

RETIREMENT

It is very sad to report that Dr Luxmoore will be retiring from Old Forge Surgery on 31st May 2018. We will be holding an open afternoon on 30th May between 3.30pm and 5.30pm for patients to come and say their goodbyes. We will be presenting Dr Luxmoore with a retirement give on the 30th at 5pm. All are very welcome to attend. If you would like to make a donation to his leaving gift, please ask at Reception for an envelope.

We also have a memory book in reception for any patients who may wish to add their personal message—please ask at Reception

NEW FACES

We are delighted to announce that following the retirement of Dr Luxmoore, we will be joined by two new GPs

Dr Christopher Markwick—will be working full time and will be starting on the 1st June 2018

Dr Kirsty Williamson—will be working Monday and Tuesdays and will be starting on 1st April 2018

LEAVING

Dr Rebecca Gledhill has now almost completed her GP Training with us and will be leaving for pastures new and currently is looking to leave the surgery in May 2018. A definite finishing date will be communicated in our next newsletter, together with more information about our new GPs

CHANGES TO SURGERY

Some of you may recall we ran a questionnaire a couple of months ago seeking the views of our patients on types, times and duration of appointments. As a result of this questionnaire, and discussion with the Patient Group the following changes will be introduced to Tuesday Surgery Appointments from 1st September 2017, and will run as a trial initially for 3 months:

Morning

One doctor will be on Open Surgery

One doctor will be on Appointments starting at 8am. This will add an additional 6 bookable appointments, and offer early appointments for patients who require them

LUNCHTIME

On alternative weeks we will be offering 2 x 30 minute appointments for minor surgery and 2 x 30 minute appointments for Family Planning

Afternoon

One doctor will be on Open Surgery

One doctor will be on Appointments. These appointments will be an extended appointment offering 15 min consultations. In order to offer extended access, we will extend this clinic by 1 hour to finish at 6pm

In order to offer these changes, it will be necessary to remove the Country Patients surgery which was held at lunchtime.

We feel that this offers a better mix of open and booked surgeries, and better access for all our patients

If you have any comments on these proposed changes, please feel free to speak to the Practice Manager on 01833 640217 or by email:

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