

Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice

# Practice News

May 2019

## MAY BANK HOLIDAY PRACTICE CLOSURE DATES

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

MONDAY 6 MAY 2019  
MONDAY 27 MAY 2019

SHOULD YOU NEED URGENT HEALTH CARE DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT **111**

## SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2019

The Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice Patients' Voice **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday 15 May, 6pm at Much Wenlock Practice followed by their quarterly meeting.

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

### **Staff Training Afternoon -**

MUCH WENLOCK AND CRESSAGE MEDICAL PRACTICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12:00 TO 18:00 ON **WEDNESDAY 15 MAY** FOR STAFF TRAINING.

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### **New Faces**

We are delighted to announce that from April 2019 Dr Willdig joined the Practice team as a Salaried GP. Dr Willdig will be working Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Dr Redgate is another new face you may see in Practice. Dr Redgate is a qualified Doctor who is currently training to become a General Practitioner and will be with us until the end of July.

From May we will have 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students from Keele University joining us on placement. As a training practice we actively encourage our patients to assist in the education of doctors by allowing them to sit in on consultations and booking in with them for appointments. Thank you for helping us with the education of the next generation of doctors.

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## **PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND LAUNCHES 'CERVICAL SCREENING SAVES LIVES' CAMPAIGN**

On Tuesday 5 March 2019, Public Health England (PHE), launched the major new national campaign 'Cervical Screening Saves Lives', to increase the uptake of women attending for cervical screening across England.

The campaign encourages women to respond to their cervical screening invitation letter, and if they missed their last screening, to book an appointment at their GP practice.

Around 2,600 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in England each year, and around 690 women die from the disease- 2 deaths every day. It is estimated that if everyone attended screening regularly, 83% of cervical cancer cases could be prevented.

Regular screening, which only takes a few minutes, can help stop cervical cancer before it starts, as the test identifies potentially harmful cells before they become cancerous, and ensures women get the right treatment as soon as possible.

In support of this campaign and to encourage as **many women as possible** to attend for cervical screening, Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice, in addition to the facility to book an appointment within the normal working week, will be offering dedicated evening cervical screening Nurse clinics between 5pm and 7pm at Much Wenlock Medical Practice on the following dates:

- Thursday 9 May
- Tuesday 14 May
- Wednesday 22 May
- Wednesday 29 May

**We will be sending out invitations to those patients due a cervical smear, however if you are not sure whether you are eligible and have not received an invitation please contact the Practice and we will check your records.**

### **DO YOU LOVE READING?**

**BE PART OF A BIGGER STORY AND JOIN OUR SHARED READING GROUP.**

Shared Reading Groups are a place to relax, make new friends and share stories. Just drop in and enjoy listening to a great story or poem – no pressure to talk or read. Come along to our next Shared Reading Group on:

Saturday 1 June 2019, at Cressage Medical Practice (refreshments will be provided)

Places are free and everyone is welcome but there are limited places so do book ahead by emailing [muchwenlockmp@nhs.net](mailto:muchwenlockmp@nhs.net) or call 01952 726011 and speak to Melanie Jones.