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From the Chairman/Editor

I am pleased to report that our membership has now broken into the 700s. It will continue to grow with annual enrolment of new graduates. Although we have never succeeded in enrolling all those graduating in any one year, it is satisfying that we have a reasonably impressive proportion as members who will be helped to kept in touch with the School by our Newsletter and be encouraged to return to Bristol by our promotion of reunions. The established 5-year pattern was maintained last year with reunions of the '75, '80, '85, '95 and '00 years. Unfortunately the '90 year missed out, but Simon Uren is still hoping to organise one this year. The class of '66, many of whose members, amazingly, have met every year since their graduation, will have a special celebration this year to mark their 40th anniversary. Another seven reunions are being organised this year, the only one missing in the five-year sequence being '91 – unfortunately Martyn Cox has been unable to raise enough support.

With increasing numbers of members comes increasing subscription income. Even with the small £5 subscription it gradually mounts up. The figures given on page 43 show a healthy bank balance, cash that we would like to use to support worthy causes in the School. Members who have read previous issues of the Newsletter will know of our substantial contributions to dental library funds, which will continue and are much appreciated (see Sue Barefoot's article, page 28), but otherwise it has been difficult to give our (your!) money away. All departments have been informed of our willingness to donate, not vast sums of money (which we don't have) but enough perhaps to purchase, for example, a piece of teaching or research equipment that would otherwise stretch their budget, but there has been no response – it seems their existing resources must be sufficient to meet all their needs (what a happy state of affairs – but don't we always hear of shortages?). Even students, who one might expect not to turn such offers down, have not come forward – we have

even had some difficulty rustling up two reports of electives carried out last year: those of Helen Woolnough and Tom McHugh, who visited Fiji and were helped in their project by Charlie and Shirley Scola (graduates of 1974, see article in 2005 Newsletter), and of Harman Chahal and Tim Collins who followed up where Jonathan Gollings, Ediz Cakin and Carla Fleming left off last year in Uganda. We are grateful to them for their contributions to our Newsletter.

We have welcomed three new Committee members. Scott Deacon, who joined as the new Senior President of the UBDSS, graduated in Bristol in 1997, and is now a consultant in orthodontics. Jennifer Morecroft joined as the 2005-06 President of UBDSS. She hails from Beaconsfield and has been enjoying a varied life in Bristol. She has been in the University's novice rowing team, been a violinist in the University Symphony Orchestra and a member of the University Surfing Club. She ran the Great North Run in 2004 and is currently training for the Windsor Triathlon in June. We assume she sets aside some time for dentistry. We were pleased that Susan Hooper accepted our invitation to join us. She is well known to several generations of dental graduates, having been in Bristol since 1978, and she has been very helpful in recent years leading reunion parties on tours of the Dental School. We are sure she will be a very helpful addition to the Committee. She was recently promoted to Consultant Senior Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry.

Our major project during the last year has been to research and record the history of the Dental Hospital and School, which, as mentioned in my piece last year, has been poorly documented. We want to present the principal milestones on professionally-produced boards for permanent display in a prominent position – it seems wrong that students and staff should work for several years in the place and know nothing of its past and development. We have reached the stage where Chris Stephens has done the research, he and I have arranged the material in a form suitable for display and a professional producer of exhibition displays is ready to go ahead. But now we've hit a snag – our plan to place them either in the library or in the corridor leading to the library has been scuppered because the building is about to undergo upheaval as part of the radical changes necessary to accommodate the hugely increased intake of students (see Gordon Gray's article that follows). So the project is on hold. These changes also affect our plans to decorate the walls of the Students' Common Room with reunion photographs – we have

collected a number in the last few years but will have to wait until the dust settles before displaying them.

We will continue to try to make ourselves useful in one way or another during the year ahead.

Evolution

Gordon Gray, Dental Clinical Dean

Evolution makes painfully slow progress but this year has seen a dominant step in bringing Bristol Dental School a step closer to the next form of its future life. Not only has there been a lot of activity on the staff front but the School leaves behind the albatross that has hung around its neck in the form of the Subject Review score gained in 1999. Last year I reported that we had been 'reviewed out' with five reviews over a five-year period including QA Subject Review, Departmental Review, GDC Visitation and Discipline Audit Trail – Institutional Audit. The General Dental Council had given a very favourable review but had suggested that consideration should be given to reviewing the BDS Curriculum. We had no sooner commenced our work on this when the Department of Health asked dental schools to consider increasing undergraduate student numbers. The past year has seen us form committees to address both items. It is not an understatement to report that progress has been remarkable.

