

Happy Birthday Florence Nightingale



On the 12th May is Nurses' Day, this is an annual event which takes place each year on Florence Nightingale's birthday. It is a chance to celebrate the remarkable difference nursing staff make each and every day. To celebrate Nurses' Day at Darent Valley Hospital, a stand was located in the main entrance displaying lots of information. There were also two specially designed cakes with the Nurses's Day emblem printed on them. These cakes will be shared with all of the day / night shift nurses and nursing assistants working today.

Sue Simmons, Matron said *"I attended the Florence Nightingale service at*

Westminster Abbey yesterday which was very moving and makes me proud to be a nurse. In celebration of today I would like to ask all nurses and nursing assistants to take a few minutes to reflect on what they do, how they make a difference and of course remember how proud they should be of their chosen profession."

Nurses' Day is also an opportunity for patients to thank the nursing staff for all of their care, hard work and dedication.