



STORRINGTON GLEBE SURGERY & PPG NEWSLETTER

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PPG UPDATE

I know we are all feeling totally frustrated in these unprecedented times however there is light on the horizon with the rollout of the Pfizer and now the Oxford/Astra Zeneca vaccines. The Glebe Surgery was one of the first locations in the country to be a Wave 1 site, and it was testament to the hard work by the clinical team, headed up by Dr Keir Newsom, to achieve this goal.

I have personally seen at first hand the long hours the GP's Nurses, Health Care Assistants, Admin and Reception staff are working, from early in the morning to late at night, including week-ends.

We are currently undertaking our 5th week of Covid vaccine rollout. Those of you who have already had the vaccine will have seen the marshal volunteers in the surgery car park and how they are helping to keep the process running as smoothly as possible.

The marshal volunteers (all patients at the Glebe) are doing 2 hour shifts from 8.30am to 8.00pm, sometimes in very inclement weather. They have proved to be a small but very significant part in the vaccine rollout process and I would like to personally thank them for their commitment to the cause and for being so accommodating whenever I have asked them to take on extra sessions.

Patients from Henfield, Steyning and Billingshurst have also been vaccinated at the Glebe so my thanks go to the volunteers from Henfield who assisted us when we needed them.

All of this is in addition to the flu clinics which commenced last September and completed in January, ensuring that all over 50's, if they wanted one, had the flu jab.

Stay safe and well.

Tony Sewell PPG (Chairman)



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SURGERY REQUEST

While we are in the process of undertaking the Covid vaccine rollout, we politely request that you do not contact the surgery by phone, email or e-consult regarding your Covid vaccination. You will be contacted according to the guidelines. We cannot change the priority of who will be vaccinated, but rest assured that we are doing all we can to provide a quick and efficient service to all our patients.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Although Covid has high prominence at the moment we must all still be cancer aware.

It's important to be aware of any unexplained changes to your body, such as blood in your pee or poo, a lump, persistent bloating or pain that does not go away.

These symptoms are often caused by other, non-cancerous illnesses, but it's important to speak to your GP so they can investigate. Finding cancer early means it's easier to treat.

If your GP suspects cancer, they'll refer you to a specialist.

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**FOR URGENT MEDICAL PROBLEMS THAT CANNOT WAIT
UNTIL THE SURGERY RE-OPENS PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
NHS OUT OF HOURS SERVICE ON 111**



COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS

We would like to remind our patients of the following

We still need to minimise the risks of COVID-19 by limiting the amount of people entering the building to protect both patients and staff. Please could we ask that if you need to book an appointment you do this by telephoning the Surgery 01903 742 942. **A face to face appointment will be offered if it is deemed clinically necessary.**

Thank you

STAFF UPDATE

We have been delighted to have Dr David Whitehead, Dr Gillian Lewis and Dr Bonnie Tse coming out of retirement to help us during the Covid vaccine rollout. Their help has been very much appreciated by staff and patients alike.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW SURGERY LOGO

Our new surgery logo was designed by Harrie Woodhams, Dr Charlie Woodhams daughter. Harrie is currently studying The History of Art at St Andrew's University, Scotland and was delighted when we approached her to think about a new concept for the surgery's logo. Thank you Harrie for a refreshing new look for our surgery.

Over the next few months you will see this logo being incorporated more and more.



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***** THANK YOU *****

A big **THANK YOU** to companies who have provided help during these vaccine rollouts.



COURTNEY GREEN ESTATE AGENTS, Horsham, for providing the marshal volunteers with hi vis waterproof jackets, which have been invaluable during this very cold and wet weather.



EXPRESS Storrington, for providing drinks and snacks for the staff working long hours on these rollouts.

ASTLEY SIGNS – who provided signage for the surgery at very short notice – thank you for your very quick response to our urgent request.

A strong sense of community is being shown here, which has been very much appreciated.

***** WHERE TO GET YOUR NEWSLETTER *****

Unfortunately due to the current Coronavirus situation we will only be producing this Newsletter via the Glebe Surgery Website glebesurgerystorrington.nhs.uk and the Storrington Community Partnership Page www.storrington.org.uk