The new curriculum removes areas of replication from the current programme but brings two important new learning and teaching items to the forefront. Clinical contact with patients has been brought forward by a whole year and this development alone should improve manual dexterity and communication skills for the students involved. The other advancement for the new programme was to incorporate capacity for outreach teaching. Our previous experience of Outreach in the Community is limited but excellent reviews of the student experience in paediatric practice at Charlotte Keele Health

Centre point the way to providing our students with an even better experience by taking them to where the disease is located in the local community in South Bristol. The concept of multi-professional training will be embraced through the concept of team dentistry by increasing the opportunities for dental students to train alongside Dental Care Professionals (DCPs). This year has also seen the first intake of six students who will train to become dental therapists. Bristol also hopes to enhance the opportunities for graduate entry and accredited prior learning. The new spiral curriculum will enable subjects to be revisited in greater depth as the students progress. External and internal approval has been sought and the new programme currently rests for approval from the University.

The next evolutionary process to see some development was the request to increase our undergraduate numbers. The Government's decision to increase the number of dental training places in England and Wales by 170 places has been responsible for the largest single award of capital development money to Bristol Dental School. The award of £13.1M from the Department of Health may sound an incredibly large sum of money but we soon found that we had to make compromises if it were to cover all aspects of accommodating the increased facilities that we would require to teach the increased student number.

Bristol's annual intake of students has now risen from 55 to 75, plus four overseas students. A one-off intake of 86 was admitted in October 2005 before it was decided to create the Peninsula Dental School in Plymouth / Exeter – this new dental school will accommodate 62 of the 170 new training places alone. The increased number of places at Bristol represents the largest increase in any of the dental schools in the UK. Accommodating these extra students has been a complex task and has relied on the development of hospital infrastructure alongside curriculum change and a more efficient use of in-house facilities. A new outreach clinical teaching facility at the soon-to-be-constructed South Bristol Community Hospital will allow some of the learning and teaching to take place off site. New clinical and non-clinical infrastructure will be designed and used flexibly having in mind possible future expansion needs. The number of dental chair numbers will increase from 113 to 161 and the Clinical Skills Laboratory will increase to 45 phantom head units.

Efficient use of facilities will be ensured by logically developing existing space and utilising lecture theatres adjacent to the Dental School in the Bristol Eye Hospital and BRI Education Centre.

The educational experience will be expanded by incorporating changes in working practice and by the progressive development of self-directed learning. Supporting this will be improved student teaching facilities such as the library and its attached CAL/IT computer room. An expansion in the size of the students' common room will also be necessary to cater for the increased number of students.

The South Bristol Community Hospital will accommodate an Outreach Clinic of 21 chairs and provide an excellent clinical learning environment. It will also address the dental healthcare demands of the local community. In the longer term, it should be possible to develop further outreach teaching in areas where dental disease exists such as Portsmouth, Southampton or Gloucester by using a "hub and spoke" type of structure. The requirements of DCP training for nurses, hygienists, therapists and technicians have also been incorporated into the overall scheme to allow greater integrated teaching and opportunities for team-working.

A further evolutionary process has taken place amongst the staff with the retirement of some well-known figures and attraction of others. Compared to previous years there has been quite a bit of movement, but one thing has stood out above all else, in that Bristol Dental School is attracting people due to its reputation. It's a 'hip place' to be with movers and shakers improving the experience for all. Let me take you on a round of the four teaching divisions and review the changes that have taken place.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Congratulations go to Professor Cowpe who has been elected Dean of the Dental Faculty of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh. In the meantime, Mr Steve Thomas has taken over as Head of the Teaching Division. We wish both of them well in their promotions and thank Professor Cowpe for all his tireless hard work as Chair of the Dental Education Committee. This latter post has been filled by Dr David Dymock from Oral Microbiology and we wish him well in running this important committee.

Oral Medicine, Pathology and Microbiology

Many of the more recent graduates may remember Max Robinson who came to Bristol originally as a PhD student before gaining a position as a lecturer in Oral Pathology in 1995. After

completing his higher training last year he has been fortunate in securing a Consultant Senior Lecturer post in his native Newcastle.

Child Dental Health

Iain Hathorn retires this summer after 27 years in Bristol as a consultant orthodontist. He moved base to Frenchay Hospital a few years ago to take up the post as the lead consultant in the South West Cleft Unit. Iain is to be thanked for his part in setting up the Hathorn Bar in the Students' Common Room – this is only one of two dental bars in the country and is a piece of heritage that we must hold on to throughout the renovations in the School.

