



Cam and Uley
Family Practice

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Welcome to the February 2026 Edition of Our Newsletter!



Dear Patients, Staff, Volunteers, Carers, and Supporters of Cam and Uley Family Practice,

Our newsletter continues!

As you know, on 4th August 2025, we started a trial for a new way for you to get in touch with us called SystemConnect.

Overall, the feedback has been very positive. We want to say a big thank you for embracing the change! As expected there have been a few gremlins but we are confident that these are being resolved. The system has been reviewed and tweaked to meet both patient and practice needs. The system is becoming more robust and we are glad that you all feel it's "business as usual" when it comes to getting the appointments you need.

Please remember, we are here to help. If you are experiencing difficulties, you are unsure about anything, or need some support, please contact the practice staff who will be very happy to guide you.

You may have also seen that the practice now has the option to use a tool called 'Accurx Scribe' during your appointment. This is a "note taker" and helps clinicians write up their notes from your consultation. More about this on Page 3.

We continue our journey of introductions to our GP's, practice staff and PPG members as well as some new information you may find helpful.

We are always keen to hear your feedback and suggestions for future editions! Please send your thoughts to us via email (see PPG Chair contact on page 9), or write them down and pass them to one of our friendly receptionists. Just be sure to mark the envelope or note clearly with "FAO PPG" so we can ensure it reaches the right person.

Thank you for being part of our community, and we look forward to sharing more with you in the future!

Warm regards,

Cam and Uley Family Practice PPG and Practice Team

Accurx Scribe – a new note taking tool



Our clinicians now have the option to use a tool called 'Accurx Scribe' during your appointment. This is a "note taker" and helps clinicians write up their notes from your consultation, meaning they can focus more on speaking to you and less on the computer.

What this means for you:



More time with your clinician – less time spent typing.



More accurate, complete notes, delivered to you faster.

Here's what you need to know

1. It works by listening to the conversation with your clinician and typing up notes, so the clinician can focus more on you. It's only interested in medical information relevant to your care.
2. The Scribe is built by a team led by doctors and uses some basic AI to turn the conversation into clear notes to support your care and help the clinician save time.
3. Your clinician will review and edit notes before saving them to your medical record – nothing is added to your medical record by the Scribe. All decisions about your care are made by your clinician.
4. Your conversations are private as the technology follows all the necessary UK data, privacy rules and NHS standards. Your voice recordings are not stored with Accurx Scribe. Only what your clinician decides is needed is saved to your medical record.
5. If you're not comfortable using a Scribe, do ask your clinician for more information on how it works. If you feel uncomfortable, you can let the clinician know and ask them not to use it.

Cervical Screening



If you have received a letter from the NHS asking you to have a cervical screening appointment, it is important that you book this. **It could save your life.**

Why it's important to attend your cervical screening

Cervical screening (sometimes called a smear test) is a simple test that helps prevent cervical cancer. It checks for the human papillomavirus (HPV), a very common virus that can cause changes in the cells of the cervix over time.

HPV usually has no symptoms, so most people do not know they have it. In most cases the body clears the virus naturally, but sometimes it can stay in the body and cause changes to cervical cells. Cervical screening helps find HPV early so that, if needed, these changes can be monitored or treated before they become a problem.

Who should attend?

Anyone with a cervix can have HPV. It is very common and can affect people regardless of their lifestyle, relationship status, or sexual history. This is why regular cervical screening is recommended even if you feel well.

What happens at the appointment?

We allow 20 minutes for your appointment, carried out by a trained nurse or doctor in a private room.

During the test:

You will be asked to lie on an examination couch. A small instrument called a speculum is gently inserted into the vagina so the cervix can be seen. A soft brush is used to collect a small sample of cells from the cervix. You may feel some pressure or mild discomfort, but it should not be painful. You can ask the nurse to stop at any time, and you can bring a friend or request a chaperone if that makes you feel more comfortable.

What happens after the test?

The sample is sent to a laboratory to check for HPV.

