

# Deddington Health Centre

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## Newsletter

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### HEL COMINGS AND GOINGS

Since our last newsletter, there have been some staff changes at the surgery. Most of you will know that Dr Rush left at the end of February and so did our Practice Manager Sue Wilkins. We wish them good luck with their new joint venture - running a hotel in Norfolk. There is a lovely write up of the hotel in the "Norfolk" magazine.

Many of you will have met Dr Abi Dyer, who has been with us for a year as our GP trainee. She has now finished her course and has joined us as a permanent member of staff, working 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday. In addition we have been joined by Dr Joe Robson for a year. He is training to be a GP at our surgery, and will be doing surgeries Mondays Wednesdays, Thursday afternoons & Fridays - we welcome him on board!

Our Practice Nursing Team has also gained a new member - Sr Henrietta Hudswell, who is a very experienced practice nurse but who joins us after a spell in the catering business.

We have a new Practice Manager, Ms Sue Johnson (no truth in the rumour that we only employ people called Sue!), who joined us in April from a surgery in Cheltenham. She is at the surgery every day so if you have any administration type problems, ask to have a word with her at reception.

And finally, special congratulations to Dr Chambers who is, once more, a proud father, this time of a daughter, Emily Rose.

### *Your Next Appointment*

*Date*:.....

*Time*:.....

*With*:.....

### The Deddington Bus Service for Patients

The Deddington Bus Service for our patients has changed. It now runs 2 days a week - Tuesdays & Thursdays. On Tuesdays it covers the Eastern Circuit via North Aston, Upper Heyford, Clifton etc., and on Thursdays it covers the Western circuit via the Tews, the Bartons, Hempton etc. It still runs in the mornings but now goes one hour later. The service is now managed by Dial -a- Ride and any queries you have about the bus service can be addressed either to our Practice Manager - Miss Sue Johnson, or to Mr Kevyn Powell (on 01295 273986) who manages the service. If a patient is unable to get to a bus stop the bus will pick them up from home and drop them back there afterwards. The bus is free to anyone with a bus pass or you can use bus tokens. There is a charge of £2 each way if you do not have a bus pass. You can also use the bus to get to and from Deddington, not just for visits to the surgery. Just ring the surgery and let us know before 4pm the day before you plan to travel on the bus so that we can inform Dial a Ride who to pick up.

We realise that the bus service to the surgery has been reduced and we regret that, but ask you to be aware that it is extremely uncommon for a patient bus service to be provided by a surgery, because of the cost implications, and so it is very fortunate that we have been able to retain this service for 2 days a week

## *Deddington Health Centre Charity Row*

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April an intrepid team of 6 members from the surgery, which included nurses, doctors and receptionists took on the fire brigade and the police in a race to "Row across the Channel" in Deddington Square. It took them just over 2 ½ hours and they came in a valiant third.

The good news was they raised the fantastic sum of over £2,200.00 in sponsorship which was donated to the British Heart Foundation and Katherine House Hospice. Our thanks to everyone who was so generous in their donations.

After expending all that energy the teams and their supporters repaired to the Crown & Tuns pub for refreshments, where luck was with them where the raffle was concerned. Dr Ruddock was rewarded with the prize of some white fishnet stockings (!) and an evening bag, while other rowers won an Indian meal for 2 and a bottle of wine.

### **Useful Phone Numbers**

<u>Age Concern</u>	01869 240995
<u>Benefit Enquiry Line</u>	0800 882200
<u>Carers Line</u>	0845 7125546
<u>Childline</u>	08001111
<u>Citizens Advice Bureau</u>	0844 8487922
<u>Counsellor –Valerie Parker</u>	07813 936892
<u>Cruse Bereavement Care</u>	01295 266350
<u>Drugs Helpline</u>	0808 8002000
<u>NHS Direct</u>	0845 4647
<u>Parents under Stress</u>	0808 8002222
<u>Postnatal Illness Assoc</u>	02073 860 868
<u>Relate</u>	01295 258141
<u>Samaritans</u>	0845 7909090

## *Childhood Immunisation Schedule Changes*

From early September 2006 there will be a change to the Childhood Immunisation Schedule for babies and children with the introduction of a vaccine against Pneumococcal Pneumonia. This will be given as an extra vaccination at the 2 month and 4 month visit for a baby. Then a third booster vaccination will be given at the visit when babies are aged 13 months.

A new visit will be introduced at age 12 months when a combined Hib and Meningitis C vaccine will be given.

All babies will be sent letters by Child Health inviting them to attend the surgery baby clinic for these routine immunisations at the appropriate time.

Because pneumococcal pneumonia is a nasty illness, there will be a "catch-up" campaign over the next year to vaccinate all those older toddlers who will have missed out on that vaccine. Parents will be sent a letter by the surgery sometime from September onwards inviting them to bring their child in to a special clinic for the vaccination.

If you wish to discuss the vaccinations please contact our Health Visitors on 01869 338865.