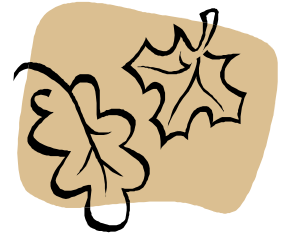


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New Doctor for the Surgery - Dr Paul Cregor

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new doctor and he will be joining us in February. He has written a short piece for our newsletter by way of introduction.

"I'm originally from Southend on Sea in Essex. Born in 1978, from a young age I always had a desire to be a doctor. I was educated initially at Southend High Grammar School before winning a Scholarship to study my A-Levels at Eton College, Berkshire. After school I spent some time travelling before going to read Medicine at Sheffield University. I qualified in 2002 and then worked as junior doctor in Sheffield before joining the Barnsley GP Training Scheme.

The last few years seem to have been dominated by exams but in my youth I

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Appointments 01778 562201
Appointment Cancellations 01778 562202

Repeat Prescriptions 01778 562203

NHS Direct 24 hr Helpline 0845 46 47

WellDoc Out of Hours
Emergencies 0845 045 0281

Target Training dates

Please note that the Surgery will be closed from 12.30 pm on the following dates to allow the Partners and staff to attend the Lincolnshire Target training.

Thursday 9th November 2006

Thursday 14th December 2006



Dr Paul Cregor

used to be a keen tennis and hockey player, having represented Essex in both at a junior level. Recently I took up running and have completed four half marathons this year already - the photo is from the most recent triumph at The Great North Run. Next year is the big one though as I've a place in the London Marathon. I'll be the fool running around Bourne in the dark after work on a wet March evening!

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I currently live in Rotherham but will shortly be moving down to Lincolnshire. I'm thrilled at the prospect of becoming a new GP at The Galletly Practice and I'm sure it's somewhere I'll spend many happy years. I'll be lovely to join and become part of a very happy community at Galletly and I look forward to meeting many of you over the next 36 years before I'm due to retire!!"



Flu vaccines

The arrival of our flu vaccine was delayed this year due to a manufacturing problem. Many patients have asked why we did not have the vaccine when other local practices had received their deliveries. The reason for this is that influenza vaccine is produced by several suppliers and is ordered by surgeries in February or March each year. The strain of influenza changes each year so the vaccine has to be grown from scratch. Unfortunately the supplier we ordered from experienced a growth failure and had to start again which put back our deliveries by approximately one month. At the time of writing we have just begun to receive our deliveries and have Clinics fully booked at 1 minute intervals for 3 Saturdays in November.

It helps the throughput of patients tremendously if all outer garments are removed and sleeves are rolled up before going in to the nurse for your injection. Please leave the room immediately after your jab and replace outer garments in the waiting room.

A message from our Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) was formed in 2002 to provide facilities at the surgery for patients' use and since its inception has purchased a defibrillator, automatic doors, high chairs for the waiting room and many smaller items. At present funds are being raised for an automatic weighing machine for patients' own use. The group also delivers prescriptions to the local villages of Thurlby, Langtoft and Baston.

If you have any concerns or worries about the NHS or the practice you can contact one of the PPG members for an informal chat by leaving your name and phone number at reception.

Gemma Wright (nee Lyon)

Gemma, who works at the Surgery as one of our phlebotomists/medical reports clerk was married to Mr Simon Wright on Saturday 2nd September at St Firmins Church at Thurlby. Simon arrived at the Church on a penny farthing bicycle. Gemma looked stunning on her special day and we have included some pictures of the wedding in the edition of the newsletter.





Keep it or cancel it!!!!

Did you know that we have a unique number you can use if you wish to cancel your surgery appointment?

The Surgery cancellation line is 01778 562202.

You can also use of web site to cancel your appointment provided you have registered you details with the Surgery. Please ask at reception if you would like further details on our web site.

During September 2006 there were 138 Patients who did not attend a pre booked appointment. This equates to 14 hours of General Practice time and 9 hours of Nurse Time (phlebotomy, treatment room, midwife etc)
Please think of others, if you no longer need your appointment please ensure you cancel it as soon as possible so another patient can use the slot.

Order your prescription early for Christmas

Our dispensary is always very busy in the weeks leading up to Christmas. It would be very helpful if patients could order their prescriptions at least one week early during December and give us 3 working days to dispense rather than the usual 2 days