

WOOD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Friends of Loxwood Medical Practice Newsletter October/*November 2013* 

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER FOR 2013 DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF UPDATES OR CHANGES TO PRACTICE WORKING

#### **CARE.DATA**

NHS England and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) have launched 'care.data'. For further information please pop into the surgery for a leaflet or go to their website www.hscic.gov.uk, but to summarise this is a secure system where information is collected to help plan and improve facilities for all patients. Information from different places such as GPs, hospitals and community services will be compared and used to help provide a full picture and compare the care you received in one area against the care you received in another and see what has worked best. Information such as your postcode and NHS number, but not your name, will be used to link your medical records in a secure system, so your identity is protected. This information is controlled by law and strict rules are in place to protect your privacy.

You have a right to prevent confidential information about you from being shared. If you do not want information that identifies you to be shared outside this GP Practice you need to inform us, and a coded entry will be added to your medical record. This will prevent your information being used other than if necessary by law, for example if there is a public health emergency.

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# **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for Macmillan Nurses and were part of the big coffee morning. received some generous donations, as well as some delicious cakes, biscuits or jams that were sold as a little treat along with cups of tea or coffee all served with a friendly smile from our willing helpers, when patients visited the surgery. We raised over £487!

# LIVING WELL WITH **DEMENTIA**

The CCG are currently developing a five year plan to ensure people with dementia and their families are receiving the best support and local services in order to live well with their condition.

It is vital that they hear from local people Did you know that you can now to help shape this plan and make sure it represents the views of people living with dementia in our area and how they think Just search in the apple store. services can be improved. With this in mind, Remember you will need to you are invited to attend this presentation.

### **FLU VACCINE**

Our flu vaccines have arrived! If you are aged over 65 years of age or have a chronic disease please telephone reception to book your appointment.

### FREE APP AVAILABLE

download an app for your iphone or ipad for SystmOnline. register for this service that



allows you to book your appointments online or order your repeat medication all with just a few taps, without the need to beat the busy early morning telephone rush.

#### TAKE CONTROL

Self care week is 18-24 November and this years theme is to inspire you to take control of your health and ultimately your life, by taking care of minor ailments, managing serious conditions and choosing better health, lifestyle options. Visit our website where you can find a wealth of self care help and NHS information, via the 'support' tab then select 'NHS Tools' or you can click on the link on our home page that takes you to 'NHS choices'.

