**The Croft Surgery, Kirkbride CA7 5JH, telephone: 016973 51207**

** We are introducing a text reminder service in the coming weeks.**

**Next time you contact us, please provide details of any mobile telephone numbers for you and your family members.**

**Closure Dates**

**The surgery closes for essential staff training once a month.**

**The surgery will close at 1pm on the following dates:**

**September 20th October 11th November 16th January 17th**

**Calls will be taken by Cumbria Health on Call, but please call 111 for medical advice or 999 in case of an emergency.**

**All patients who get their repeat medication here must allow 2 full working days from the day ordered to the day of collection. This is to allow us to dispense medicines safely before prescriptions can leave the building.**

**If you order on Monday, collection day will be Wednesday etc.  In the case of Bank Holidays please order a day earlier.**

**Any orders placed via the internet while the surgery is closed, will not be processed until the surgery’s next working day, and will be ready for collection in accordance with the above.**

**If you use our delivery service, please order by noon on Friday.**

**We are registered as a training practice.**

**During the coming weeks we are welcoming student doctors, who will sit in to observe and may assist in consultations.   
We are grateful to our patients for helping with this important part of their training but if you prefer that a student is not present when you see the doctor, please let the receptionist know.**

**In 2018 a GP registrar will join our team of doctors and will be seeing patients in consultations.**

**Seasonal** ‘**flu vaccination clinics**

**Kirkbride, Village Hall – Saturday 30th September 8.30am - 11.30am**

**Port Carlisle, The Bowling Clubhouse – Tuesday 10th October 10.30am - 1.30pm**

**Kirkbampton Village Hall – Wednesday 11th October 9.00am - 12.00 (noon)**

**You are eligible to receive a free flu jab if:**

* **you are 65 years of age or over,**
* **you are pregnant,**
* **you have certain medical conditions (including asthma, diabetes, COPD)**
* **you live in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility**
* **you receive a carer’s allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.**

**Refreshments are available and these sessions are supported by our Patients’ Group**

**Patient Access**

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**Patient Access lets you use the online services of the practice; these include arranging appointments, ordering repeat medication, & viewing a summary of your medical details.**

**Ask at reception for a Patient Access registration letter.**

**When you collect the letter from your practice, you'll need to bring proof of identity (e.g. your driving licence or passport) with you.**

**You will then need to follow the steps on the letter to create password, some security questions in case you need to reset your password & a user ID**