If HPV is not found: this means your risk of cervical cancer is very low and you will simply be invited for screening again in the future.

If HPV is found: this does not mean you have cancer. It means the laboratory will check the sample for any cell changes. Most people will just be invited for another screening test sooner to monitor the virus, as it often clears on its own.

If any cell changes are found, you may be referred to a specialist clinic for further checks and, if necessary, simple treatment.

Cervical screening saves lives by preventing cancer before it develops. Even if you have no symptoms, attending your screening when invited is one of the best things you can do for your health.



If you have received an invitation, please contact the surgery to book your appointment.

New Opening Hours for the Uley Surgery



We have changed the opening hours for the Uley surgery to be more closely aligned with the hours for the Cam surgery.

Day	Uley Opening Times	Cam Opening Times
Monday	8.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 6.30pm	8.00am – 6.30pm
Tuesday	8.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 6.30pm	8.00am – 6.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 6.30pm	8.00am – 6.30pm
Thursday	8.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm – 6.30pm	8.00am – 6.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm – 6.30pm	8.00am – 6.30pm
Saturday	Closed	Closed
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Calling all Patients! Would you like to join the Patient Participation Group (PPG)?

In recent months we have had some members of the PPG stand down (after a much valued and long service!). Would you be interested in joining us? We are particularly keen to have a diverse membership of the PPG and hence welcome people of all ages, genders, ethnicities and backgrounds to apply to join us. We usually meet at 12pm on a weekday (generally Thursday's) so you would need to be available to attend the meetings during the day.



If you are interested, please contact the
Chair of the PPG (Jack Gritt) on the
following email address

Cam-Uley-PPG@outlook.com

Many thanks and we look forward to
hearing from you!

The Robin

Do you know about the Robin? The Robin is a local, friendly bookable bus service.



The Robin improves connections between rural areas which often have infrequent or no fixed public transport routes available. So if you experience difficulties with transportation to the surgery (or other local amenities) the Robin could be exactly what you are looking for!

You go online (or call!), search for your ideal journey, and book the option that suits you. It's local and affordable, connecting places in rural locations. The service is designed specifically to provide transport links from close to people's homes and (generally) uses existing bus stops as pick up points.

An example of the pick up and drop off points in Lower Cam (please see the website for the full table across the region)

Manor Close (NE), Manor Avenue	Lower Cam
Jubilee Tree (NW), High Street	Lower Cam
Jubilee Tree (SE), High Street	Lower Cam
Pevelands (N), Manor Avenue	Lower Cam
Pevelands (S), Manor Avenue	Lower Cam
Leaside Close (SE), Woodview Road	Lower Cam
Leaside Close (NW), Woodview Road	Lower Cam
Everlands School (NW), Birch Road	Lower Cam
Everlands School (SE), Birch Road	Lower Cam
Chip Shop school stop (SE), High Street	Lower Cam



Area covered for Berkeley Vale

- For the interactive map, and to book a journey, please log into the website:

<https://start.gloucestercountycouncil.padam.io/bookings/login>

- Or download and use the App. Just search for "The Robin"



- If neither of these are possible, please call the Robin team: 0345 263 8139

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Working alongside the practice staff members to ensure patients are at the heart of responsive services.



Meet Our new PPG Chair: Jack Gritt

I have called Cam, Gloucestershire, home for almost 43 years, though I originally hail from Buckinghamshire. All of my tribe, 3 children and 3 grandchildren, were born and raised in Gloucestershire. Now that I'm retired, I love to spend time with my family and my dogs.



My career began in an unexpected place as a labourer at Berkeley Power Station. I discovered my passion for encouraging girls and women to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects and addressing the gender balance in the industry. I have worked in the nuclear industry for almost 40 years and held a number of positions from labourer to Executive Director!

One of my proudest achievements (well apart from my children obviously!) has been founding Women in Nuclear (WiN) UK and serving as its past President. I currently sit on their Board and hold an Executive Director role for WiN Global, both voluntary positions that focus on STEM, inclusion, and diversity. I am deeply committed to these causes and passionate about making a positive impact in the industry.

