



Welcome to the Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries Patients Association- September 2017

Sadly, due to bereavement, our secretary, Rob Gardiner, has tendered his resignation. Our condolences to all the family and our thanks for all he has done on the committee.

Our AGM is on Tuesday 26 September 2017, 7p.m. at Buckden Surgery

This is held annually and the business part is relatively brief and informal. It's really an opportunity to bring the wider audience together to discuss plans for your surgery. At this meeting, all the officers will be elected for the coming year as our constitution states that they should be re-elected on an annual basis. We are really keen to see more patients attend to represent the community we serve.

We urgently need a secretary. If you would like to know more or to stand for election, do give me a call. See contact below.

We'd welcome new people onto the committee. As a patient registered with the Buckden & Little Paxton Surgeries, you are a member of the Surgeries Patients' Association (BLPSPA) which exists to support the surgeries in their services to you.

You may feel you have a particular skill to offer that could be useful occasionally e.g designing posters, publicity, organising events. We do some fundraising through the 200 Club, but our main aim is to address, where we can, your collective non-clinical healthcare needs and all manner of issues which may affect you as patients. Among others, our funds have provided amenities in surgeries like the check-in screens, the wipe-clean chairs and wifi, blood pressure monitors for patients to borrow, pillows for examination couches and radios. We're currently looking at upgrading the bicycle racks at Buckden Surgery.

We are a friendly, all-inclusive group and meet 4 times a year. Reflecting the spread of patients, there are representatives from Buckden, Little Paxton, Brampton, Grafham, the Offords and other outlying villages.

If you'd like to know more, please do contact me, I look forward to hearing from you:

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Other Forthcoming events

Dr Fagnoli will talk on

'Sun and the Skin'

7 p.m. Tuesday 7 November 2017

Buckden School

Christmas starts here!

Coffee morning

Friday 8 December 2017

10.30 – 12noon

Methodist Church Hall

Silver Street, Buckden

Voluntary car scheme

This provides transport for patients who need it to keep appointments at the surgery.

Thanks to the new volunteers from Buckden. The demand is still high and we need more drivers particularly from Little Paxton. A locally based driver would bring the cost to Little Paxton patients down to £2 per journey. Having a Buckden based driver makes it more expensive (£7). So if you would like to help, can spare an hour occasionally and have a car do get in touch. Pam Dodman is the coordinator and will tell you more.

Contact her on 01480 812880

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To join the **200 Club** contact

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