

Prince of Wales Surgery PPG Winter Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

The last 3 months have been a very busy time for your Patient Participation Group. In this Winter issue of the Newsletter you will find various reports on the continuing activities we have been involved with. The Strollers continues to go from strength to strength, with a regular cohort of strollers enjoying the company, the fresh air, not to mention the coffee and cake at the end !!

Now well established, the book and jigsaw stall has continued to prove popular – read more below! We were glad to have been able to support the Surgery at their McMillan coffee morning where some of our members made cakes, helping your Surgery in raising £200 for the Hospice Charity.

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Autumn 'Flu were a great many of our members were ensuring all right place at the Vaccination. We opportunity to Raffle tickets Casterbridge



clinics this success, Group able to help Patients were right time for took the once again to from Rotary Club,

with all the proceeds coming back to us for our funds. We will again be using these funds to support the Practice in any way we can to improve and enhance your healthcare.

I hope that the Winter is not too hard on your health, and we can all look forward to the Spring.

If you wish to contact me to voice any issue, good or bad, or if you would like to donate some books or jigsaw puzzles, please email me at:- Boxdragon54@gmail.com or just leave a message for me at the Surgery Reception Desk. Thank you for your ongoing support in making your healthcare better.

Peter Hazelton, Chairman.

BOOKS AND JIGSAWS PROJECT REPORT

The last 3 months have proved to be a continuing success as there has been no reduction in interest since we started the project 18months ago. There have been books on many, and varied, subjects, most of which have been very successful. In the last 3 months the total donations have been £35approx. This has included both books and jigsaws. This is a facility that allows you enjoy a book, whilst waiting for your appointment, then take it – and/or a jigsaw - home to finish, in return for a donation. When you have finished with them, it would be good if you returned them to the shelves please, so that other people can also enjoy them.

We are now in need of books and jigsaw puzzles to restock the shelves, so if you are having a pre-Christmas sort out, and have any that you would like to donate, then please leave a note at the Surgery Reception desk, or contact the Chairman by email at:- Boxdragon54@gmail.com Either way we will happily come and collect the items from you. From the successes so far, it seems that all genres, fiction, non fiction and young persons books, audio books, and jigsaw puzzles are all in demand!

STAFF PROFILE

I'm Sarah McNulty, the Operations Manager for our Dorchester branch. I joined the team in July 2025 and help look after the day-to-day running of the branch, as well as supporting the wider practice along with Jo, the Practice Business Manager and Ros, Portesham's Operations Manager. Before this role, I worked in management within a Primary Care Network and prior to that in Social Prescribing. I'm really enjoying being part of the Prince of Wales team and getting to know our patients and community.



SURGERY PARKING SPACES

An update on the parking – Peter and I spoke with Jo Farnworth a couple of weeks ago. We asked on the progress being made to implement the agreed recommendations. Her plan is to incorporate the changes within a wider action on maintenance and other changes, the timing being driven by economy and practicality. We will continue to progress the actions including follow up with Jason Bowerman from the Dutchy on their actions regarding the 7 parking places directly opposite the Surgery entrance.
Gavin Skinner

TIPS FROM YOUR DIGITAL CHAMPION

Is it OK ... To write my passwords down?

Well, the answer given by most technical experts is 'No', but I will offer a 'practical strategy for non-techies'.

Don't write down your password next to your account name in your little book but write down a cryptic hint or clue to the password.

Here are a couple of examples that might make things clearer:

Password: Fidobacon99 Hint: Dogs breakfast ice cream

Password: james21Easter Hint: jessie's birthday Egg

There are MUCH better ways of dealing with passwords; book a session with the digital champion to learn about security: 01305 221048 is the bookings service.

Mike Watson

FLU VACCINATION CLINICS – AUTUMN 2025

Total eligible for an influenza vaccination at Dorchester (all ages): 3200

Number vaccinated to date at Dorchester or housebound: 1655

It should be remembered that at this time there are still several housebound clinics to go, and we are also vaccinating ad hoc via normal nurse appointments so this number will change before January.

Flu Season is upon us – we really hope that more of our eligible Patients will choose to come to our Surgery for their jags!



RAFFLE TICKET SALES AT VACCINATION CLINIC 11TH OCTOBER

At the Flu Clinic on Saturday 11th October, while we were assisting the Surgery to get the right Patient to the correct Clinician on time, we were able to sell 290 Raffle tickets, which equates to £290. The PPG will receive all this money back from the Rotary Club of Dorchester Casterbridge along with any bonus relevant to the direct sales made by Rotarians from their collections at Dobbies and the Dorchester Christmas Carol event. We should receive the money during January. I would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket, because this will give us some money with which to support your Surgery – and who knows, you might win a prize?