

Spring Song Fundraiser!

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a fundraiser event on **Saturday 16th March** in partnership with our PPG. This will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton from 7pm – 9pm. The evening of music will feature our own Dr Susie Weir as part of Copious Notes, a cappella singers, which will be close harmony singing covering everything from Bach to Billy Joel! There will also be music from The Mozaic Octet, a woodwind group who will provide a real mix of music from jazz to classical.

Tickets are £15 each or £130 for a table of 10.

Cheese & wine is also included in the ticket price.

Tickets for the event will be available from M&B stores and from the surgery. Cash or card payments can be accepted.

Proceeds will go towards the mural for our new surgery which will be of the church and cows on the common - as you see on the front of this newsletter and may have seen on our letter headings. We are very excited to see the end result!

Please attend and support us!



Minchinhampton Surgery

Here with you



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Welcome to the first surgery newsletter of 2024!

New surgery build

You may have been keeping an eye on the progression of our new surgery building which we can confirm is going well. The groundworks are being constructed and the steel frame is almost complete. The required changes to the power supply have also been made.

We are also now working on some of the services that the new build will allow us to offer - such as education and group therapy. Watch this space!

Carry on abroad

Planning a trip abroad this summer? The surgery provides advice and travel vaccines by our dedicated travel nurses. In order to be fully prepared, we ask that you contact us for an initial telephone appointment with one of our travel nurses to discuss your requirements and current level of vaccination cover. This appointment should be at least six weeks before you travel. The nurse will then outline what vaccines are needed, advise you of any costs, and book your appointments.

We also welcome and encourage our patients to research general travel advice and recommended vaccines via the weblink Travel Health Pro: www.travelhealthpro.org.uk/

Bon Voyage!

Respiratory reviews

It's still winter for a while longer and it's important to keep any respiratory condition under control. For patients with diagnosed asthma (using preventative inhalers), COPD, or any other respiratory condition, it is important that you attend your annual review which will be in the month of your birthday. Of course, if you are having trouble in-between reviews – please get in touch with reception and state you are having problems with your respiratory condition.

Our pharmacy team and local community pharmacies can help with inhaler technique and inhaler technical queries. It is very important to use your inhaler correctly to ensure you are getting the right dose of medication. The Asthma and Lung UK website has a wealth of information and advice including support, groups, and a helpline: www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/

Online access to your NHS record

If you don't already have access to view your medical record online, this has now been made even easier! You can simply download the NHS App to your smartphone and verify your identity using facial recognition and your passport or driving licence. You will need your NHS number - if you don't know this, please contact reception.

The NHS App will enable you to view your record from the date it is set up, book appointments, order prescriptions, and view test results. It also provides a 111 online service to check if you need urgent medical help.

If you require retrospective (historic) access to your medical record, this can be provided by returning a completed online access form to the surgery with a form of original photographic ID. You will then be sent an email providing your log-in and password to access SystemOnline.