



LOXWOOD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Friends of Loxwood Medical Practice Newsletter November 2014

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER FOR 2014 DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF UPDATES OR CHANGES TO PRACTICE WORKING

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DIARY DATES

Periodically the Practice will close to enable us to meet with other NHS clinicians and administration staff to update any skills.

We will close on 19th November from 1.00pm, we will not reopen until the following day, and 31st December between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. During this time you will need to call the 'Out of Hours' team. Their telephone number does change please call our reception and listen to the message which will give the correct telephone number for these events. During the weekend or evening you must call 111.

We will also be closed for the whole day during the Christmas holidays, on 25th and 26th December and 1st January 2015.



A CHANGE OF DOCTORS FOR THE NEW YEAR

At the end of December we will be saying farewell to Dr Brian Goss and Dr Eloise Scahill who are both moving on to new ventures in the New Year and also welcoming Dr Sue MacCallum and Dr Joe Murtagh to the team.

Brian will be working as a locum GP nearer to his home and Eloise will be joining a larger practice locally to gain further experience after two years at Loxwood.

We wish them both well in their new ventures and thank them for all their hard work whilst at Loxwood. They will be missed by all their colleagues, friends and patients at Loxwood.

You may have met Sue and Joe whilst they have been working as Locum Doctors in recent months. Their skills and experience will be valued by both patients and the team at Loxwood.



ARE YOU A CARER?

Here at Loxwood Medical Practice we are proud to support all carers. In case you haven't heard there is a relatively new, single point of access to help local people who are carers.

This is a gateway organisation providing access to a plethora of supportive services and resources for people who care for others with a range of problems such as:

Mental Health Problems, Drug and Alcohol problems, Dementia, Asperger's and Autism, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, Physical health problems.

Carers Support West Sussex will reply within 48 hours of a contact and offer a

holistic assessment of need; they can provide helpful equipment such as GPS trackers and movement sensors for people with dementia, as well as funding for activities, emotional support, and guidance on how to get respite.

We know that Carers are coping with challenging problems that are often hidden, please tell us if you are a carer.

**Carers Support West Sussex
Tel: 0300 028 8888**

**info@carerssupport.org.uk
www.carerssupport.org.uk**



Carers Support
Working with West Sussex Carers



CALL 01403 752246 NOW FOR A FREE NHS HEALTH CHECK

If you are aged 40-74 with no other chronic disease

A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our staff with fundraising in September. All staff were asked to donate £2.00 for wearing their jeans to work during Jeans for Genes day, and we were delighted to sample lots of delicious cakes and biscuits, generously donated by patients and staff, during the big macmillan coffee morning. We raised



over £300.00 for both causes.



I WANT GREAT CARE!

Your comments are important to us and help determine areas of improvement. Please visit www.iwantgreatcare.org where there is a simple way to give a review on the surgery team as a whole, or a particular doctor. We also have a new patient survey available at reception or on our website on the 'Noticeboard'. It is very helpful if as many of you as possible, can complete these and have your opinions heard.

