**Stanton Surgery’s Pharmacy Application – the Facts**

The practice would like to correct some inaccurate statements made in this month’s Stanton Steamer by stating the following facts:

* The practice has made an application to open a pharmacy
* The purpose of making this application is to protect the dispensing service at Stanton Surgery from compulsorily having to cease if a corporate pharmacy chain or independent pharmacy makes a successful application to open in the village
* If the application is successful, patients of Ixworth, Botesdale and Woolpit surgeries who live in Stanton will still be able to obtain their medication from their own practice
* This is because all three of the other surgeries have already made successful applications to run their own pharmacies from their own premises
* If the application is successful, patients will not notice any change in the way their medication is dispensed from the surgery
* If the application is unsuccessful, dispensing services at Stanton Surgery will be protected from corporate or independent pharmacies opening for the next five years