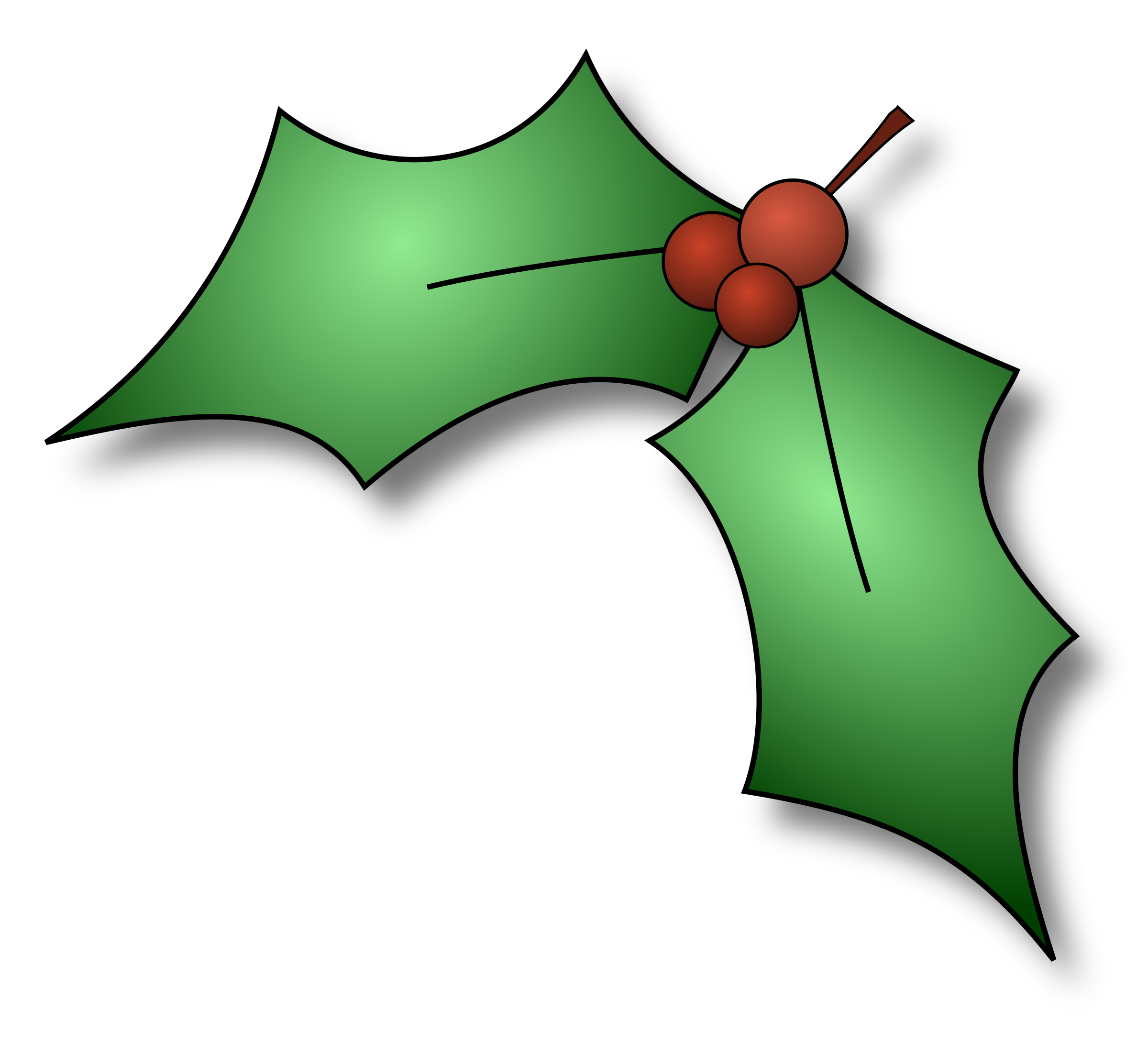
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**Delivery Service**

**Due to staff & public holidays, there will be no prescription delivery on 27th December 2017**

**Please place your order well in advance to take account of these dates or make alternative arrangements for the collection of your medication.**

**We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.**

**Christmas Opening **

**We will be closed on the Bank Holidays**

**Monday 25th December 2017**

**Tuesday 26th December 2017**

**Monday 1st January 2018**

**Please allow extra time if you need to order medication over the holiday period.**

**Friends of Kirkbride Surgery**

**This fund exists because of the generous donations of patients, their families and friends who benefit from the services that Kirkbride Surgery provides.**

**The fund has 2 trustees who give their time to ensure that the fund’s money is used wisely, and for the benefit of all the practice’s patients, through the supply of equipment and support of health-promoting activities.**

**To help illustrate the good work that has been done, the major purchases over the past five years are detailed below.**

**Electrical pads for defibrillator machine £87**

**Leg tubes (request from district nurses) £62**

**Upkeep & hire of Oxygen cylinders for emergency use for**

**all doctors £853 pa**

**Pulse oximeters for emergency & diagnostic assessment £516**

**Hire of village halls for community flu vaccination clinics £66 pa**

**Blood pressure machines for loaning to patients £165**

**Projector for use in training sessions £390**

**Paediatric pulse oximeters £330**

**Upgrade of ECG machine £756**

**Batteries for the defibrillator machines £220**

**3 patient couches with elevating mechanism £2589**

**Keeler slit lamp for eye examinations £4590**

**British lung foundation information leaflets £25**

**Digital lens ophthalmoscope £457**

**Obstetric Doppler for hearing baby’s heart beat £284**

**Abdominal ultrasound scanner £3000**

**Label printer for sample identification £197**

**Sturdy patient chairs £125**

**Sturdy patient chairs to carry up to 35 stones £840**

**Dermoscope for skin diagnosis £885**

**Extra dispens-it machine to enable us to produce blister**

**packs for patients who have asked for additional support**

**in administering their medication £825**

**3 new defibrillators to replace unrepairable machines**

**& one for a new partner to carry in the car for emergencies £2400**