

# HORSMAN'S PLACE SURGERY



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**New Practice Nurse**—we are delighted to inform you we have a new Practice Nurse whose name is Joanne. She will be working in the treatment room Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Janet and Sue are still with us covering the treatment room on Thursday and Friday and are here offering health reviews and INR warfarin monitoring the rest of the week.

**PERTUSSIS VACCINATION IN PREGNANCY**—Don't forget, if you are pregnant, you are encouraged to have this vaccine from 28 weeks onwards up until 8 weeks post birth. This is to reduce the chances of your baby contracting whooping cough in the period leading up to their own vaccinations. Please book an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses.

**SHINGLES VACCINATION**—If you were 70 or 79 as of 1st September 2013, you are eligible for the Shingles Vaccination which can reduce the severity and length of shingles symptoms should you contract it. If you are 70 or 79 on 1st September 2014, you will be eligible for the Shingles vaccine through the following year 1.9.2014—31.8.2015. Please book an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses to have this done.

**EXTENDED HOURS SURGERIES**—Just a reminder to patients of the Extended Hours Surgeries that we run here at the Practice each week. We have a GP extended hours clinic that normally runs on a Monday morning from 6.45am. We have Health Care Assistant clinics running also on a Monday morning from 6.45am, Thursday evening 6.30-8.30pm and Thursday and Friday mornings from 7.30am.

**TELEPHONE QUEUING SYSTEM**—We hope to have our cloud queuing system up and running very soon. What it will mean for patients: you will be told what ‘number’ you are in the queue, you can then make an informed decision around whether you are willing to hold on or call back later. Don’t forget, you can register with our online services to book your appointments online, all of our doctor’s pre-bookable appointments are published to the web and the ‘on-the-day’ slots are published first thing in the morning as the phone lines go on. Please visit [www.horsmansplacesurgery.co.uk](http://www.horsmansplacesurgery.co.uk) to register.

**GP REGISTRARS**—We say a sad goodbye to Phabia and Farzina our GP Registrars who have been with us for a year. We will be welcoming a new GP Registrar very soon.