



Surgery Newsletter 2015 No.1



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015. This is produced in partnership with the Surgery and the Patient Participation Group.

Winter Draw:

Many thanks to all those patients who supported the draw by choosing their own numbers. The draw took place during our Christmas Morning on 16th December. Congratulations to all the winners - their prizes have all been claimed. Overall the draw made a profit of over £200 which will be spent on the courtyard garden.

Easter Bunny Morning:

Our annual Easter Bunny Morning has been provisionally booked for Thursday 2nd April at 10:00am. Bring the children along for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Patient Participation Group Help Wanted:

The Friends of St Lawrence Surgery are a forward thinking group and are recognised both locally and nationally for their commitment to supporting the work of the surgery. In order to sustain this momentum we are hoping to recruit some new members at the forthcoming AGM to be held on 19 May 2015. We would very much like to hear from any patient interested in enhancing our work. Younger patients are currently under-represented but interest from all ages would be welcomed.

Please contact Alan Hardwick (alan.hardwick26@icloud.com) in the first instance outlining any particular skills or questions that you have.

Your interest is most welcome and appreciated.

Patient Satisfaction Survey 2014:

Thank you to all the patients who completed the national survey about their experience at the surgery. The results have now been collated and St Lawrence surgery came top of the surgeries in Worthing for overall experience with 93.4%, and also top for getting through on the telephone with 84.3%. Thank you again to all those who took part in this survey.

Thank You:

St Lawrence Surgery GPs and staff would like to thank all their patients so much for their patience and understanding through these difficult winter months. St Lawrence Surgery continues to work with the Clinical Commissioning Group to help Out of Hours and A&E by working some weekends during these difficult times.

St Lawrence Singers:

The first session of the Spring Term will be on Thursday 5th February starting at 7.00.p.m. We meet in the Education room and we look forward to existing members returning. In addition, any patient may bring a guest, who is not necessarily a patient at St. Lawrence. This term's theme is songs from the 1960's. Please come along for a sing and a smile!

St Lawrence Strollers:

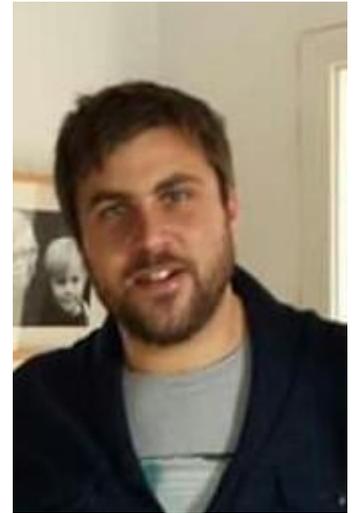
Our weekly walking group continues apace. The national press has recently highlighted the beneficial effects of regular walking and socialisation. Again you are welcome to join us on a Tuesday every week - the walk starts at 10.00am and we then return for coffee and chat.

SPOTLIGHT ON..... Jonathon Akehurst

I joined Sussex ambulance service in 1997, qualified as a paramedic in 2001, I then undertook my Paramedic Practitioner diploma at St Georges University of London in 2008. I have worked in various locations in Sussex mainly Worthing and Littlehampton.

I live with my partner Kay in Rustington and have 3 children and 1 more on the way.

In my spare time I love doing various water sports including surfing, kayaking and paddle boarding, I like to escape to Cornwall whenever I can to surf the waves there. I support Brighton and Hove Albion and go to watch whenever I can. I am an assistant scout leader at 2nd Durrington Sea scouts as well. I am very much looking forward to joining the team at St Lawrence surgery.



Expenditure:

Thanks to our fund raising efforts and the kindness of patients who have generously donated money to us, we have recently purchased the following:

1 An additional couch for family planning and the nurses. Three mobile ear monitors for the use of doctors and nurses.

2 A photographic gallery to enable patients to identify personnel at the surgery - we feel this is particularly important for those patients who visit the surgery less frequently.

3 In addition, we have purchased some garden sculptures, designed by Andy Stephenson a creative metalwork artist, to enhance the courtyard area next to the waiting room. This is the first phase of an on-going development.

Your Surgery Visit:

Have you completed the online feedback form about your Surgery visit? If not then we would love to hear about it whether it's a visit to see a doctor, nurse or just coming to the surgery. Please go to [I Want Great Care](#) and complete the questionnaire. There is also a link on the Surgery Welcome page. Alternatively you can complete a questionnaire in the surgery. Your comments are much appreciated.

Please also support us by reviewing us on NHS choices, www.nhs.uk. If however you have any concerns or suggestions for improving the service you receive, please contact Jo Wadey, Practice Manager on 01903 222900 or jowadey@nhs.net

New GP Practice Partners:

We are glad to welcome Dr David Stokes and Dr Alison Corney as partners at the surgery, making us an eight GP Partner practice.

Your comments:

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter but if you have any comments about its contents or other things you would like included then please contact Jo Wadey (Practice Manager) at jowadey@nhs.net or Alan Hardwick (PPG Committee) at alan.hardwick26@icloud.com

Thanks for your support

Follow us on Facebook:

The St Lawrence Surgery Facebook Group Page is open only for patients of the surgery. We hope it will become useful for patients to know what is happening and to leave any comments. So if you are a patient and want to become a member then find us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StLawrenceSurgery/> (Please note that approval will only take place when the office staff have time.)