It seems no time since I was intimating the return of Christian Day and Scott Deacon to the orthodontic group. This year they are to be congratulated again for their promotion to consultant status: Christian covers three bases at Frenchay, Southmead and Bristol Dental Hospital while Scott will take over the running of the cleft-lip-and-palate unit for the region. Scott has also been identified to take over the teaching of the specialist registrars and the DDS course starting with the next intake of students. This will allow Professor Sandy more time to follow his academic and research interests as well as being the consultant in charge of the School for Dental Care Professionals. Hem Shah, who graduated from Bristol in 2001, has returned to the School and is one of the new specialist registrars in orthodontics.

Dr Karen Duncan has left her post as Lecturer in Paediatric Dentistry to join the School for Dental Care Professionals where she holds the post of Associate Specialist and teaches the new intake of dental therapists. Teaching of therapists is a first for Bristol Dental School but not only will it teach qualified hygienists the additional skills required but it will soon offer the new joint diploma where the subjects of hygiene and therapy will be taught together. It is hoped that much of the clinical teaching will be shared with our undergraduate students and that therapists and dental students will be taught together within the dental school and in the outreach clinics at Charlotte Keele and South Bristol. Karen is a splendid choice for this post and will be a hard act to follow in paediatric dentistry.

Restorative Dentistry

Many of you will know Susan Hooper who came to Bristol initially as a senior house officer in 1978. The following year she applied for a short-term academic post to cover for a lecturer on

sabbatical leave – he never returned and Susan was offered the permanent post. After a late flourish, Susan was promoted at the beginning of the year to the post of Consultant Senior Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry. A few years ago, I mentioned Dominic O’Sullivan in my update when he was awarded a PhD for his studies in Implantology. Dominic has similarly been successful in obtaining a Consultant Senior Lecturer post in Restorative Dentistry. I am sure you will agree with me in reporting that Susan and Dominic are well deserving of their promotion.

Mr Rob Jagger was successful in his application for the advertised post of Consultant Senior Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry and boosted the teaching strength of prosthodontics. He has particular strengths in the treatment of temporo-mandibular joint disorders. His appointment is linked to new training for postgraduate students in prosthodontics. Rob is another worthy addition to the strength of the Restorative Division.

We are delighted to welcome another Scot in our midst. Paul Wilson has been appointed Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and joins the senior ranks of the Hospital to replace Martin Woodhead. Paul originally comes from Glasgow where he attended university and graduated in 1997. After a series of house officer posts he moved to London where he worked in Great Ormond Street Hospital and at Guy’s. He made the most of his five-year stint at Guy’s by studying for an Eastman MSc in Conservative Dentistry and a Diploma in Sedation. His main interests are implants, maxillofacial prostheses and fixed & removable prosthodontics. The lure of the West Country and the reputation of the School attracted Paul and we were delighted when he accepted the post.

Restorative Dentistry has been fortunate this year in attracting two other new members of staff as lecturers. Dr Igor Blum originally comes from Germany but was attracted to Bristol from Manchester University where he had obtained an MSc and PhD. Mr Manish Bose was attracted to the other lecturer post from his background in periodontology in which he had gained an MSc from the Eastman in London. Both are worthy additions to the staff and we welcome the strengths that they bring with them to these new posts.

This summer, Professor Martin Addy will retire from clinical and teaching duties so that he can concentrate on his research on a part-time basis. Professor Addy came from Cardiff to Bristol in 1993 and, in his time here, he has set up the clinical trials unit and the research laboratories to support his team. He and his team are prolific

researchers and have brought much kudos and money into the University of Bristol by researching into oral care products, tooth wear and dentine sensitivity. I am sure that he and his wife will enjoy some free time to spend in their apartment on the Spanish Mediterranean coast.

The evolutionary process may be slow but, as we have seen here, when it kicks into action the results are radical and far-reaching. The metamorphosis of Bristol Dental School is just about to happen...

The Students' Year

Jennifer Morecroft, UBDSS President

In 1939, the Bristol Dental School opened on Lower Maudlin Street with an intake of 25 students per year. The gradual extension of the dental school reflects the remarkable advances within dentistry over the last 60 years (as well as the growth of paperwork and bureaucracy). Just as 1939 was a major landmark, 2005/06 may well go down in history.

