

**SOUTHAM SURGERY**  
**NOTES FROM PPG MEETING 28/01/16**

Apologies- Mrs Woodcock, Karina Beeke, Ryan Duffy, Hazel Preston, Clare Sangster

Present- Mike Lidguard, Mrs Windsor, Mrs Watkins, Mrs Goode, Mrs Hyland, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Stone, Mrs Pickering, Mr & Mrs Townsend, Mr Hitchman, Ann, Bev, Mary.

Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a staffing update; Dr McEvoy is fully qualified and is leaving on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Dr Yip will be starting her training with the practice on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We have a new secretary Tina Bodfish and two new receptionists, Alison Leng and Alice Washbrooke. Alice will be working full time till she goes to University in October, then she will help us out during the holidays. Liz Comfort will be retiring in March.

We still have flu jabs available for at risk patients, to date we have immunised 2,120 patients, which unfortunately does not quite meet South Warwickshire's target. We are writing to all eligible patients. We have ordered our stocks for the next flu season 2016/2017.

The surgery staff have had Dementia awareness training to advise and give understanding on how to deal with affected patients.

The staff all signed up as Dementia Friends, for more information visit the website [dementiafriends.org.uk](http://dementiafriends.org.uk)

We are high rate antibiotic prescribers and we are making a concerted effort to reduce antibiotic prescribing by strictly following local and NICE guidelines. The doctors are being very strict and are only issuing antibiotics after they have made a full and proper examination of the patient. This is to avoid antibiotic resistance in the community which means one day we may not have any antibiotics left.

Nursing Homes- we look after Galanos House, Poppy Lodge, and Newstead Lodge, Dr Waters visits every week. Galanos House have recently won a prestigious award for being one of the best care homes in the country.

PPG recruitment- this is ongoing and we will have a recruitment drive soon, we have put notices in the New Patient packs and have gained a few new e-mail members.

Nebulisers- We have saved just over £500 from the flu coffee mornings, this will buy three nebulisers. Ann will order them and we will put on a label saying they were donated by the PPG. We have devised a contract for patients to sign when they borrow a nebuliser, and it has to returned by a set date.

Speakers- a few suggestions for speakers at future meetings, Dementia Awareness, Medicines Management re prescribing, First Aid, Local Gym, A representative from the South Warwickshire Federation, and Fire Safety in the home.

AOB- Mrs Stone mentioned that there is a disabled swim on Sundays 1.30-2.30pm. Also over 50's swim session on Tuesdays 9-10am and Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm.

Mrs Stone went to a special PPG meeting at Warwick race course where there was a discussion on what is needed in surgeries and what is good in surgeries.

Mrs Harrison advised that the Senior Citizens Action Network Group now meets in Tithe Lodge, the next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am with an entertainer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the surgery.