

CHERRYMEAD SURGERY

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2008

Welcome to 2 new member of staff

We are delighted to announce that 2 new members of staff are joining our nursing team. Jo Worley previously worked as a District Nurse in Amersham and is experienced in chronic wound management and care of the elderly. She is currently undergoing training and expanding her Primary Care Nursing skills to include cervical cytology, travel advice, and childhood immunisations.

Tracy Welsh is a qualified Health Care Assistant. She has already worked in General Practice for several years and joins us on 10th April. Tracy will be taking blood tests, monitoring blood pressure, carrying out ECGs and removing stitches/staples.

Opening Ceremony

The whole Practice team were very proud to officially open our new Loudwater premises last week. Cllr Maurice Smith cut the ribbon at a lunchtime event attended by representatives from Chepping Wycombe Parish Council, The Royal British Legion, the Primary Care Trust, Patient Participation Group and NHS colleagues with whom we work.

Dr Christine Moretto

Dr Moretto has decided to retire from General Practice and will be leaving us on 2 June 2008.

As many of you will know, Dr Moretto has been a Partner at the Practice for almost 30 years. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for her, please hand in your donation at Reception – clearly marking the envelope with **Donation – Dr Moretto**

There are also goodwill books in which messages may be written. Please ask a Receptionist if you would like to write in them.



PROTECTED LEARNING TIME 2008

In common with all Practice in the Wycombe area, we are closed on 1 afternoon each month for staff training. The forthcoming dates are:

10.04.08
13.05.08
11.06.08
10.07.08

Last month this time was spent updating our Basic Life Support Skills and in April, we will be learning about fire safety and evacuation in an emergency.

CRYOTHERAPY CLINICS

We have just taken delivery of new equipment for these clinics. The first clinic will be on Wednesday 16th April. If you have seen a GP who has recommended this treatment, please phone Reception and ask for an appointment. These clinics will be held fortnightly thereafter and run by our new Health Care Assistant, Tracy Welsh.

Antihistamines & Hayfever

Medications for hayfever is considered by Wycombe Primary Care Trust to be of low priority. In accordance with their advice, we will no longer be routinely prescribing these. Where a prescription for an antihistamine is indicated, this will be for Loratidine or Ceterizine. The recommended nasal spray is Beconase. Prescriptions will only be for a 28 day supply at a time. All of these medication are available to purchase more cheaply over the counter

CAR PARKING AT LOUDWATER

The car parking at Loudwater has been planted with some young trees and shrubs - it is certainly nice to see some green grass again after so many months of rubble! Our sincere thanks to the residents living in Queensmead Road for their patience during the period of building.

RESULTS

We can only give results over the phone between 3 pm and 4 pm

Have you or someone you love got

PROSTATE CANCER?

The Chilterns Prostate Cancer Support Group are a group of local men and families who give one another valuable support and help with living with prostate cancer. They hold regular meetings and the group also includes the prostate cancer specialist consultants and nurses from local hospitals. Your local representative is

Colin MacArthur who can be contacted on 01628 522209

Travel Advice

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BOOK APPOINTMENTS FOR TRAVEL ADVICE & VACCINATION AT LEAST 8 WEEKS BEFORE YOU ARE DUE TO TRAVEL