The new committee officially took over in October, hoping to keep up the good work of Michael Lessani and his team. The new academic year started with the usual fun and frolics of the Fresher's initiation. A sponsored lecture that had overrun was being held in the Hathorn bar when the first, and highly mortified, party-goer turned up. Dressed as a cowgirl, she was shortly followed by Homer, Marge and Bart Simpson (yellow body paint included!). October also witnessed the legendary Halloween late bar that lived up to all expectations. A random black bin was used to hold a large quantity of bright red liquid! Emily Wright and Cameron Currie (the bar managers) ordered over 200 glow sticks to add that festive twist.

The BDSA sports day was held in November at GKT. As ever, the Bristol students turned out in force. Despite our greatest efforts, we didn't win any of the team events. In addition, our moderately-

sized chaps didn't stand a chance against the sheer bulk of the Cardiff boys in the Tug Of War! However, if there had been a cheerleading competition, we would have won gold. In the early evening, all the sportsmen and women descended on GKT bar. Understandably my memory is a little hazy. Nevertheless, I distinctly remember some of the Bristol boys running around in their birthday suits!

The Christmas Late Bar was a fitting end to the term with lots more mayhem and wacky costumes. Michael Lessani impressed us all by arriving as a human Christmas tree. I, on the other hand, covered my head with a blue bath towel and stuffed a jumper under my top to look like a budget version of the Virgin Mary!

Over the holidays, the fun didn't stop for those keen beans that had the energy to go on the Dental Ski Trip. According to Emily, the snow was perfect and the whole trip was a resounding success.

Hannah Woolnough and her dedicated team organised the annual Dental Ball. The inspired addition of a chocolate fondue made my evening. Scott Wetton, our guest speaker, received the greatest laugh of the night for his rather revealing dinner suit!

The next few months will, for the S years, be a time of hard work and nerves. However, to relieve their stress, we hope to provide them with some light entertainment in the form of the Dental Revue in April. The S years haven't shown the slightest remorse for any of their friends and colleagues; we have pages and pages of gossip and scandal.

I and the rest of the committee have plenty more up our sleeve for the summer term such as a netball and football tournament and a staff/student sports day. Organisation of the UBDSS website is well under way and our social secretary, Lauren Waite, is planning an epic inter-year laser quest battle.

To truly convince you that this year will go down in history, I will delve into the realms of politics. In 2005, the Government pledged to increase the number of dentists by 1000. Along with the recruitment of highly skilled workers from Eastern Europe, they pledged 170 new undergraduate places in dental schools across the country. These changes are having their greatest impact on dental schools such as Bristol where, relatively speaking, the year groups are expanding far more than in some of the larger schools. Nevertheless, the school has risen victoriously to the challenge. Consequently, 2006 will be a year of great change (and building work) for the school.

STUDENT ELECTIVES

Unravelling Uganda

Harman Chahal and Tim Collins

In August 2005 we travelled to Uganda as part of our elective. Our project was part of a wider initiative that was being undertaken by DentaId aimed at improving the oral hygiene of children in a group of primary schools. Our project took us to the west of Uganda to a town called Kibale Town. Our part of the project was to test the water sources around the town of Kibale and to look at the amount of fluoride they contained. We then looked at the levels of fluorosis that was present in the group of children involved in the oral hygiene project. We wanted to show if any groups of children could be identified that suffered from fluorosis and so should not be involved in the oral hygiene programme that used fluoridated toothpaste. We collected samples of water from local sources and analysed them when back in Bristol using a fluoride probe kindly supplied by Dr Shellis.

Our base of operations was in the dental clinic run by the Diocese of Kigezi. This is run by Chris and Polly Barton who were instrumental in ensuring the success of our project. They arranged comfortable accommodation for us in staff quarters – the showers in the mornings were stone cold but we soon got used to that! We were soon introduced to the other staff in the dental clinic. Our main guide was David who helped us so much in getting around and translating for us. We also met the dentist who worked in the clinic, called Roy. The clinic serves all of Kibale town and the surrounding villages. There is another dental clinic, but it is a private clinic and most of the population cannot afford to have their care delivered from there.

Also during our stay we helped in the clinic treating children under the supervision of Chris. The children were brought in from the schools and we provided simple amalgam restorations and extractions. Half way in through the project we

came in touch with a Rotary team from America that was travelling to a remote area to set up a dental clinic for the pygmy people of Uganda. On the way they were going to stop in a village to provide dental extractions to people who have not had access to any real dental care, and they invited us to join them. Once we arrived at the village we found a queue of people at least 400 people long. Tim and I and the two qualified American dentists started by making beds from the benches in the church whilst the rest of the team set up the equipment for extractions and sterilisation (which was done in a pressure cooker!). All together Tim and I saw around 80 or 90 patients in 6 hours which was very tough going but very rewarding. That evening we were invited along with the Bartons to enjoy dinner at the Rotary club meeting and were thanked for our contributions.

