

Welcome to the first WDP Newsletter .This is our opportunity to keep our valued patients up to date with what is happening at their dental practice.

It is certainly a time of change. From 21st June the ownership and running of the practice will be taken on by Mr Jeremy M Davies BDS (Wales) and his wife Claire. Jeremy will be known to most of you having been in partnership at Whitehall for the last eleven years. Many of you will also have been treated by Claire during her time as a hygienist with us.

The practice is to undergo major refurbishment over the coming months as we strive to improve your dental experience. Apologies for any inconvenience during this period but its impact to care should be minimal.

We would further like to reassure all patients that these changes are to result in no fee increases in the immediate future.

Sad Farewell

Dr G L Cripps BDS LDS RCS (Eng)

We would like to wish Graham and Ellie Cripps a happy retirement. Graham has served South Molton diligently for around 30 years, providing his patients with a first class service. Ellie has worked tirelessly to keep the practice running. They will now be able to enjoy the opportunity to further their love of travel and the outdoors.

We know Graham is delighted that Ed is joining the Practice to primarily take on the care of his Patients and is happy in the knowledge that they will be well catered for.

Best wishes Graham and Ellie from all at Whitehall.

New and Improved Service

NHS Treatment for Children

Due to the new arrangements at the practice and with the cooperation of Devon PCT, we are delighted to be able to offer NHS treatment for all our child patients at Whitehall from July. We are sure you will agree that this is a welcome development to enable us to ensure your children's oral health in these difficult economic times.

Practice Website

A practice website will come on line from 1st July. This will contain all our practice information. It will also provide a large amount of education and explanation of the treatments that are available. Be sure to check it out at :-

www.whitehalldental.co.uk

0% Finance for Advanced Treatments

From 1st July we will be able to offer this service for courses of treatment over £250 (subject to status)

New Faces

Dr D E Webster BDS (Wales)



We are delighted to be able to welcome Dr Ed Webster BDS (Wales) to Whitehall. Ed qualified from Cardiff in 2001 and practiced in South Wales for some years.

He has just returned from practicing in Guernsey and is committed to continuing professional development having undertaken postgraduate training with some of the worlds most renowned restorative and cosmetic dentists. Ed understands that many people are nervous visiting the dentist and makes every effort to treat patients gently and with as much care and consideration as possible.

Married to Rebecca , also a dentist , they have a 2 year old son Reuben .

They are very much looking forward to settling into rural Devon life.

Miss C Weeks



Miss Christina Weeks will be joining the Whitehall team from the 1st August 2012.

Christina was born and brought up in Devon and is relishing the prospect of returning and embracing her new position at

the Practice. Christina has worked in Private Practice but also gained valuable experience in Children's departments of both Charles Clifford Dental Hospital and Sheffield Children's Hospital. She is passionate about delivering adults periodontal and preventive care in a kind and gentle manner. In addition she will be able to offer restorative treatment for our child patients in a relaxed and unhurried atmosphere. Outside her professional career Christina is a keen runner and is currently training for the Sheffield Half Marathon.

New Hygiene and Therapy Facility

A new fully equipped surgery will be available from 1st August.

This will enable us to introduce Christina Weeks to the Practice.

Christina will be able to carry out treatment of periodontal (gum) disease , scaling and polishing , placement of temporary dressings and crowns, take impressions and radiographs , apply fissure sealants and fluoride, administer local anaesthetic .She will be able to provide children with restoration and extraction of deciduous teeth.

Christina is passionate about providing preventive advice to ensure patients are able to maintain the future health of their teeth and gums.

She will have her own dedicated chair-side assistance which will mean more focus and time on your treatment.

Decontamination Room

From July we will have a designated , fully equipped , decontamination and sterilisation room. This removes the process of cleaning and sterilising used instruments from the treatment environment. This is widely recognised through out the profession to be best practice.

New Computer and Practice Management System

A new computer network will be installed throughout the practice in early July.

This will enable us to run Carestream Dental R4 , the worlds most advanced practice management system.

This will offer many key benefits , namely

*Improved general efficiency through out the practice.

*Improved recall system.

*Appointment reminders by text messaging and email.

*Written Treatment Plans and costs instantly available.

*Patient educational module to help you understand your treatment.

*Integration of both digital images and radiographs to your computer records which will be instantly available.

Digital Radiographs and Intra-oral Camera

Using Kodak's latest state of the art imaging plate system we will be able to have radiographic images of your teeth available full screen on computer within as little as 5 seconds , where they will also be stored for future viewing and the image can be manipulated.

Digital radiographs also reduce exposure to radiation by as much as 90%.

Using Kodak's latest state of the art intra-oral camera we will be able to capture magnified images inside your mouth which can be integrated with your records and indeed be viewed by you to improve your understanding of your treatment.