



1974 Wolves win League Cup beating Manchester City!, Manchester United relegated, ABBA win Eurovision, Thompson and Gibbs Dental Practice opens in Wall Heath

2014 Wall Heath Dental practice is still here!

It is 40 years since Robin Gibbs and I opened the practice on April 24th 1974 in what was previously Barclays Bank. Many of you have been with us since the early days and have seen the many changes that have taken place as our practice and the practise of dentistry have evolved over time.

It is impossible to list all the 'improvements' that have taken place but as far as the treatment of dental disease is concerned almost everything Robin and I learned at Birmingham Dental School in the late 60's has been superseded. For example, many new dental materials have allowed dentists to radically re-think such basic things as cavity preparation and place the emphasis on prevention rather than cure.

Computers have affected life in general and dentistry has not escaped their influence. They are obvious in their presence in the waiting room and surgeries but less so when they are built into our decontamination equipment to ensure that all our instruments are perfectly sterilised, tracked and date stamped much as the food in our supermarkets. They also perform many other covert functions to allow other outside parties to monitor our performance and provide the practice with valuable data useful for auditing our own levels of success. Record keeping is extremely important nowadays with the increase in litigation in recent times, and our systems provide the means to maintain accurate, contemporary and confidential reports on all aspects of our patient care.

Another major change has been the move towards corporate dentistry. Boots, Tesco, BUPA etc have entered what they call 'The Dental industry', along with many other multi-practice conglomerates. Small practices are being squeezed but survive because of people like yourselves who prefer the personal touch and knowing who you will be treated by year in and year out. Although there were major changes in 2007 when illness forced both Robin and I to retire, my daughters Joanne and Lucy expect and intend to provide this personal level of service for many years to come.

Dental implants, tooth whitening, digital X-rays, adhesive dentistry, lasers, adult orthodontics etc etcI could go on for ever. The one thing that hasn't changed is your support. Thank you.

Roger

Well done Jo!!

Congratulations Dr Joanne Thompson for completing the Denplan Stairways programme. She is one of the first few dentists to complete this programme recognised by Denplan as a thorough method of maintaining current knowledge. The programme consists of 10 modules with 10 practice projects. After many hours work over several years Jo was presented with the award from Denplan by a visiting professor Dr Hein.



Services

In addition to regular dental care we offer:

Inhalation sedation (Happy Air) to help you relax

Cosmetic dentistry

Dental Implants

Inman Aligner

Hygiene treatments to assist with a cleaner healthier mouth

Our hours

Please contact our reception team to book an appointment:

Monday	Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday	Thursdays
08:30 to 12:30 and 13:45 to 17:00	08.30 to 12.30 and 13.45 to 17:15	09:30 to 13:30 and 14:30 to 18:00

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