

THE PRACTICE INSIDER

Raise a Dram for Elaine

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our Nurse Manager, and friend, Elaine.

Elaine started at the Practice in 2005 and quickly became an influential and popular figure among staff and patients - in no small part down to her sharp sense of humour, positivity and incredible knowledge and expertise in her field.

Elaine has left a lasting impression on the practice, her colleagues and her patients and will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts are with her family.



The Vaccine Effort...

The practice and our staff have been working flat-out to ensure that our patients, the residents of Salisbury, have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

A huge effort has been made by all staff to make sure that everyone who is eligible is offered and given the vaccine as and when they're due.

This has encompassed, not only the cathedral clinics, but Nursing Homes and Housebound patients also.

All of this, alongside their normal "day job". It's a measure of how good our teams are that, even in the face of all this pressure - they're still doing such a marvellous job.

We're very proud of everyone involved and feel incredibly privileged to have such wonderful individuals forming our team.

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Carer's Corner

A Carer is someone who looks after a relative, partner, neighbour or friend who is unable to manage at home without help. This might be due to a disability, illness (physical or mental), substance misuse, eating disorder or simply because they are elderly and frail.



If you are a carer please let us know so that we can put our carers team in touch with you to offer you support and information.

If you have already made us aware that you are a carer, please make sure that we have the most up-to-date telephone numbers and email address for you so that we can always keep in touch with you.

As we move along the Government's Roadmap out of the Pandemic, we are starting to look forward to the time when we can have our Carer's Coffee Mornings at St Thomas' church, which were always such positive events and have been sorely missed by patients and staff alike. We have tentatively booked Thursday 15th July 2021 as the date that, restrictions allowing, we will be welcoming you all back.

We've a lot of lost time to make up for and we would love to hear your thoughts and opinions on what you'd like to see from us as we are permitted to return to normality.

Contact us using three.chequers@nhs.net or give the surgery a call to speak to us.

From the Carer's Team

POWOW (Partners or Widows or Widowers)

Since the start of the Pandemic, we have been unable to hold our POWOW meetings, for those who've been bereaved to talk to others in the same situation.

We know that many people have been bereaved since we last met and we would like to invite anyone who has suffered a loss (recent or otherwise) to join a friendly, informal meeting on Thursday 1st July 2021 at 10am in St Thomas' Church, Salisbury.



We're on the move!

As approximately 10,000 of our patients know from first-hand experience, we have been giving COVID-19 vaccinations regularly at Salisbury Cathedral - undoubtedly one of the more spectacular locations that any vaccination team has had the privilege of working at.



Despite the drawbacks of a worse-than Medieval heating system (at least they had fires!) and Wi-Fi that (occasionally) made a chocolate teapot look useful; these clinics were hugely successful and we have been part of a well-oiled, well-drilled and well-motivated team that has delivered an incredible number of Vaccines.

However, our time at Salisbury Cathedral has ended, our last clinic there being held on Saturday 1st May 2021.

We would like to say a huge “Thank You” to Salisbury Cathedral for being very gracious hosts and for giving us an opportunity to be part of history in one of Great Britain’s most recognisable and loved landmarks.



The next chapter for our vaccination effort will take place at Leaden Hall, a mere stone’s throw away from the Cathedral.

Anyone awaiting their 2nd Vaccine will be invited, in due course, to have it done at Leaden Hall and, of course, we cannot stress highly enough just how important it is to have this second dose.

Porton & Old Sarum Surgery

The Practice is thrilled to announce that the Porton & Old Sarum branch is open!

The entire practice has had new life breathed into it and, after some unexpected twists and turns we can now say “Welcome” to all of our Patients again.

There are now 4 Clinical Rooms in Porton including 3 Treatment rooms and a Phlebotomy Room.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your patience over the past months. The developments to the Village branches would have inconvenienced many of you, but we sincerely hope that the end results have made it all worth it in the end.

The Porton & Old Sarum branch has only been open until 2pm, Monday to Friday, but we’re delighted to reveal that, from Tuesday 4th May 2021, we are back to our old routine with the Surgery remaining open until 6pm for collection of medication with a view to extending Doctor’s and Nursing appointments at the branch in the (very near) future!

Goodbye, Dr Vyas!

The Practice is sad to announce that one of our longest serving members of the team is Retiring.

Dr Vyas moved to Salisbury in 1997 and was a locum at Endless Street Surgery, before being offered a Partnership Role at St Ann Street. After a little deliberation, however, Dr Vyas decided to take on a GP Retainer role with the Three Swans Surgery. In November 1997, she started at Three Swans Surgery; little did she know that 20 years later the Practice she had been a locum for; the practice who had offered her a partnership and the Practice where she eventually settled would merge in to the Three Chequers Medical Practice.

We would like to thank Dr Vyas for her 23 and a half years of service as a committed and well-liked GP retainer at the Practice. We know that you, like us, will miss her greatly.

We wish her the very best of luck in her next chapter!