

DANEBRIDGE GROUP PRACTICE

Newsletter

Spring 2011



DR ADRIAN ROSSALL

Dr Rossall will be retiring from his Danebridge partnership on the 31st March 2011. Any patients wanting to leave Dr Rossall a personal message, we have cards at the reception desks for you write a note, which will all be put together and presented to Dr Rossall upon his retirement.

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PERSONAL NOTE FROM DR ADRIAN ROSSALL

'I arrived at Danebridge in 1985 as a Registrar with Dr Barratt, and joined Dr Whittaker's Practice a year later as a Partner. I had previously worked in and around the Manchester area, since qualifying in 1978.

I have had the pleasure of working with a great team at Danebridge over the intervening years, and would like to thank them all for their tremendous support and friendship. I have met thousands of patients over that time, some of whom are very close friends, and I only hope that I have not upset too many along the way!

Some of you may know that I returned to University in 2006, and spent 3 months studying at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, qualifying with the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. At the ripe old age of 53, I was one of the more "mature" students! It is my intention to continue practising medicine for many years to come, hopefully spending some time working in Africa putting this qualification to good use, and also working occasionally in the local area as a Locum G.P. at Danebridge - so you haven't seen the last of me yet!

My wife and I also intend spending some time travelling, visiting sons in Vancouver, Canada and Perth, Australia, seeing our daughters and their families in Northwich, Leicester and Darnhall, continuing to follow the England rugby and cricket teams whenever we can, and also of course supporting the mighty Manchester City!!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues at Danebridge who have helped and encouraged me over the years, and also to thank my wife Jan, without whose love and support I would not have been able to do what I have done over these past years.

I firmly believe that the healthcare of all the patients who attend the Danebridge Medical Practice is in excellent hands, and will continue to be so.

I wish you all the very best for the future'.

Adrian Rossall

DOCTOR NEWS

We welcome new permanent Doctors to Danebridge, Dr Joanne Harris and Dr Philip Coney. Both will be holding surgeries at Danebridge, Dr Harris will also be consulting at Kingsmead, whilst Dr Coney will be consulting at the Sandiway Surgery.



Dr Harris qualified in 1993 St Andrews Manchester. She holds the following Qualifications:
BSc, MB, ChB, MRCP, DFRS, DRCOG,
Diploma in Clinical Dermatology (London 2008)

Special interests are:
Family Planning, Women's Health,
Paediatrics/Child Health and Dermatology

Dr Coney qualified in 2002 (Birmingham). He holds the following qualifications:
MB, ChB, MRCP, MRCS Ed, DFRS,
LoC, SDI,

Special interests are:
Minor Surgery and Teaching

CARER IDENTIFICATION & RECOGNITION

Are you providing help and support to a relative, partner or friend who cannot manage because of disability, illness or frailty?

Many Carers simply don't recognise themselves as Carers, seeing themselves as wives, husbands, sons, daughters or parents of someone who has a disability, illness or requires more help as they get older. A Carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family or friends who could not manage without this help. This could be caring for a relative, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems.



If you are a Carer, Cheshire Carers' Centre may be able to help make things easier for you. They deliver a wide range of local support services to meet

the needs of Carers in our community. These range from support services catered to the Carer, the needs of the person you care for and the services provided by other organisations.

It is also important for you to register yourself as a Carer with your Doctor. We understand that juggling family life, paid work along with unpaid caring responsibilities at home can be very straining, and the health of the Carer is just as important as the health of the cared for person! We can help you by doing our best to give you appointment times that fit in with your caring role, the ability to discuss the health of the cared for person with you (as their registered carer, with the cared for persons consent). We have a simple registration form that you can collect from reception and complete for us. We also have a Notice Board displayed in Reception at Danebridge, which has a whole host of organisation information for Carers.

Cheshire Carers Centre offer a Carers Helpline, which is available for you to call Monday-Friday, 10am until 4pm. One simple call to ensure you are getting the help and support that is available to you!

Tel: 0800 085 0307



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS



What would you like to read in the next newsletter?? Please let us have your ideas. Is there something you have always wondered, but never asked or maybe you would like information regarding a particular service?? You can write into us, email or fax your ideas: Fax: 01606 331977

Email: danebridge@gp-n81087.nhs.uk

HALF DAY CLOSURES 2011

Danebridge, Kingsmead and the Sandiway Surgery will be closed during the hours of 1pm – 5pm on the following dates for staff training:

Tues 5th April
Wed 11th May
Thurs 9th June
Tues 5th July
Wed 7th September
Thur 6th October
Tues 1st November



On these dates all surgeries close at 1pm. However, Danebridge and Kingsmead will re-open at 5pm for emergencies only. During the closed periods, emergencies will be dealt with by the Out of Hours Service by telephoning:

01270 273666



HEALTH CHECKS

Is your general health ok? Is your blood pressure normal? Are you worried about high cholesterol? Do you have a healthy diet? If you would like a general 'check over' we offer health checks to all of our patients. The Health Care Assistants can check your blood pressure, height, weight, arrange screening blood tests if appropriate, chat to you about your health in general, and offer you any support required and if requested, can also refer you on to the smoking cessation clinic or weight management clinic.



BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!



PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

The Patient Participation Group is a committee of volunteers that supports the work of the practice.

If you want to contact the PPG, please email the following address: danebridge@gp-n81087.nhs.uk. You can also drop a note in at any of the three reception desks. The PPG would love to hear your views and concerns, but they must be about general issues, the PPG **cannot** cover personal matters.

Joanne Sullivan, Practice Administrator, March 2011

Email your comments and suggestions to me
joannesullivan@nhs.net

