

## Final Word from our Chairman (Gordon Craig)

As you know and can see, this practice is currently undergoing changes. Change can be managed in many ways and it is wonderful to see that in this case it is being managed as an opportunity to bring improvements at every level, to serve our community better than ever.

Plans include:- New testing equipment "in house" to speed up diagnosis  
Improved Access Clinics  
Repeat prescriptions back in house (personal touch )

**And finally – Smiling makes us all feel better !**



## *Patient Participation Group Newsletter*

### Exciting Launch of

### " BCT Friends Of MaryBrook Medical Centre"

Marybrook Medical Centre wants to carry out "In House" tests on patients to minimise the times when a hospital appointment needs to be booked, followed by the long and inconvenient drive to Gloucester Royal. This equipment which is not supplied at surgery level by the NHS will enable most patients to commence treatment much sooner and get better more quickly. The fund will be administered by the Berkeley Community Trust so that it can benefit from Charitable Trust status and so that funds ultimately belong to the community.

Please talk to reception staff about how you can help.

### Helping us - Helping You - Helping Everyone

This practise takes pride in being right at the top of the tables for vaccinations. If you or your children are invited to have one or to have an age related test, please pick up the phone and book your appointment right away. Help the practise to keep you and your family healthy.

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## New Plans at Marybrook

Exciting new plans are now unfolding at Marybrook Medical Centre.

New partner Dr Wasyl Nimenko has joined us and two new Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Wendy Smith and Katie King have been recruited. An Advanced Nurse Practitioner is a Senior, Highly Qualified Nurse, who is able to both carry out consultations and prescribe. Along with Dr Walshe, they will work full time hours as opposed to currently, where 3 of the doctors work part time. Once everything has settled, the net effect of this will be an increase of approximately 50 appointments per week and a greater likelihood of being able to see your chosen person.

A neighbourhood approach is at the core of the new plans and with that in mind, repeat prescription ordering is being brought back "In House". New local "**Improved Access Clinics**" have been set up so that patients can book fairly immediate evening and Saturday morning appointments through the surgery reception for up to 8pm, 5 evenings a week or on Saturdays till 12.30pm This service will be on a rota basis round the Vale in Dursley and Wotton Under Edge. This new service offers quick local consultations for working people and urgent issues. You may have noticed internal building work and painting at the surgery, this is to create additional consulting rooms, to supply space for visiting practitioners' and to brighten the waiting room up for you.

Hope you like it !



## How are we doing?

Marybrook Medical Centre is rated by the CCG as the **No.2** surgery in the locality. We continue to receive excellent feedback from patients who are grateful for the treatment they receive.

## Big "Hello, Goodbye" on 30<sup>th</sup> June

The Beatles sang it and Marybrook Medical Centre is practising it ! Saying Hello to new medical friends and saying goodbye to some old friends. Everyone is invited along to The Berkeley Summer Festival on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June to be part of this sad and exciting occasion. Dr Walshe will take to the stage at around 3pm and the staff, old and new will be there for you to chat too.

PS. don't be surprised if many are wearing trainers and are a bit sweaty as they will have competed the Berkeley Festival Run to raise money for new equipment so that you can have more of your tests locally !!!!