

Newsletter

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Essential tree work, exciting news re the Snack Box and farewell to colleagues all in this month's edition.

Tree works

From Monday 9 April there will be a team (minimum of 4 personnel) carrying out a range of work to our trees on the QM site. This will include the following work:

- Tree dismantling
- Crown reductions
- Dead wooding
- Pollarding
- Crown lifting
- Some re-planting of new trees

All necessary measures will be taken to provide safe work areas and protection to the public and staff in the vicinity as well as the appropriate signage. The works are expected to be completed within 4 weeks but are highly dependant on the weather conditions. There will be a need to cordon off safe work areas in some locations in the car parks, but not during the first week. It is not expected that any cordon would remain in place longer than one day.

If there are any issues or for further information, please contact Mike Browne in the Estates & Facilities office on 020 3910 7383.

Snack Box

QMH Snack Box will be installing a deli bar towards the end of April, which will allow staff and visitors to purchase freshly made sandwiches, baguettes and salads. We will also be installing an induction hob within the kitchen to allow the kitchen staff to prepare a wider variety of lunches and dinners throughout the week.

Volunteers needed

There are many different areas of the hospital in which volunteers are very welcome, ranging from gardening, driving, clerical, admin including reception duties, to assisting the staff on the wards with basic duties and patient feeding.

Volunteers should be responsible, polite, friendly and have an interest in helping people - offering their time and personal service for no financial gain but to help others, raise their self-confidence or to gain experience before entering a career in healthcare.

We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds and no previous experience is required. References are

required along with an occupational health check, DBS check (police check form) and an informal interview process. We estimate that the process of recruiting a volunteer can take approximately 6-8 weeks.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Oxleas at Queen Mary's Hospital please contact: Voluntary Services, Queen Mary's Hospital, Frognaal Avenue, Sidcup, Kent DA14 6LT
Telephone: 0208 301 9487
Email: charnjit.gill@nhs.net or via the team email: oxl-tr.volunteeringservices@nhs.net

We look forward to hearing from you.

Good health and a long happy life are wished to three staff as they retire from Queen Mary's Hospital



After 28 eventful years **Linda Kells** will be leaving us. Back in February 1990 Linda started work in the Elderly Medical Unit and continued there for 14 years until it was disestablished. Linda then went into the Bed Bureau for a short while before landing her role as MDT Co-ordinator in Cancer Services and continued in this role until the present day, being part of Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust in October 2013 working at Queen Mary's. Linda said "I have enjoyed my time at Queen Mary's and have seen a lot of changes, some good and some not so good. I am looking forward to retiring but I will miss the people." Linda will be spending time with husband Geoff relaxing, enjoying life and having holidays in their caravan.

Sue Hawkins started work at Queen Mary's back in January 1998 and has completed over 20 years of service. Sue started in the Supplies and Main Stores, which transformed under Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust in 2013 to Procurement. Sue is planning to move house in her retirement to be closer to her daughter and grandson of 2 years. She plans to enjoy life with her husband Tony having holidays, days out, spending time with their grandson and the odd time relaxing. Sue said "I have absolutely loved working at Queen Mary's and have been blessed with wonderful colleagues to work with. My children were born here and Queen Mary's has been a big part of my life. I will miss it and the people."



Brian Gregory is finally going to retire. Brian took early retirement after 30 years of service with the Post Office but then started work again 14 years ago at Orpington hospital in charge of the General Office. He then had the Estates Helpdesk added on and 8 years ago came over to Queen Mary's and continued to work here in the Helpdesk, he became part of Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust in October 2013. Brian has been a familiar face to many staff handing out the car permits or ID cards. He said "I think the time has come now where I should give up work and spend more time relaxing with my wife Christine. I will now be able to see my four grandchildren more as I have two that live not too far away but the other two live in Wales and this will make it easier to see them. I also intend to have a few holidays and days out with Christine and of course play a bit more golf."

News in brief

Hospital watch - Once again, cars and contractor vans parked at QMH are being targeted by criminal activity, with a recent spate of attempted theft from parked vehicles. Please be vigilant when parking and ensure that any valuables are put out of sight.

Longlands Police are continuing to carry out patrols in order to deter any criminal activities.

Estates & Facilities Helpdesk - From 1 May 2018 the helpdesk will be transferring over to OCS and will be based in the switchboard room. Staff will still apply for parking permits, access cards, portering, domestic and catering services via the helpdesk. The number will remain the same for the helpdesk and is 02039 107381

Your news and questions

If you have any interesting news from Queen Mary's new or old you would like to share, views about anything within this newsletter, or any questions you would like to ask about what is happening around Queen Mary's, do get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you please do let us know.

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