Our stay didn't just comprise work. We went to Kisoro, which has a national park with volcanoes. We also visited the Queen Elizabeth national park where we went on safari and saw many animals, including elephants, deer, hyaenas, buffalo and lions. We didn't see any rhinos as there are none in the wild – we saw the only two rhinos in Uganda in the zoo in Entebbe, which used to be the capital of Uganda before Kampala. In Kibale there is a lake called Lake Bunyonyi, which is the second deepest lake in Africa and the third deepest in the world. We had the opportunity to row across it which was hard work in the sun! Roy introduced us to the social aspect of Uganda and showed us the local bars and clubs too.

Our study found that the levels of fluorosis in the schools involved in the Dentaaid oral health initiative were very low and the levels of fluoride in the drinking water, which varied widely, was also quite low. Therefore we concluded that all the children could use the fluoridated toothpaste safely.

Hard Work in Fiji!

Hannah Woolnough and Tom McHugh

Bula!

For our elective project our two areas of interest were a tropical destination and oral surgery. We contacted Shirley and Charles Scola (Bristol graduates of 1974) who work in the Fiji Dental School, the result of which was an elective project comparing age, gender, aetiology, site, treatment method and outcome of mandibular fractures between Fiji and Bristol. After a rally of e-mails we'd managed to organise our trip.

We arrived at Nadi airport, Fiji, somewhat dishevelled and confused having lost an extra day somewhere during many hours flying. We managed to get to Suva where we were to stay whilst doing the research for our project. It is the main port for the South Pacific and not quite what you expect when you think of Fiji. It's where a large number of the Fijian population live so we got to experience Fijian living and settled well in to 'Fiji Time'! Fijians must be the friendliest people we've met!

We spent two weeks in Suva and these consisted of jet-lag, Kava drinking (looks like muddy water and makes your mouth go numb), eating Lovo (traditional Fijian feast), and drinking many cups of tea with members of the oral surgery department. On the weekend we had to evacuate the city to a swanky hotel due to the city dump

being on fire, where we were spoilt rotten by our supervisor, Prof Morse. In between all of this, we looked through every file we could find on mandibular fractures and assisted in the oral surgery department. It was interesting seeing a more basic dental environment than that we were used to.

Our results concluded that in both centres the majority of mandibular fractures occur in young males aged 21-25 years, with violence as the predominant cause. In both centres they tend to fracture in similar places: angle, parasymphysis, symphysis, body and condyle. Mandibular fractures are treated with intermaxillary fixation in Fiji and open reduction

Hannah with Dr Isimeli (far right) and the rest of the oral surgery team at Suva Hospital

with internal fixation in Bristol. The success rates were pretty similar (about 70% no complications) but the reasons for failure of treatment were specific to each method. Where IMF was used, mal-union or non-union had the highest occurrence and, for open reduction, nerve injury and infection were more prevalent.

With the academic side of the elective over it meant that we could now do some serious chilling out! We spent two more weeks in Fiji travelling around some of the many islands which make up the country and spending time snorkelling with a multitude of marine life including manta-rays and

Sunset at Nacula Island, Fiji

reef sharks, and relaxing on the beach. We stopped over in Sydney for a few days, saw the sights of the city and managed to see an opera in the opera house (how cultured!!).

*Hannah and
Tom
'working
hard' at
Balangan
Beach, Bali*

*Balinese
ceremonial
mask used in
Hindu dances*

Next we jetted off to Bali in Indonesia where we spent a month, visiting temples, craft-markets, beaches and surf-spots. We were able to get a ferry to Lombok which had breathtaking scenery and, again, many surf-spots. We also ventured to the Gili Islands for plenty of snorkelling and chilling-out before we reluctantly headed home to take on our final year in Bristol.

The elective has been one of the highlights of our time in dental school. We had a fantastic time in Fiji with many thanks to our hosts, Prof. Morse and the Scolas, and many thanks to our UK supervisor, Prof Cowpe.

ALUMNI REUNIONS

1975 REUNION, 2-4 December 2005

Philip Ratcliffe

On the weekend of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th December 2005 the Year of 1975 celebrated their 30-year reunion at the old Ashton Court Country Club over the Suspension Bridge in Failand. As we were always a noisy year, it was thought best to be a few miles out of Bristol!

