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|  | Catshill Village Surgery | | September 2022 |
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| Practice news | | | |
| The day of the Queen's state funeral on Monday 19 September 2022 is to be a bank holiday, it has been announced.  The one-off holiday was formally approved by King Charles III at his first meeting at St James’s Palace in London.  The means that the practice will not be open on Monday 19th of September 2022. | |  | Practice hours  Monday 8:00am – 6:30pm  Tuesday 8:00am – 6:30pm  Wednesday 8:00am – 6:30pm  Thursday 8:00am – 1 pm  Friday 8:00am – 6:30pm  The practice will be closed for:  **The Queen’s Funeral –**  **Bank Holiday**  **Monday 19th September 2022**  The surgery is closed every lunch time between:  1:00pm and 2:00pm  Reception phone lines are open at 8.00am  Online access is always available  **Telephone No: 01527 872 426 Email:** [**catshill.surgery@nhs.net**](mailto:catshill.surgery@nhs.net) **www.catshillvillagesurgery.co.uk** |
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| Long-acting contraception clinics | | | |
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| We are pleased to announce we now offer fitting and removal of the contraception implant (Nexplanon), coil removals and will soon be offering coil fittings.  If you are considering either of these options as your contraception, or already use these methods and are due a change, please contact reception and ask to book an appointment with Dr Daniels or Dr Ford.  Further information on these methods of contraception can be found at:  <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/contraception/contraceptive-implant/>  [https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/contraception/iud-coil/,](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/contraception/iud-coil/)  <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/contraception/ius-intrauterine-system/> | |  | National Eye Health Week  19th – 25th of September 2022  For more information visit:  <https://www.visionmatters.org.uk/> |
| Vison Matters | Macmillan Cancer Support | | |
| National Eye Health Week logo, 19 - 25 September 2022, Your Vision Matters This year’s National Eye Health Week (NEHW) will take place from the 19th – 25th of September 2022, promoting the importance of good eye health and the need for regular eye tests for all.  Vision really matters. Sight is the sense people fear losing the most, yet most of us don’t know how to look after our eyes – National Eye Health Week aims to change all that!  For more information visit:  <https://www.visionmatters.org.uk/>  Private Work  If you have decided on a private consultation and you require a private letter to support this process, please note this may take a little time to complete. Please do not request a private letter if you are not prepared to wait a reasonable time for this to be processed. There is no fee for a private referral letter, but we do need time. To find out more about our timeframe and fees for all other private work please contact the practice where a member of the team will be able to advise you. | Macmillan’s Coffee Morning is our biggest fundraising event to support people living with cancer.  People all over the UK host their own Coffee Morning. In 2021 Macmillan raised over £11 million and hope to top that this year.  Join Macmillan on Friday 30th September for Coffee Morning. Sign up to host, invite your guests and get together to raise money for people living with cancer. Whatever your reason, it's a great one.  To find an event near you visit:  <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/search/> | | |

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| Students | Cancel it |

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| For the past year the surgery has hosted final year  medical students on placement from Birmingham  University. The aim of their placement is to learn  what General Practice is like on a day-to-day  basis and to further their medical knowledge  and experience by dealing directly with patient problems.  You may have already encountered them working  alongside our GPs and hopefully you have been  as impressed as we have with their professionalism.  If, when booking an appointment, you are asked  about whether you would like to speak to a  medical student we hope that you would be happy  to take part in progressing their medical education  as these young people are our future Doctors!  Please be reassured that the students are fully  supervised and that you will still speak to a GP  following your consult with a student.  Please also be reassured that you are under no obligation to have a student appointment if offered one and can request that you speak to the GP first, but the feedback from patients who have had student interactions so far is overwhelmingly positive! | When demand is high it can be difficult to get a routine appointment with a doctor or nurse. When patients fail to attend for their appointments this makes things harder.  When patients are declined routine appointments because they are all booked, it is very disappointing when one of those booked appointments does not turn up and has not contacted the surgery so it can be released for someone else.  The information below is gathered from 1st June – 31st August 2022  Patients with multiple cancellation 208 Total number of patients who cancelled 712  Patients with multiple DNAs 8 Total number of patients who DNA 120 |
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**Flu and Covid Vaccination – have you had yours?** 

Its that time of year again and we will soon be commencing the Flu and Covid vaccination programme at Catshill Village Surgery.

As social contact returns to pre-pandemic norms there is likely to be a resurgence in influenza activity in Winter 2022/2023. It is also anticipated that Covid-19 will continue to circulate.

We aim to vaccinate as many eligible people as possible at the earliest opportunity, to ensure the best protection for those at risk of developing serious complications from these infections.

The first 3 clinics are to be held on:

* Sunday 2nd October
* Sunday 9th October
* Sunday 16th October

There will be more clinics to follow throughout November and December.

For the smooth running of clinics:

* Please arrive at the time of your appointment only.
* Please wear appropriate clothing (short sleeves if possible).
* Please wear a face mask.