

Dr Alison Anderson Retires

After over 28 years in the practice, Dr Alison Anderson will be retiring at the end of September.

.....When she arrived in **February 1998**, Dr Anderson was parent to 3 small children aged 18 months to 6 years, **appointments were just 7.5 minutes long**, and were booked by a receptionist writing in an appointments diary. All the **patient's paper notes** were taken out for each session, **written in hand** by the doctors, and returned at the end of each surgery. The doctors helped run the community hospital at Leatherhead, being able to admit their own patients and look after them as they recovered from chest infections, strokes, or general frailty.



There were just **four partners, no associate doctors, and just one part-time practice nurse**. Computers were nowhere to be seen. The doctors did their own on-call and spent many an evening and night at Leatherhead hospital in between call-outs, as well as visiting new babies at home, and following up many elderly people.

All prescriptions were written by hand, and all the blood test and x-ray results were stored as papers within the notes. How things have changed!

Dr Anderson's now 4 children have all grown up and she has 3 grandchildren. Appointments are 15 minutes long, and patients can contact the surgery on-line as well as in person or by phone, with multiple appointment types on offer, and multiple health professionals all working together as a team to provide excellent care. But the bedrock of general practice continues with great individual patient-based care, close to home, ideally with continuity from a well-known and trusted doctor.

As Dr Anderson leaves, she will be spending more time with her family, and also as one of the priests at our local St George's and St Giles' churches – so continuing care of Ashted people 'from the cradle to the grave' but in a different capacity.

Dr Anderson will be greatly missed by staff & patients alike; we wish her well as she begins this next chapter.

Practice News

Flu and Covid Clinics '26

This Autumn, AMP is participating in the Autumn COVID-19 vaccination programme and these will be offered at our flu clinics. Eligible patients will be contacted to book.

Flu and Covid clinic dates:

Gilbert Saturday 3rd October

Linden Saturday 10th October

- People aged 65 (flu) and 75 (covid) years and over.
- Individuals aged 18 to 64/74 years with specific health conditions.
- Pregnant women.
- Individuals living and working in long-stay residential care homes.

For more information and more about who is eligible for the flu or covid vaccines, please click the boxes or scan QR.

Patients will receive a text inviting them to book. If you believe you are eligible and do not receive an invite, please get in touch with us.



Support your surgery, have your flu and covid vaccines with us!

AMP Google Reviews

Your Google review is important because;

- It helps us grow and improve services for you - the patient
- We love to hear about the things we did well!
- New patients in the area value your reviews to help them decide where to register

We would be very grateful if you would follow the links below and let us know about your recent visit to one of our surgeries.



Practice website:
www.ashlea.nhs.uk



Need an **URGENT** Appointment?
Same day or very soon - Ring in from 8am.
For non-urgent, go online or ring after 10am.



Contact PPG - 'patient voice'
(non-medical volunteer group)
ashlea.ppg@gmail.com



Linden House 01372 375666



Gilbert House 01372 276385





Social Prescribing



LPCN

Need a little extra support?

The Leatherhead Primary Care Network Social Prescribing Team can help you access local services, groups and support for things such as

- wellbeing
- loneliness
- finances
- housing
- caring responsibilities and more



To access these services;

- Speak to your GP surgery
- Complete the self-referral form: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Call the team on

01306 771125 (option 2)

We also offer a **drop-in session;**

Every Thursday, 9:30am to 11:30am

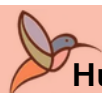
The Advice Café, Leatherhead Community Hub.

No appointment needed

***Sometimes a conversation is all it takes
to find the right support.***

Leatherhead Community Hub

Support and clubs run throughout the day and evening on different days of the week at The Hub and are available to all local residents, not just those in North Leatherhead.



Community Spotlight: Hummingbirds Toddler & Baby Group



The Hummingbirds Toddler & Baby Group provides a welcoming space for parents, carers and grandparents to meet others while children play, learn and explore through a variety of activities and toys.

Every Monday during term time

Parent-Toddler Group (1-3 years) - 10:00am - 11:30am

Parent-Baby Group (0-1 years) - 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Family Support Workers are also available

9:30am - 11:00am

for anyone who would like information,
advice or an informal chat.

There is no charge, no need to book, and free tea, coffee and biscuits are available. A great opportunity to connect with other local families in a relaxed and supportive environment.



**Leatherhead Community Hub, Kingston Road
Leatherhead, KT22 7PX**

Leatherhead Good Neighbours



Communities
Working
Together



Over summer, the **Leatherhead Good Neighbours** project has continued to build momentum. **Ashley Medical Practice PPG**, met with **Surrey Community Action** and a representative from **Leatherhead Rotary Club**.

We have a date at the beginning of October to meet again and form an official working committee, at which point we can start to get **LGN** off the ground! It will take some time and we still need your help!



Interested?

Come and be part of something big!

Contact us here at the PPG (see email at the bottom of the page) or via AGN to register your interest or find out more.

ashteadgn@gmail.com

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District Council



JOBS FAIR

**Looking for employment or a
change in career ?**

**Wednesday 7th October
10am to 1pm**



Free!

**Please dress appropriately and bring
your CVs**

**Mole Valley Employment & Skills Hub
Unit 25, Swan Centre | Leatherhead
KT22 8AH**

Email : mvhub@surreyllp.org.uk
Phone : 01372 379 879

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