

Newsletter

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Official launch, two brilliant fundraisers and dates for your diary are contained in this month's edition.

Planned Care Centre launch

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust celebrated the official launch of its Planned Care Centre (PCC) at Queen Mary's Hospital last week. Peter Coles, Chairman of Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, congratulated all staff on their hard work and dedication in making the PCC such a success. The PCC treats patients from Bexley and surrounding areas as well as offering expert patient care. It provides a range of clinical services delivered by Queen Mary's Hospital staff and those from Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford.

Also in attendance was the trust's General Manager for the PCC, Dr Siva Kabilan; Clinical Director, Mr Farid Mofteh; Director of Operations, Pam Dhesi, General and Breast Consultant Surgeon, Mr Happy Hoque; and Orthopaedic Consultant Surgeon, Mr Mark Norris.

Dr Siva Kabilan said: "This excellent new centre

has the capacity to carry out over 6,000 procedures and 42,000 outpatient attendances each year, offering greater availability to a range of high quality planned health services with reduced waiting times - so patients have local access to the best available treatment."

For further information about the services at the Planned Care Centre, please visit <http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/planned-care-centre-queen-marys-hospital-sidcup/>



Eggcellent effort - OCS held a raffle over the month of March lead by Eileen Finn. A total of £300 was raised. £150 is being donated to Holbrook ward to go towards their new garden and the other £150 is being donated to a local college that supports young adults with autism.



Purple for Stroke Awareness Month

Thursday 31 May is the day to wear something purple at Queen Mary's Hospital and donate £1 for Stroke Awareness. Staff and visitors can take part in this fun activity and make their donation in the box situated on main reception. There will also be a fun quiz night for staff on Thursday 17 May from 5.30pm. For more details and to enter your team, contact Hannah Martin or Sarah-Jane Mahoney on ext 107092.

Acorn's marathon runner

Paediatric Physio Leona Martin completed this year's London Marathon raising £2,150 for her chosen charity Livability. They are a disability charity that connect people with their community and run care services and community projects for all ages. She was supported along the route by a number of the team and also gained huge encouragement from many people in the crowd.

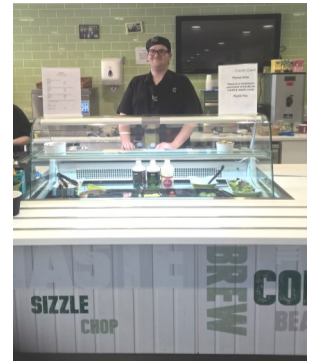
It was commented that each time the team spotted her she had a beaming smile, which hopefully showed she enjoyed her experience. "We are very proud of Leona and wanted to offer her our congratulations," said Jayne Thompson, Paediatric Therapy Manager.



New Deli Bar

The Snack Box Deli Bar opened on Monday 30 April 2018 selling freshly made to order, sandwiches, baguettes and wraps with a variety of fillings. OCS will be introducing over the next few weeks various salad and pasta pick and mix to choose from.

Any requests or suggestions to improve the range, please complete a comments card available in the Snack Box.



News in brief

Gardening help needed - Do you have a couple of hours to spare to come to Queen Mary's and tend to one of our garden areas? We have three areas that are in desperate need of some TLC. We have the tools for the work, now we are asking for some help. Please contact Denise Webb via the details below.

Generator test - a reminder to all that this takes place on Wednesday 9 May between the hours of 7am to 8am. Please note that the lifts will not be working during this time.

Two Costa coffee machines will be installed during May, one in the Urgent Care Centre and one in the main reception. This will allow staff and visitors to purchase hot and cold drinks out of hours when the Snack Box and Friends Café are closed.

Dementia action week is 21 to 27 May and as part of this Bexley & Greenwich Alzheimers Society will be holding a stall in the main reception on Thursday 24 May in support of this. Do drop by and show your support to this worthy cause.

Reminder to still be vigilant when on the QM site. Vehicles are still being targeted by criminal activity so please ensure when leaving your car you do not leave valuables on show.

Coffee with the Cops is continuing each month with our Longlands Police Liaison Officer, PC Sophie Scott providing a link between the local community and the Metropolitan Police. Come and have a chat about any issues. Notices will be around reception for the next surgery date.

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. Contact details are: denise.webb@nhs.net or you can telephone on **020 8308 3013**.