Our last reunion was our 20-year one, so a lot had happened in the last ten years since we last met. This seemed to be mainly thinning hairlines and the emergence of grey in what hair was present, apart from Clive Harris, who seemed to be sprouting a full head of hair – that fluoride in the water up in Birmingham certainly works wonders! The girls in our year, though, looked as young as ever. Is there a message there?

Most of us met up at the hotel at Friday teatime (any excuse to avoid a Friday afternoon's dentistry), and then headed for the student's common room at the dental hospital for some refreshment and chatting ten to the dozen (Reg Andlaw had kindly arranged a bar extension for us). Out for a Chinese meal on the triangle was enjoyed by about 10 of us. It was a good job Stanley Gilling had booked the restaurant – it was totally empty when we got there – but we soon livened it up with Keith Williams, over from Miami, asking everyone "what time it is man?" and cracking his many 'honky' jokes. Clive Harris arrived flustered from an LDC meeting in London via the hairdressers – it seems the stress of negotiating the new dental contract was responsible for the sprouting of his new head of hair, not the fluoride.

Back at the hotel, more people had arrived, and we kept the bar open late into the night catching up on everyone's news. Tim Hayward had flown in from Sydney, Ian Jones from Miami, (what is it with these Jamaicans – very strange: come over to Bristol, get a degree, and both of them end up in Florida – they must know something we don't!). Tony Welch had come from Durban, South Africa, and Paul Newell had travelled the furthest, coming from North Queensland in Oz. It was a great effort to travel so far.

Saturday morning we all met and had a tour of the Dental Hospital by the Dean, Gordon Gray. It has changed so much with all

its extensions, but still brought back wonderful memories for us all. The Op-Tech laboratory was exactly the same as 30 years ago – we were lucky to see it, as it is to be demolished in a few month's time. All those hours drilling teeth in phantom heads came flooding back, and still Tony Welch couldn't work out how he had managed to expose a record 48 times in one week – they ran out of extracted teeth at the time! It was very kind of Gordon Gray to give up 2 hours of his Saturday morning to show us around, and we were very grateful to him.

There was a black-tie dinner arranged for the Saturday evening, and by this time 30 of our year had turned up. Our guests at the dinner were Chris Stephens, Ken Marshall (still chewing the same piece of gum from 1975), Reg Andlaw and his Muskrats Jazz Band, and last but not least Abdul Adatia. Abdul was so pleased to see us all he even sat in on our reunion photo!

We did not see much of Chris Stephens as he had to be up at 5am to attend a dry stone wall conference the next day, but it was good of him to make the effort to attend.

This reunion would not have taken place without all the organisation work put in by Peter Barter, who deserves a huge vote of thanks. Pete was a mature student in our year, so had the incentive to organise this reunion, as in his words "he might not be around for the next one". Yours truly gave a speech, wonderfully aided by the telling of a dirty Oz goat joke by Tim Hayward, and the spontaneous singing, without microphone, of an alternative version of "Advance Australia Fair" by Tony Welch rounded off the evening. A

presentation was made to Pete Barter of an engraved tankard for all his hard work.

Let's hope it's not another 10 years until our next reunion. Many thanks to Reg Andlaw for all his help and all who attended.

1980 REUNION, 12 November 2005

Warren Gamblin

We all enjoyed celebrating our 10- and 20-year reunions so much that when Reg Andlaw rang me in the spring and asked whether I would kindly organise things I couldn't say no.

Tracing people through colleagues and 'the university alumni' list proved difficult – people easily disappear over a 25 year period. Eventually with the help of e-mail we managed to contact about 30 graduates, 18 of whom were keen and available to attend (with or without partners).

The Berkeley Square Hotel in Berkeley Square, Clifton was our chosen venue and proved excellent on the night. We started with a champagne reception followed by a delicious dinner with the customary speeches. Ian Crouch gave a very entertaining speech reflecting on 25 years' work in N.H.S general practice which most of the audience could in, varying degrees, relate to.

It was fantastic to see everybody again (time warp, we hadn't changed a bit etc., etc...) with first prize for effort going to Richard Samlik who flew in from his home in Poland. With time seeming to fly for all of us I'm sure the next big one (30 years!) will be here before we know it. Don't want the years to pass too quickly but can't wait to see everybody again!

Many thanks to everybody who came along and making it such a memorable evening.

1985 REUNION, 18-19 November 2005

Mark Doyle

Twenty years soon come round. I am sure that those alumni who have only recently qualified will not believe me, but those qualified before 1985 will know exactly what I am talking about. It fell to Julia Payne, Rod Ferguson and me to organise our reunion.

