

# Practice News

March 2017

## COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES

### **HAVE YOU GOT A COUPLE OF HOURS EACH WEEK YOU COULD SPARE TO SUPPORT SOMEONE IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

Our local CoCo (Compassionate Communities) Group has been running for a number of years with the support of the Practice. Many local people have benefited from the support and friendship offered by the group and we now have a waiting list for their services.

The group would welcome any additional volunteers in and around the Much Wenlock & Cressage area who may be able to use a little of their spare time each week to help a frail or vulnerable person to maintain their links within our community. This won't involve personal care but could involve phoning them on a regular basis; calling in for a chat; accompanying them to the shops or assisting them in those little tasks of daily living such as household paperwork, walking the dog etc.

Full training and support will be provided and you will be making a real difference for someone in your community.

**INTERESTED?** Then please contact the Surgery in the first instance and we will direct you to the CoCo Co-Ordinator.

## Electronic Prescription Service

You may have recently received information about a prescription delivery system offered by Pharmacy2U. The information provided implies that the Pharmacy2U is working with the support of Practices. Please note that Much Wenlock Medical Practice is unable to advise patients on where they should source their prescriptions; patients registered at Cressage are automatically eligible for Dispensary services.

Services such as Pharmacy2U require practices to be using the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) and currently Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice is not registered to use EPS.

When EPS is available for both Much Wenlock & Cressage, patients will be informed and will be able to nominate their preferred provider; including Cressage Dispensary\*, local pharmacies or companies such as Pharmacy2U.

If you are a Cressage patient and would like to nominate Cressage as your preferred provider in advance of EPS arriving, please complete the form on our website or in practice, available from 1 March 17.

\*Please note, due to NHS Guidelines, **only patients registered at Cressage** may utilise the services of the Dispensary.

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## EASTER BANK HOLIDAY PRACTICE CLOSURE DATES

MUCH WENLOCK AND CRESSAGE MEDICAL PRACTICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE EASTER BANK HOLIDAYS ON:

FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2017  
MONDAY 17 APRIL 2017

SHOULD YOU NEED URGENT HEALTH CARE DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT SHROPDOG ON: **0333 222 6655**

The Practice will re-open at 8.30 am on Tuesday 18 April 2017

## SAVE THE DATE – 25.4.17

The Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice Patients' Voice **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 25 April, 6pm at Much Wenlock Practice followed by their quarterly meeting.

A guest speaker will be invited to talk on a health subject – speaker and topic to be confirmed in the next newsletter.

All patients of the Practice are welcome to attend the **AGM**.

### Practice Update: GP Staffing

As you will be aware Dr Stanford retires from the practice on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. We will be informing patients who are currently registered with Dr Stanford in April of their new registered GP.

**Appointments can be made by patients to see any GP at the Practice, whether they are their named/registered GP or not.**

Dr Bailey will be taking over the role of Senior Partner from April 2017.

### **GP Availability from April 2017**

Doctor	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dr Bailey	AM	AM/PM	On rota*	PM	On rota*
Dr Hay	AM/PM	AM/PM*		AM*	
Dr Wentel	AM	On rota*	AM/PM	AM/PM	On rota*
Dr Harvey	AM/PM			AM/PM	AM/PM
Dr Lonsdale	4 days to be confirmed				
Dr Heyes		AM/PM	AM/PM		
Dr Evitts			AM/PM	AM/PM	