

# WICKHAMBROOK SURGERY

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019

### Retirements

**Dr Angela Clifton-Brown:** We are sad to have to inform you that, after 32 years' service to the surgery, Dr Clifton-Brown will be retiring as Senior Partner at the end of the year. Our very best wishes go to Dr Clifton-Brown for a much deserved, long and happy retirement. We will be holding a 'farewell' party for Dr Clifton-Brown in the new year to which all are welcome. (Details will be provided shortly).

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new GP to join the team.

We have also been sad to say goodbye recently to two other long serving members of the team. Jane Seiler, Assistant Manager, has retired after 20 years at the surgery and Alison Gilbert, Dispenser and Receptionist, has left us after 15 years. Again, we wish them all the best for the future.

### New staff members

We are delighted to welcome three new members to the team:

Sara May has joined the team as Senior Administrator

Karen Goodman is a new member of the Dispensing team

Francesca Richardson has joined the surgery as a Receptionist.

We are sure they will soon become familiar faces to you.

### Refurbishment

We will shortly be making repairs to the fascia at the front of the surgery and this will involve some scaffolding being erected in the car park for a few days. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Flu vaccinations

Please do contact Reception if you have not yet had your flu vaccination.

The flu vaccine remains the best defence we have against flu and protects those people who are most vulnerable.

Certain groups of people are at higher risk from flu, including adults aged 65 and over, those with underlying health conditions, pregnant women, and frontline health and social care workers.

In 2019/20, the flu vaccination is being offered to:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those living in a residential or nursing home
- the main carer of an older or disabled person
- children aged 2-3 (on 31 August 2019) and all primary school aged children

### Christmas Closure

The surgery will be closed from 6:30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December until 8:00am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December and also from 6:30pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December until 8:00am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The 111 service will offer an out of hours service during these periods and advice about your medication can be sought from community pharmacies. **Please ensure that you order your repeat medication in plenty of time.**

### Practice closures for staff training

This practice will be closed for important clinical education and training purposes from 12:30 to 6:30pm on the following dates:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

Emergency cover will be provided; please telephone 111 to access these services.

### Thank You

#### Diabetes UK

Nurse Linda Cawston would like to express her thanks for all the support given towards her recent walk for Diabetes UK. With your help she raised £500.

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to thank everyone who supported the above event so generously. We raised £354 for Macmillan Cancer Support.