In traditional style, we were invited to the Students' Common Room on the Friday night. A handful of our year were able to make it, where we met up with Reg Andlaw, Chris Stephens and Susan Hooper.

A much larger number of people met outside the Chapter House (it wasn't even built in our day!) for a tour of the Dental School on the Saturday morning. It was the first time I had been inside the clinics for 20 years. Susan Hooper was an excellent guide. I was lucky to have had her as my personal tutor, and I can't think of a better person to have shown us round. Of all the staff who taught us, I understand that she is one of the only ones still working at the Dental School. Unfortunately she was able to remember a couple of embarrassing stories about me, which were related as the tour progressed.

There have been extensive building works since we left; it was difficult to believe that our old common room is now a clinic. The 'New' Lecture Theatre is as I remember it, although it seemed smaller squeezing in to sit down (or perhaps one or two have gained a few pounds!). The old Op-Tech lab is still the same, although I understand just used for prosthetics now, and due for refurbishment soon. It was quite spooky how we all remembered where we used to sit even 23 years after doing Op-Tech. A sign of how many years have passed is that Julia Payne (GDP in Manchester) has a niece and George Earle (GDP in Gibraltar) a daughter both currently applying to Bristol to do dentistry. We wish them luck!

The afternoon was spent revisiting old student haunts or using the excellent pool and spa in the Marriott Royal at the bottom of Park St. In the evening we had a black-tie dinner with a Bucks Fizz reception at the hotel. In all we had slightly over 30 of our year of 50 attending. Some came with partners, some could not convince their significant others to come ("you'll just be talking about teeth all weekend!"). Michael Sultan (now a specialist endodontist in Harley Street brought his two young sons to the dinner, who seemed to have a lovely time.

It was fantastic to see that Bian Lim flew all the way from Kuala Lumpur to be with us. He also brought each of us a gift from Malaysia. Hanif Popat came all the way from Kenya. He retired from dentistry 15 years ago and runs two successful computer companies. Charlie Stephanakis, who now practises in Cardiff, showed that he has lost none of his charm, managing to get himself two main courses, much to the admiration of myself and Reg.

Rod Ferguson, as past President of UDBSS, now an orthodontist in East Sussex, gave a short speech to commemorate 20 years of dentistry. We were then able to make use of a 1980's DJ in the adjoining room. I would like to apologise to the DJ; he must have thought we were really boring, because the majority of us preferred to stay talking, catching up on the gossip of the last 20 years. I hope he was not too lonely!

It was a sign of the success of the weekend that when the bar in the function room shut at 12:00am, we made use of the hotel bar downstairs, with some of us remaining until 3:00am. Sadly for most of us, our alcohol tolerance is not what it was as undergraduates, and I am sure that I am not the only one who felt slightly unwell the next morning.

In summary, it was a fantastic weekend; it was lovely to see how many people had brought their children as well. My three boys very much enjoyed the weekend; they still talk about the posh hotel now, and they loved the SS Great Britain on the Sunday morning. It was decided that Dave Obree (in practice in Bristol) and Christopher Dean (retrained as a barrister and now a partner in The Dental Law Company – but we don't hold it against him!) are going to organise our 25-year reunion. I am looking forward to it already.

1995 REUNION, 30th April 2005
Coiln Langley

Saturday 30th April saw the 10-year reunion of the 1995 Bristol dental students. Held at the Hotel du Vin, just over half the year attended – many with their partners for an evening of good fine, wine and laughter.

We all met in the ‘library’ (minus the shelves of dental periodicals) for a glass of wine to get the evening going. Many found the first fifteen minutes a little strange, since a lot of us have not seen each other for almost a decade. A lot of hugs and kisses followed, and even Chris Conlon made it on time. Thinking about it, he actually did well just making it there. It was a Dental School event after all.

The meal provided an excellent opportunity to catch up on gossip, practice life, marriage and children, Everyone seemed very similar to the day we all left each other during June ’95 to embark upon our mission of oral health administrators.

