**Halliwell Surgery Winter/Spring Newsletter**

We still have a few flu and pneumonia vaccinations left, so call the surgery to book if you are over 65; a carer; pregnant or on a chronic disease register.

**DNA appointments** – we are still experiencing a lot of missed appointments – we had 99 since in December 2019 - if you cannot make your appointment, please let us know so that we can offer the appointment to somebody else.

Shingles vaccination is also available for certain age groups. If you are entitled to a shingles vaccination, you will have received a letter, please ask at reception for an appointment.

**Students:** Please be aware that as a training Practice we open our doors to the GPs of the future- student doctors are often in the surgery, to learn from our GPs how to work in general practice. If you can spare a few moments to speak to them during their time here, you are helping a future generation of doctors, thank you for doing so.

**Health checks:** A simple blood test and a check up with the nurse can help you live a longer and healthier life. If you are invited for a check-up for either a chronic condition; being at risk of a chronic condition or simply a health check to make sure that all is OK, please attend.

In February we say goodbye to our Trainee Doctor, Dr Khan but will be joined by another Trainee Doctor, Dr Rajnauth and our Registrar, Dr Khonat.

If you would like to join our Patient Participation Group (PPG), please ask reception for a form to fill in. We would like to know how we can improve our service to you and how you perceive our surgery and staff. We will be arranging a meeting in February/March.

**Joanne**