HASTINGS HOUSE MEDICAL CENTRE

SURGERY NEWSLETTER

August 2024

Happy sad this month. We are pleased to welcome Dr Kirsty Becket back from her maternity leave but this means we are sad to say that Dr Vu Ha, who was covering her, is now leaving us for pastures new. We are also sad to tell you that Dr Oliver Rintoul-Hoad is moving on, he has taken the next step in his career to join another surgery as a partner, unfortunately at this stage there are no plans to replace Oliver. This is due to ongoing underfunding in General Practice by the government…..AND finally Isobel our nurse is also leaving us to progress her career. We wish them all the best for the future.

FRIENDS OF HASTINGS HOUSE
supporting your wellbeing

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Friends of Hastings House on the 13th July when Meet On The Ledge performed for us at the church with their tribute to Pink Floyd; Dark Side of the Ledge. A fantastic night was had by all and including the raffle the night raised an amazing £1500 for the charity. None of this could have been possible without the fabulous volunteers and we also want to thank the Co-op, Tesco and Morrisons for their donations as well as the Chemist and home store for selling tickets.













Friends of Hastings House is seeking someone to act as secretary to the trustees, with current secretary leaving after working with the charity for the first three years of its existence.

The hours involved are short, infrequent but vital to the success of the charity.

We hold trustee meetings four times a year and the secretary takes minutes of the key points and decisions made at the meeting. The meetings are usually held in a meeting room at Hastings House on a Thursday evening between 6-8.00 PM. In addition there are infrequent working party meetings such as planning the summer concert or raffle planning, again minutes need to be taken to capture key decisions.

If you are keen to be involved in this worthwhile local cause please contact Keith Greetham Chairman and Trustee Keith@kpgreetham.co.uk

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There is a new vaccine being rolled out, for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) which will be available from the 1st September. Each year in the UK, RSV accounts for around 30,000 hospitalisations in children aged under 5 and is responsible for 20 to 30 infant deaths. It also causes around 9,000 hospital admissions in those over 75.

The vaccine will be available for pregnant women over 28 weeks to help protect their new-born babies and there will be a routine programme for those over 75 with a one-off campaign for people aged 75 to 79.



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Useful Contact Numbers

Hastings House	01789 840245
Out of hours service	111
NHS Direct 24/7	111
Mental Health Helpline	0800 616 171
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
UHCW	02476 964000
Ambulance Transport	01926 310312
VASA	01789 262889
District Nurse	01926 600818

Armed Forces Veteran friendly accredited GP practice

We understand that as a Veteran or serving member of the armed forces, you may have different health needs. Our commitment to you is to offer support to meet those needs.

Those injured in service should be cared for in a way that reflects the nation's moral obligation to them, by healthcare professionals who have an understanding of the Armed Forces culture.
Dr Rebecca Dunn is undergoing training to become the surgery lead with a small team of dedicated staff.

The Armed Forces community should enjoy the same standard of, and access to healthcare as that received by any other UK citizen in the area that they live.

For one example, you may be at a disadvantage due to frequent moves. The surgery can ensure that Family members retain their place on any NHS waiting list, if they are moved around the UK due to the service person being posted.

To accomplish this we do need to know who you are, so please share with us if you were a veteran; this includes all the armed forces plus the Merchant Navy and the Royal Artillery.
If you have any current serving family members please also let us know.

Contact us online

There are many ways of contacting the surgery without having to call or visit in person, saving travel and time.

Complete an eConsult/on line consultation on our website.

Repeat medication can be ordered on our website, or via the NHS App direct to your choice of pharmacy.

The NHS App will also allow you to view your immunisations and test results.

For admin queries please email: swg-tr.admin.hastings@nhs.net