagnoses with skin problems. Dr Fargnoli is especially pleased after the community dermatology service went through a recent rigorous cqc inspection and got a good rating see <http://www.dccsltd.org>

Urine Samples

Please note that during these covid times we would wish to reduce footfall at the surgery. Please do not drop off urine samples unless you have been instructed to do so. If you think you may have a urine problem that cannot be solved with advice from the chemist or over the counter remedies then please email bandlp@nhs.net or phone the surgery to get advice on how to treat this. More often than not we will not need a urine sample to resolve your query. Thank you for your cooperation.

Practice Manager

We are currently recruiting for our next Practice Manager. We hope to have our successful applicant in place by October/November 2020

New Faces

We have some new starters at the practice since our last Newsletter:

Tracey Newman – Management Support
Alice Thompson – Reception
Yvonne Ashpole – Healthcare Assistant
Paula Read – Lymphoedema nurse
Terri Griffin - Dispensary

Paula Read

Hello, my name is Paula and I have recently joined Buckden and Little Paxton Surgery within the dermatology department. My role is a lymphoedema nurse and I am working alongside Veronica Williams. I qualified as a nurse in 2001 and I have been working in the lymphoedema speciality for the past 8 years. Alongside my job here I also work in a lymphoedema clinic at a nearby hospice. When I am not at work I enjoy spending time with my family, going on dog walks with my puggle called Jasmine and holidays.

Alice Thompson

I started at Buckden and Little Paxton Surgery as a Reception team member on Monday 23rd March 2020. I was previously employed as a medical reception administrator at the Acorn Surgery in Huntingdon and have also worked within the retail customer service sector. I look forward to continuing to meet and speak to our patients and to helping with queries and booking in your appointments.



Public Health
England

Make sure you and your baby are protected

Pregnant women need to have their whooping cough vaccination. You can have it at your GP practice from week 16 of your pregnancy. Planned appointments help to keep vulnerable pregnant mums safe from COVID-19.



Vaccination appointments count as an important medical reason to leave your home.



Public Health
England

Immunisation helps to protect you from disease

During a pandemic, it's more important than ever to keep up with infant, child and adult immunisations to prevent outbreaks of other diseases. Make an appointment with your GP practice, and make sure you and your children are protected.



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Public Health
England

Immunisation helps to protect you from disease

It's really important children continue to receive the booster vaccines and MMR vaccine they are due at one year during the pandemic. These will protect them against several different serious infectious diseases. Make an appointment with your GP practice who can give them safely.



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