Here are a few things that might help paint a fuller picture of my life! I am a mother, a GiGi (that's my Grandma name), a Chartered Mathematician, a poet, a gardener, a skier, a would-be author, and a menopause survivor.

Meet Our PPG Members: Tracy Mason-Fayle

I live in Uley, where my husband Pat and I raised our children, who are now adults with families of their own. I am passionate about my local community, and as a Uley Parish Councillor, I focus on a range of issues, with a particular commitment to Early Years and wellbeing. I work closely with children and young people, aiming to make a positive impact on their lives and development.



The Patient Participation Group (PPG) is important to me because I am dedicated to keeping people informed about the practice and its future plans. Ensuring that the community has a clear understanding of what's happening at the practice and how it will affect them is something I feel strongly about. In addition to my local service, I am currently pursuing a degree and continue to challenge myself in new ways. In my spare time, I enjoy amateur dramatics and love spending time in the garden, cultivating both plants and a sense of peace.



If you would like to become a member of the PPG please write to us to express your interest (see PPG Chair contact on page 9).

Meet the Practice Team



Dr Thomas Moore - GP

I graduated from Imperial College London in 2010 and completed my final GP registrar training here in 2017, qualifying in August 2018. After years as a full-time team member, I was proud to join the partnership in 2022.

My career has spanned North West England, Gloucestershire, and New Zealand, providing a broad clinical perspective with particular experience in women's health and emergency medicine. Based at both Cam and Uley Surgeries, I have a special interest in diabetic clinics and musculoskeletal injections. I am also a GP trainer, supervising various health professionals within the practice.



Outside of medicine, I am kept busy with a young family, a dog, and a cat. When time allows, I stay active and social by running and playing hockey and football. I look forward to continuing to support our local community's health and wellbeing.

Lisa Burge – Management Lead for Admin

I'm Lisa Burge, and I've been part of Cam and Uley Family Practice since 2017. I first joined as a receptionist, and right from the start I loved being part of the team and getting to know our patients. It didn't take long before I became really interested in everything happening behind the scenes.

Working through COVID was a huge challenge for all of us, but it brought out a real sense of teamwork and showed me how much I enjoyed supporting the practice in a bigger way. That's what led me into the Rota Administrator role, where I looked after clinical rotas, staff holidays, and supported both the admin and reception teams. Over time, I naturally found myself taking on more HR responsibilities too.



In 2023, after many supportive one to ones, our new Practice Manager, Sarah, recognised something in me that I hadn't fully seen in myself. With that encouragement, I stepped into the Management Lead for Admin role alongside my colleague and friend, Tanya Green. We both care deeply about keeping our two sites running smoothly, and what makes it truly special is the people — a warm, dedicated team that really does live up to the "family" in Cam and Uley Family Practice.

I enjoy gardening and really enjoy growing my own vegetables and flowers. When I am not in the garden, I love seeing and socialising with friends.

Key Information



Here are just a few of the websites, email addresses and phone numbers that may be useful.

Cam Surgery Fairmead Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5NE	Telephone 01453 540066	Opening Hours 8am-6.30pm Monday to Friday
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Uley Surgery 42 The Street Uley Gloucestershire GL11 5SY	Telephone 01453 540066	Opening Hours 8.00am - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 6.30pm Monday to Friday
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PPG Chair Contact:

Jack Gritt
Cam-Uley-PPG@outlook.com

PPG members:

Jack Gritt, Jonathan Pape, Jon Fulcher, Linda Walters, Sally Lamerton, Tracy Mason-Fayle

Managing Your Health Online

Please visit this website to find out how you can manage your health online:
www.cam-and-uley.nhs.uk/services/managing-your-health-online/

Prescriptions (General)

For information about prescription charges and pre payment certificates:
www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions/nhs-prescription-charges/

Pharmacy First

www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/

