



Practice News

New Newsletter for 2009!

We hope you like the new newsletter. However we have only had 12 replies out of 50+ letters distributed saying you want to see more. Details of comments made are on the last page of this newsletter.

Flu vaccinations

- This year will be complicated .
- There are two different injections One for Seasonal Flu and the other for H1N1 Swine Flu.
- The schedule for Seasonal Flu Clinics is attached.
- The H1N1 swine flu vaccination is still not ready. The media , surgery notice boards & web site will give information as soon as it is ready.
- Strict eligibility criteria apply to both vaccinations so please consult the information sheets
- Please note you do not have to book a flu injection if you are in one of the at risk groups. Just turn up during the specified clinic times

Patient Participation Group

We will advertise an open meeting in due course so if you are interested in being part of this please watch out for more details

TV screens in the waiting rooms

We are getting a number of comments about the screens and lack of magazines in the waiting rooms. The screens provide a useful source of health news while you wait to see a doctor or nurse. The back ground noise helps to improve confidentiality by masking conversations at reception so please take advantage of the opportunity to hear about health matters.

The lack of magazines is part of the preparation for a flu pandemic and reduces the risk of catching infection.

Surgery internet site

There is a lot of information on this site (including newsletters, contacts and staffing and self help information) if you have internet access. The practice leaflet is available in paper form as well.

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



Laughter is the best medicine!

Other news

- Angela Bennett will be joining us in early September to take over as lead practice nurse. We welcome her and hope she will enjoy this challenging and varied role.
- Megan Perrott who is already part of the team is now training to be a phlebotomist. She will also be coordinating our 24 hour blood pressure clinic
- Rachel Bishop is helping our admin team organize the huge number of letters we receive each week so the information is available to the doctors soon after it arrives in the surgery

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- 2. Pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on stage of pregnancy**
- 3. Household contacts of immune-compromised individuals**
- 4. People aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at risk groups.**

These groups have been identified because they are at highest risk of severe illness should they contract the swine flu virus.

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The practice serves the area bounded by the Tarrant Valley *to the West*; the Salisbury/Shafesbury Road (more or less) *to the North*; Long Crichel, Cranborne, Martin and Coombe Bissett *in the South*.

We have two fully equipped surgeries with full disabled access. Broad Chalke tends to serve the Chalke Valley and Sixpenny Handley the remainder. You are welcome to attend either surgery. Sixpenny Handley is the administrative centre for the practice and the Practice Manager is based there. All members of the core clinical team are available at both surgeries at various times.

Surgery Opening Hours

	Sixpenny Handley Surgery			Broad Chalke Surgery	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Monday	8.00-1.00	2.00 - 6.15	6.30-8.30	8.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 6.15
Tuesday	8.00-1.00	Closed		8.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 6.15
Wednesday	8.00-1.00	2.00 - 6.15		8.00 - 1.00	Closed
Thursday	8.00-1.00	2.00 - 6.00		8.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 6.15
Friday	8.00-1.00	2.00 - 6.15		8.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 6.00
Saturday	Closed				

The first edition of the newsletter has been popular and several issues have been raised.

- Please add who's who and self help information to the newsletter. [\[This information is readily available on the web site and in the latest practice leaflet.\]](#)
- So we can appreciate the work load of staff member can we hear what their roles are. E.g. day in the life of. [\[Please look at the web site. We will try to put information about this in future newsletters.\]](#)
- Who does minor ops. [\[All the doctors can advise about minor operations and will recommend which doctor can help. Please make an appointment if you need to.\]](#)
- Circulation of this newsletter to all the broadsheets. [\[We feel this is too time consuming and difficult to circulate a monthly publication in all the local broadsheets. The newsletter is available on the web site and in each surgery. Instead we will advertise the newsletter in the broadsheets, instead informing people how they can obtain a copy\]](#)

Smokestop clinics run on Monday evenings. Please ask for details at reception

