

Visit of Dr. Stephen Yelland to the Worcester Leg Club®

Dr Stephen Yelland, a GP in a five doctor practice in Queensland, Australia and his wife Rasma, the practice manager, visited the Worcester Leg Club on 18th June. Stephen has a special interest in treating leg ulcers and his partners are quite happy to hand over their 'hard to heal' patients, thus giving him a challenging caseload!

Due to the heat in Queensland, many of his patients refuse to have compression bandaging or hosiery! Otherwise they seem to use similar dressings to us (although different brand names) such as manuka honey and silver products. He also performs a great number of biopsies, partly because they have a large problem with skin cancers, but also because he obtains more information than from swabs, and he says there is little difference in cost.

He was very interested in the concept of Leg Club, not having visited one before, and acknowledged that the combination of social interaction and medical care assists in patient well being. He was interested to see that an important aspect of the Leg Club is the 'Well Leg Club' with its aim to prevent breakdown of the skin in the first place or to prevent recurrence of ulceration.

Rasma was a very welcome guest, and spent all afternoon chatting to members and volunteers about their experiences of Leg Club.

Stephen and Rasma left us to travel to Wales where they were visiting Jessie at Llandrindod Wells.

We hope we've given them food for thought!