

News from Holbrook and Shotley Surgery

Training days

Our next training afternoons will be on Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 15th September when we will be shut from 1pm. In addition there will be a session on Thursday 14th July, though no training in August. Please ring 111 for advice if your query cannot wait until the following day. In an emergency, dial 999.

Out of Area patients

Last year we were offered the chance to register 'Out of Area' patients but, after careful consideration, the partners decided to use our resources to focus on those patients genuinely resident within our practice boundary. If you move out of our area, you will be asked to register at your local practice and should do so as soon as possible to ensure continuity of care, especially if you are on any medication. We appreciate that patients like to remain here as patients but this decision has not been taken lightly.

Extended Hours

We have made a small change to the times when we offer extended hours' surgeries. There will no longer be a longer clinic on a Wednesday afternoon at Holbrook; however, we will offer an additional clinic from 7.30am on a Monday morning at Holbrook. Remember that we also open on a Saturday morning at Holbrook for pre-booked appointments and offer extended surgeries on a Monday and Thursday evening at Shotley. We can book appointments for the GP+ hub in Ipswich for evenings and weekends – please contact reception.

Sponsorship

Thank you to all those who kindly sponsored Chris and I to undertake the Midnight Walk in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice in May. We raised over £320 between us and the weather was perfect for a late evening walk. The atmosphere was wonderful and very moving – definitely a worthwhile cause. There is still time to sponsor Colin Redmonds who will be undertaking the Orwell Walk on Sunday 26th June. Colin is raising money for the practice to buy equipment to benefit our patients and we have already collected £287 in sponsorship for this.

Appointments over the summer holidays

In order to provide enough cover over the holidays, we will only be offering appointments 'on-the-day' over the summer holidays. If you need to see or speak to a GP, please ring on the day you wish to be seen for an appointment.

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