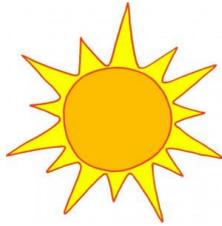


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Staff changes

Dr Albert Cave sadly retired from the practice on 31st March 2017. Dr Lois Watts has now taken on the role of Senior Partner. We wish Albert many happy times ahead! Dr Elizabeth Pryde started at the surgery on 1st April 2017 and will take over the care of the majority of Dr Cave's patients.

With that in mind and with our new GP joining the surgery the GP Partners made the difficult decision to redistribute some of their registered patients to balance the patient list sizes and enable our GPs to be able to provide the best care to our patients. This allocation has been made on a completely random basis.



Associated Staff

We are delighted that the following new services are now accessible at the surgery:-

*** Paramedic Visiting Service.**

All requests for a home visit will be reviewed by a GP in the surgery prior to a home visit being confirmed. We now have 2 paramedics who support the GPs by doing home visits for patients who require them. They are highly trained practitioners and liaise closely with practice GPs and staff.

*** Community Pharmacist.**

Our Community Pharmacist, Jo Chater, works at the surgery 3 days per week and assists the GPs to review medications and answer medication queries as they arise.

*** Orthopaedic Practitioners.**

Our new Orthopaedic Practitioners now offer appointments at the surgery on a weekly basis. Patients with joint or muscle pain can book straight into these clinics for a review and assessment of their condition prior to being given a treatment plan.

PPG Fund Raising



The fund raising event held in M the Patient Participation Group raised £421.54, and some generous donations were received. The total balance in the PPG account now stands at £902.30. This will go towards the purchase of a Spirometer (used to measure lung function).

Many thanks to all who delivered leaflets, helped on the day, donated items for sale (and helped clear up afterwards!) and all who came to support it.

Fundraising at the Practice



We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Hamper raffle raised £241.80 which was donated to The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

Farnborough locality update

The seven Farnborough practices meet regularly to discuss local matters and how they can work more closely together. Nationally there is a project called 'Extended Access to General Practice' led by NHS England to look at the availability of GP services between 8am and 8pm on weekdays and at certain times during the weekend.

North East Hampshire and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has launched a new survey to understand local peoples' views on extended access to help shape these services and respond to local needs across the five localities. The link for the Farnborough locality is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FARNBOROUGHLOCALITY>.



Friends and Family Survey

Survey forms are available at reception. The NHS requires the Practice to fulfill a quota each month, so you may be approached in the waiting room by a member of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) wielding a clipboard.

Carers and Princes Trust: a carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family or friends who could not manage without this help. This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems. For more information for Carers in Hampshire please go to <https://carercentre.com/>

For further information contact info@carercentre.com or phone 01264 835246 / 835205 <https://carercentre.com/carers-hubs/farnborough>

Steer

A new exercise class for pensioners: "The Safety Through Exercise and Education Resilience (STEER)" course is the first of its kind in the UK run by a fire service. There are 375,000 over-65s living in Hampshire and the likelihood is that 30% will have a fall in the next year. Such falls account for 40% of ambulance calls and hospital admissions, putting a huge stress on both the ambulance service and the NHS.

Specifically trained firefighters will be using cutting-edge technology to test frailty and the likelihood of a fall. Early results show an average of 20% reduction in the chances of a fall on completion of the STEER course.

The course has been recognised and backed by consultant geriatrician Gill Turner who is a trustee on the British Geriatrics Society.

The exercises incorporate daily activities such as carrying shopping, loading a cupboard or picking items up off the floor in a safe way.

Email steer@hantsfire.gov.uk for more information or to sign up for future courses.

FEEDBACK ON YOUR SURGERY!

The Practice is always looking for ways that we can improve your experience at the Surgery and we have a Patient Participation Group which meets bi-monthly with members of the Practice. There is also a 'Virtual Group' which receives copies of the agendas and minutes and provides feedback via email. Have your say and get your views heard. Join our 'Virtual Patient Participation Group' - your input is welcome!



To register your interest in joining our Virtual Patient Participation Group and for information on becoming a member please contact:
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