

Northlands Wood Practice Newsletter

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COMINGS AND GOINGS AT THE SURGERY...

Dr Atkinson has begun a well deserved sabbatical. He will be using the time to travel and pursue other interests, and we all wish him an enjoyable break, and look forward to his return later this year, rested and refreshed.

Dr Marshall will be looking after Dr Atkinson's patients in his absence. Dr Marshall has worked with us on many occasions before, and is an excellent and well-liked doctor.

We congratulate Anna, one of our receptionists, who gave birth to a son in

January, and we look forward to her return from maternity leave in the Autumn.

Dr Morris has become a father for the second time, and is now a proud parent to two lovely daughters. Our congratulations go to the Morris family.

During Anna's absence, Emma has taken over her reception duties, and we are delighted that Emma will be staying with us long term as an administrator and receptionist.

We welcome Kim Mittonette, our new Practice Nurse, who joined our team in the Spring. Kim will be working alongside Penny and Liz, our existing Practice Nurses

NEW SERVICES

You can now **BOOK APPOINTMENTS ONLINE** via EMIS Access. If you would like to do this, please ask at reception for a registration form, and on completion of this you will be given the necessary passcodes to enable you to access this service.

A **TEXT MESSAGE REMINDER** of your appointment time and date is sent to mobile phones 2 days beforehand. (Appointments

made less than 24 hours beforehand do not get a text message reminder)

If you are reading this and haven't received a text reminding you of your appointment, please check with reception that we have your current mobile phone number.

If you would prefer **NOT** to receive text message reminders, just let us know, and we will ensure you are not included.

FLU CLINICS

will take place on **Saturday 26 September** and **Saturday 10 October** from 9.00 til 11.30 am and on **Wednesday 21st October** 3.00-5.00 pm

COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES

In addition to the GPs, nurses and health care assistants, we offer complementary services based at Northlands Wood Practice. Leaflets describing the services offered are available at reception or in the waiting rooms. *Please be aware that these services are private clinics and are therefore all charged for by the therapist.*

Autogenics Relaxation and counselling – Jane Plimsoll holds a weekly clinic here on

Friday mornings. To find out more about this service, or to book an appointment with Jane, please call 07732 703192

Osteopathy – Matthew Abbott holds a weekly clinic here on Wednesday afternoons, and appointments can be made by calling 01273 540543 (after 8.00 pm) or 0771 222 1333

Acupuncture – A 'low cost' acupuncture clinic costing £20 per treatment (initial consultation is £45 and includes first treatment) takes place here on Thursday mornings. For an appointment or further information please call Mo Froud on 01444 410944 or 07824 556944

Sleep Walking



The Practice entered a team for the 2009 Sleep Walk in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice which took place on 18th July. Patients and staff who did not take part sponsored the gallant walkers and raised over £250 towards the £61,000 pledged in sponsorship. If you would like to see more photos, log onto their website at www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk

Opening Times: Monday – Friday 8.30 – 6.00 pm (closed between 1-2 pm Mon & Tues)

Late surgery: Thursday evening once a month

Saturday morning surgery: Twice monthly for non-urgent, pre-bookable appointments