



# Puddletown Surgery

## Newsletter Christmas 2007

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## Opening Times for Christmas and New Year

Over the Christmas period the Surgery will be open as usual, only closed on Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup>) and Boxing Day (26<sup>th</sup>).

At New Year the Surgery will be closed on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January and will re-open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2008.

If you are unwell while the surgery is closed always ring **848333**. Our recorded message transfers you directly to the Dorset Emergency Care Service who will take details of your condition and pass these on to a doctor. In cases of accident or extreme emergency you may be advised to ring 999 and request an ambulance. For general medical information, advice or reassurance, ring NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

### Dr Anne Boyle

Dr Boyle will be reducing her hours at the Surgery and from 1<sup>st</sup> January will no longer be here on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. A card showing the new timetable from 1<sup>st</sup> January is enclosed with this newsletter.

### Dr Jonathan Bond

We are delighted to welcome Dr Bond to our practice team. Dr Bond will be taking morning surgery on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in place of Dr Boyle, also providing cover for Dr Boyle and Dr Burnham's holidays.



“After finishing at Southampton

University in 2001 I moved to Dorchester and worked in the hospital first doing my house jobs and then GP training. I finished my GP training at Maiden Newton and Beaminster surgeries in 2006.

Since then I have gained experience working all over the county as a locum GP.

Outside of work I live with my wife, who is also a GP, and our cat in the Piddle Valley.

We love walking particularly around our beautiful countryside and in more mountainous areas such as the Alps. Travelling is also a passion of ours and we have travelled extensively in North America, South-East Asia and Africa.

I am very much looking forward to working with all the team at Puddletown surgery”.

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## Nurse Practitioner Appointments

During the winter months many of us suffer from sore throats, coughs and other respiratory problems. Should you need an appointment please ask to see Jean Carter for a Nurse Practitioner appointment rather than a doctor. Jean will be able to advise you on any treatment needed.

Jean is also able to see you about the following:

Medication reviews

Blood pressure reviews

Contraceptive advice

Menopause

Urinary problems

Other minor illnesses

## NHS Patient Surveys

The NHS is once again surveying patients to harvest their opinions on various aspects of the care they receive. One such compulsory annual survey has just been completed here, and the report on its findings is on the waiting room table. You are warmly invited to examine this and, if you have any comments to make after reading it, we would be more than pleased to hear them.

As last year, a further, national, survey named "GP Patient Survey – your doctor, your experience, your say" is to be conducted by the NHS Executive between January and March 2008. It will go out by post from a central location to samples of patients who have attended the surgery. If you don't wish to take part in the survey please tell the receptionist. In this event, information about you will be barred from extraction.

### Ordering Repeat Prescriptions

*The weeks preceding Christmas are the busiest for our dispensary, and the girls are working under considerable pressure. Last December, for instance, they processed 4,700 items of medication. This December we ask you again to please order your repeat prescriptions well ahead of time and allow a few extra days before you come to collect if at all possible.*

## The Greenwood Centre for Independent Living

If you need information and advice on disability products the trained Occupational Therapists at the Greenwood Centre, on Maiden Castle Road in Dorchester, can show you a wide selection of products and let you try them for yourself. The range of products they have available for demonstration includes:

- Bathing and showering products
- Wheelchairs and walking aids
- Beds and associated products
- Moving and handling products
- Armchairs and cushions
- Meal preparation, feeding and drinking products
- Clothing and continence
- Telecare products

Nothing is for sale and the advice you receive is impartial and free. Simply telephone to make an appointment to visit on 01305 257164.

## Puddletown Surgery Patient Participation Group

The PPG is working towards setting up a delivery network to the homes of all 3,700+ patients in the practice so that important news from the surgery can reach all patients. This is going to be a major task as a number of patients live in outlying rural areas.

If you think you might like to help deliver newsletters in your village please let the receptionists know.

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