

The Bulletin

Newsletter for the Friends of Jenner House Support Group

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PRACTICE NEWS

• Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

Over 1200 people attended the two Saturday morning flu vaccination clinics, the experiences from the previous year ensured that queues were kept to a minimum and that the two mornings went very smoothly. A big **thank you**, to the Friends of Jenner for their support and assistance, as well as to all the staff who gave up their Saturday morning.

• Swine Flu Vaccination

The Department of Health recommend that the following groups of patients should be vaccinated:

- People aged over six months and under 65 years in current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups (Diabetes, Heart Disease, COPD, Stroke/TIA, Asthmatics on Inhaled Steroids)
- All pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on trimesters (about 0.5 million people).
- Household contacts of people with compromised immune systems e.g. people in regular close contact with patients on treatment for cancer.
- People aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups This does not include otherwise healthy over 65s, since they appear to have some natural immunity to the virus.
- Children born between 1.1.05 and 1.7.09. (Note: we will require written consent from the mother.)

Please ask at Reception for an appointment

GP Appointments

Routine appointments will be offered for the first available appointment and can generally be booked up to four in weeks in advance.

The Practice also releases appointments on the day. You need to ring at 8.30am for an appointment that day, am or pm. (Please note we no longer release appointments at 1.30pm.)

Please help us to help others by contacting the Practice if you are unable to attend your appointment.

Staff News

We have a new member of the reception team, **Josie Coliadis** joined the Practice in November 2009.

At the beginning of February we will be welcoming **Dr Alex Phipps** who will join the Practice as a GP Registrar. Dr Phipps will be with the Practice for 18 months.

Practice Website

Don't forget, up to date information on all the services provided by the Practice can be found on our website

<http://www.oldharlowhealth.co.uk/> or the NHS website <http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/homepage.aspx>, this site also provides information on how the surgery performs nationally.

David Bell
Practice Manager

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• **Friends of Jenner House AGM** •
• The AGM will be held at •
• Jenner House on Wednesday •
• 24th February 2010 at 7.00 pm •
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