

Nettleham Medical Practice

And Cherry Willingham Branch Surgery Winter 2017

SMS Messaging Service & Email

As you may already be aware the Practice is now able to provide SMS text messages confirming appointment details. Over the next couple of months the practice is moving to a new system which will enable the practice to contact patients by text and email for non-urgent matters such as health promotion campaigns, repeat prescriptions and referrals. This will enable patients to be contacted quicker than the current traditional route of posting a letter as well as being more environmentally friendly. In

order to benefit from this new service, we require consent from you to receive text messages and email and also need to ensure that the contact details we have on record for you are correct. Consent forms can be downloaded from the practice website or collected from either of the practice sites.



PPG Update

The Patient Participation Group consists of patients registered with the Nettleham Medical Practice with the aim of raising awareness of various medical issues and supporting the work of the Practice and the patients registered with it.

On the first 'flu' clinic - Saturday, the 30th September we held a MacMillan Coffee morning - so, if you were involved in having a 'flu' jab on that day you will have found the main waiting room at Nettleham surgery offering tea or coffee and various delicious cakes etc. Or, you may have purchased a raffle ticket and been fortunate enough to win a prize. All winners of raffle prizes were contacted by telephone and prizes collected from the surgery. The doctor and nurses on duty that day were really accommodating as the waiting room was changed into more of a lounge area and certainly noise levels were increased. We raised £680.40p for the MacMillan Cancer Support Charity so it was a very successful time. We would like to thank all those who donated such wonderful raffle prizes which made the raffle itself a huge success.

If you have any ideas how your patient participation group could be used or be of further help, or if you have any queries about the group etc please contact Pam, our Chairperson, on the same telephone number.

Monthly Early Closures for Training 2017

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In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1pm on the following afternoons.

Emergency help is still available by calling 111

Tuesday 21st November 2017

Tuesday 19th December 2017

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Voluntary Driving Scheme (VDS) Drivers wanted

We do have a very successful driving scheme covering the areas of: Cherry Willingham, Reepham, Fiskerton, Short Ferry, Langworth, Sudbrooke, Scothern, North Greetwell, Nettleham Fields, Glebe Park and Nettleham. We are seriously short of drivers - especially in the Nettleham area. We collect patients from their homes and transport them to both surgeries (Nettleham and Cherry Willingham) and also to the Ravendale Clinic in Lincoln. We do need more drivers if we are to ensure the survival of our scheme and would love to hear from anyone who could spare some time to drive for us.

Please contact either the surgery reception or telephone: 01522 858451 if you would like further information or would like to volunteer to serve your local communities in this very practical and rewarding way. Drivers are paid their mileage whilst carrying out their driving duties.

Contact Details - Nettleham 01522 751717
Website - www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

When the surgery is closed ring freephone 111
Practice Manager - Helen Lunn