

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Staff Matters**

Amazingly Dr Dan Henderson's final year of training with us is almost over. He officially finishes on the 6<sup>th</sup> August. Fortunately for us he has agreed to do some locum cover so he will still be seen about for some months to come.

On 7<sup>th</sup> August Dr Katie Duff-Walker will be joining us for 6 months as part of her training.

## **Health Matters**

### **Medication Reviews**

Medication reviews are a vital part of the care that you receive from us. They do need to be done thoroughly and will normally take the full ten minutes of a standard appointment. Please don't expect that a doctor will be able to discuss any other items of concern with you during this time. If you know you need to discuss other matters please either make a double appointment or book a separate time in which to see the doctor. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Collecting Medication**

The first couple of hours each day are probably the busiest time both for our receptionists and also for the dispensers. This is when the main drug delivery arrives and it all needs to be unpacked, checked and sorted. If you are planning on coming in just to collect your medicines it would help us greatly if you could do so after 10:30 am.

## Samples

If you have been asked to bring in a sample or specimen please be aware that the courier collects these at lunchtime to take to the labs. We are not able to store these overnight. If you do bring one in during the afternoon the likelihood is that it will not be processed by the lab and you will need to repeat the whole exercise.

## Information

### Dates for Flu jabs

As an experiment we are changing the way we do these in 2014. Instead of having them on weekdays we will be running them on Saturday mornings in October from 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

4<sup>th</sup> October Sixpenny Handley  
11<sup>th</sup> October Broad Chalke  
18<sup>th</sup> October Sixpenny Handley  
25<sup>th</sup> October Broad Chalke

### PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

We have a Patient Participation Group which runs currently on a virtual footing. We send regular but infrequent emails asking for comment and advice on potential changes to the Practice. We would like to have more members of this group representing all sections of the Practice, including those people who seldom visit us.

#### **If you are interested**

Please email us on

**Sixpenny.ppg@nhs.net**

stating your name and first line of address

Please note: We will not respond to any medical questions via this email.

We will store your email address in an email group but it will not be shared with anyone outside the surgery, not even with other members of the group unless you specifically ask.

The information you supply will be used lawfully, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Data Protection Act 1998 gives you the right to know what information is held about you, and sets out rules to make sure that this information is handled properly.

### Useful web sites

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) NHS Choices – a web site for health advice

[www.sixpennydocs.co.uk](http://www.sixpennydocs.co.uk) The Practice website