



WILLOW GREEN SURGERY



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PATIENT LINK

The winners! Patient Link entered a float in the East Preston Carnival and won first prize for Adult Float and 2nd prize for the individual walking category. The theme of the float was 'Exotic locations spread exotic diseases – get your travel vaccinations now'. There were depictions of four different countries with representatives in traditional dress from each country and some rather nasty looking bugs. Practice Nurses Liz Hedges and Elizabeth Monoogian dressed as a camel with a rather large syringe. Rosettes are on display in Reception. During Carnival week Patient Link raised £464.42. On the 12th July the Summer Fayre was held at the East Preston Village Hall. Cream teas, tombola and raffle were all available and a total of £847.12 was raised.

CALLING ALL CARERS

If you are caring for someone, friend, relative, or neighbour, it is important to look after your own health. The flu season is almost upon us and we recommend that all carers have a flu injection. If you

are already registered as a carer with us then just come along to the surgery and ask for a flu appointment. If you are not registered as a carer then please register at Reception and you will receive a carer's pack full of useful information.

SURGERY OPENING TIMES

The surgery is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8a.m. to 6.30p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 7.30a.m. to 6.30p.m. There are pre bookable appointments available on Monday and Thursday evenings but the surgery is not open for routine matters.

FLU CLINICS



Once again the flu immunisation season is with us. As in previous years we will not be accepting telephone bookings for appointments. Please come into the surgery

to pick up a booking slip. These slips are available now. The flu dates so far are –

Saturday 11th October from 8.30am

Saturday 18th October from 8.30am

We advise any patient over the age of 65 or who is in an 'at risk' group to have a flu immunisation. These include diabetic patients, patients with chronic heart disease, liver or renal disease, chronic respiratory disease including asthma and impaired immunity. Also if you are living in a residential care home or are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person.

If you are housebound and unable to get to the surgery please let the receptionist know.

Please note that the reception desk will be closed on the mornings of flu clinics and all the prescriptions locked away. We are therefore unable to give out any prescriptions on the morning, please place any prescription requests in the prescription box on the left hand side as you enter the surgery.

So far the weather has only been poor once so fingers crossed.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Willow Green Surgery plan to hold a Christmas Bazaar in aid of St. Barnabas, on Saturday 13th December 10-12, does anyone have any great ideas for stalls that are easy to set up and highly profitable? If so please mention your idea to the staff at Reception. Any ideas and donations would be gratefully received.

FIT FOR THE FUTURE

The West Sussex PCT's decision on the reconfiguration of local hospital services has been referred to Alan Johnson Secretary of State for Health. Chichester District Council has started a Judicial Review process challenging whether or not the PCT has followed the right procedures during the *Fit for Future* consultation process. We will keep you posted of any developments.

PROTECT

The surgery will be closed from 12.30pm on the following Tuesdays for Protect Training Sessions.

- 16th September
- 25th November

We take the opportunity to close for protected time for GPs and staff to learn new skills and update their knowledge.

WELCOME TO DR JENNY PAIN

Dr Jenny Pain has joined us as a GP Registrar. Jenny trained at Birmingham University and qualified as a Doctor in 2004. During her training she worked in Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Elderly Care. She is currently undertaking a Family Planning course. Jenny originates from Dorset and is currently living in Horsham, West Sussex. All at Willow Green would like to welcome Jenny and hope she enjoys her time with us.

DON'T FORGET

The clocks go back on Sunday 26th October as British Summertime comes to an end.....' what summer I hear you all cry!' Don't forgetFall back and Spring forward!

MEASLES MUMPS AND RUBELLA



90% of children in West Sussex are immunised against measles, mumps and rubella by their second birthday. This is a higher number compared to other parts of the country. Professor David Salisbury, Director of Immunisation at the Department of Health said 'Parents who have not had their children vaccinated with the MMR vaccine should do so now. The MMR vaccine

coverage is not high enough to remove the threat of recurrence of Measles outbreaks. Measles is serious and in some cases it can be fatal. Delaying immunisation puts children at risk.' Please come down to our Friday afternoon Immunisation Clinic from 1.30 -2.30.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

A request has been put in for this newsletter to feature jokes again. Since taking over the writing of this newsletter I have often thought of putting a joke in but have always been concerned about causing offence. Since I have received a specific request I will give it a go and see what the response is like. I cannot promise they will be funny and apologies if they cause offence to anyone! *Nancy*

Why do squirrels always 'live happily ever afterwards'?

Because they have furry tail ends.



Doctor, doctor. Every time I stand up quickly, I see Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy. **Ok, how long have you been having these Disney spells?**

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