

NEWSLETTER

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The Doctors and staff wish you a very happy Christmas.

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. When booking an appointment for your Medication Review please check with the Receptionist if you need a blood test prior to this appointment.

EBOLA what should you do?

I am sure that you are all aware of the horrifying story unfolding in West Africa. It seems a long way away and indeed the threat to us is small unless we choose to visit one of the affected countries. But what if you meet someone who has just come back from there and following that you feel ill? What should you do? **PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE SURGEY.** Instead please ring the surgery and speak to a doctor. If the doctor thinks that there is a chance that you might have contracted EBOLA the doctor will organise for you to be taken to hospital where they will take a blood sample to test for the virus. The most important thing to do is act quickly. If you have the virus you need to be isolated for everyone's benefit.

Do you depend on electrically operated vital equipment?

People depending on medical equipment can join a FREE Priority Services Register run by Western Power Distribution. In any event resulting in a power cut, they will seek to get power back to you or sort out some other means of assistance as a matter of urgency. If you would like to find out more about this, either for yourself or for a friend, please either ask at the reception desk for a flyer, or go online at www.westernpower.co.uk or call 0800 6783 105

CHILDREN'S FLU VACCINE NEW 2014

All children aged 2, 3 and 4 on the 1st September 2014 are eligible for a flu nasal spray
(not injection)

We will be running clinics only at Sixpenny Handley Surgery

Monday 3rd November 2-3pm

Monday 10th November 4-5pm

Please ring the surgery on 01725 552500 or 01722 780282 to make an appointment.

Information

Booking Appointments Online

If you use the internet why not sign up for access to a secure website which will allow you to book an appointment with a doctor up to four weeks ahead. The process is straightforward and the system also allows you to order any repeat medication as well.

It doesn't stop you from booking in all the usual ways it merely adds an additional one. Forms are available at the reception desk.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Sixpenny Handley Dispensary 01725 552589 (12 – 3pm)

District Nurses 01725 552792

Out of Hours 111

Useful web sites

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk The Practice website

www.nhs.uk NHS Choices – a web site for health advice