

# HONITON SURGERY NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2006

### New Partner

We are delighted to announce that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2006 Dr Beth McCarron-Nash joined us as a new partner. Dr McCarron-Nash will be working as a half time partner on a job share basis with Dr Suzanne Ingram. She will be working Monday afternoons, Tuesday all day and Wednesday mornings. Dr McCarron-Nash graduated from Nottingham in 1997 and has moved to us from Berkshire. She is married and has one young child.

### Changing Working Patterns & Changing GPs

Following on from the Summer Newsletter Dr Barber and Dr Courtney are now working three-quarters time. As they have cut the number of clinical sessions they are offering we would like to ask whether there are any patients that would like to change their registered GP from Drs Courtney or Barber to Drs Ingram or McCarron-Nash. If you would like to do this then please complete the form on the back of this newsletter and post it in the allocated box in the waiting room.

### Bereavement Counselling

Dr David Seamark, Nurse Margaret Pinnuck and Patient Group Member Meg Pipe had a productive meeting with Catherine Davies who counsels for CRUSE and has also set up a new Bereavement Counselling Service in Axminster called ARC. Currently this is for Axminster patients and is funded by the Axminster Care Service (charity). We have agreed to revisit this idea in 2007 to see if we can extend the service to Honiton.

Meg has many hidden talents and has been receiving training in counselling. We are hoping that Meg will be able to undertake the counselling course offered by CRUSE and therefore act as a local resource and a very friendly face!!

Hospiscare have a Bereavement Leaflet which we are also hoping to adapt for use within the surgery.

### Flu Vaccinations

We have now started giving Flu injections. There are sessions most days of the week and on Saturday mornings during November. All patients with diabetes, chronic lung & heart disease are eligible including patients over the age of 65. Please make your own appointments at reception, you don't need to wait to be called in.

### Honiton Surgery Extension

The Honiton Surgery extension plans have now gone in to East Devon District Council and we are hopeful that we will hear something in the next couple of weeks. Once we have planning permission drawings will be put up on the notice board in the waiting room.

### Medical Students

Every year the surgery accepts medical students from the Peninsula Medical School in Exeter for teaching placements. This year we are taking four 2<sup>nd</sup> year students and five 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year students will be here on various days between October 2006 and June 2007. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year students will be at the surgery from Tuesday to Friday on weekly attachments also between October 2006 and June 2007. The students will be sitting in with the doctors and nurses clinics during their time at the surgery and posters will be displayed in reception informing you of when and who they will be sitting in with. The students are here to gain clinical experience which is an essential part of their learning. However, if you would like a private consultation with the doctor or nurse please notify reception. Please also feel free to ask the student to leave the room at any point during your consultation.

### Suggestions Box

If you have any comments or suggestions about how we can improve the service that we provide please feel free to put your comments in the suggestions box in the waiting room. Alternatively if you would feel more comfortable discussing your comments or suggestions with one of the members of the Honiton Surgery Patient Group please contact: Mrs Val Royle, Mrs Meg Pipe or Mr Alf Boom via the surgery. They will be pleased to hear from you.

### Appointments

Please inform us if you cannot make your appointment.

From July 2006 – September 2006 11,696 appointments were made available for patients to see their GPs, 419 of these appointments were lost due to patients not attending for their appointment.

### Please Note

Please can patients be careful when dialling the surgery as we have had a patient advise us that messages are being left on his business answerphone causing him great inconvenience. The surgery number is **01404 41141**.

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**CHANGE OF GP FROM DRs BARBER OR COURTNEY TO DRs INGRAM OR McCARRON-NASH**

Full Name:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Full Address: .....  
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I hereby give you permission to change registration of GP from .....to .....

Signed:..... Date: .....

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