Sally Marsland and Alison Barnfather remain good friends, and managed to down a bottle of wine and do some shopping before the evening started. Some things never change! Jason Hart was full of life as ever and is now working in Cheltenham. Julie Anne and husband Pat have moved down to Devon from Birmingham and are making the most of family life by the sea. Julia Williams made me laugh by telling tales of horrific army accidents which involved her suffering broken limbs, yet she managed to smile throughout the story. John Carlisle and Joanna Sutcliffe are now married, Jo fully enjoying practice life. Teeth were not the topic of conversation for father of two Dave Reading who is still employed as a computer game designer. Sarah Hutch is also a mother of two, and is still managing to practise dentistry a little as well. Helen Light came with John, both leading a busy life up in Kidderminster. Sarah Evans attended with her husband Nick. Sarah is now working for the community dental service based in Cleethorpes. She told of how Trevor Hodge was about to take up an orthodontics consultant post in Leeds, but was currently doing some voluntary work in Vietnam. Sohail Rauf and his wife Sarah came as well, having left their ever-expanding-family with a babysitter. Luke and Jo Cascarini were within two weeks of becoming parents. Jo was huge, Luke looking forward to becoming a father. James Nickson came with Charlotte, their two little ones left at home as well. Nicola Jones has now married Chris and, if I remember rightly, is specialising in oral surgery. Finally, no event would be

complete without the twins, both Mike and Andy House making it. Mike has now married Lisa, Andy is married to Kate, both fellow dentists.

One last thing for any future organisers – the Hotel du Vin provided an excellent meal in superb surroundings, but once the dessert course was finished the staff seemed determined to get us out of the dining room as soon as possible. We were then ushered into another bar (packed and shared with other guests) to find last orders being called to 10.50. A pity, since it drew the evening to an end, and I am sure that there were many more giggles to be had.

2000 REUNION, 11-12 November 2005
David Husband

Barely a few seconds seemed to have passed since I was attending the dental bar for my results with a superb Olympic standard hangover from the final year dinner, and then it was time for our five-year reunion.

In November 04 Heidi Nuttall contacted every one in our year and, leaving no stone unturned, managed to seek out every address from the kind people at the GDC, with only Neeta Kanabar remaining on the missing-in-action list. So it was a year later in November that we arrived in a typically soggy Bristol for the main event. November was picked as we felt it would interfere least with our colleagues' life plans of having kids or getting hitched, and it seemed to do the trick with 35 colleagues and partners turning up. Of those not available only the now-married Genevieve Edwards had a valid excuse of 'going into labour at any moment' (congratulations by the way). Oh and El Presidente, Paul McGannity, who was away 'finding himself' in South America.

The Friday night was a soiree in the dental bar – for those brave enough. Attended by Heidi and a few of the girls, the dental bar got rave reviews the following morning: 'still got the same cheap beer, still got the same weird smell'. All were buoyed by the promise of Gordon Gray (the new Clinical Dean) that the Hathorn Bar would still remain despite a lack of space, this being due to the government being hell bent on filling the dental school from the basement to the roof with dental students to stem the national shortfall in dentists.

The early start on Lower Maudlin Street was well worth getting up for, with Gordon Gray inspirational as ever, enthusing about the

modernisation and progress of the School since our leaving some 5 years back. Even in this short time the change was remarkable. A new PCU, new Radiography Department (minus Roger the darkroom technician – I know many of you will be upset by this), modernised and super-sized Optec Lab. Then he revealed the plans (of which Grand Designs would have been proud) for making Adult Clinic Two into a massive open plan dental clinic / kitchen / diner. With Gordon Gray at the helm, the dental hospital is truly keeping up with the pace of modern dentistry, and seems to be well capable of teaching the students the skills necessary. Let's just hope the government let the staff get on with the job of teaching, for which Gordon Gray and his staff so obviously have passion.

So the serious stuff over we went our ways until the evening. A gathering was planned at Bristol's Hotel du Vin. Champagne in the Snooker Room, followed by a superb 3-course dinner. For any one planning a reunion, or just a cracking meal, I would thoroughly recommend Hotel du Vin. The food was exceptional, and the wine out of this world, with service to match. Nye Fathers stopped us all for a quick photo shoot, and then back to the food and drink. The video of our dental review made a brief showing – I don't think there was one proud moment for any one in that production!

After the meal, we moved on to a not-so-glamorous location in the Lizard Lounge on the triangle, a regular haunt after the bar on Friday (or indeed any other night of the week), and surprise surprise it was full of students, and we all felt soooo old (I realise many readers will be offering little sympathy at this point). So on that note we got into what we did best as students and got stuck into the drinks and some bad dancing. And that is all I am able to remember of the 5-year reunion for the class of 2000. I am assured it was a great night.

A brief final word to thank Heidi for once again stepping into the shoes of the year's Entertainment Rep and organising such a wonderful few days, and to all of those who managed to make the trip to Bristol – great to catch up again – and sorry to miss all those who couldn't make it. Maybe in 2010 hey?

ALUMNI NEWS

1972

Mark Bishop, after years in academia, retrained and now runs a specialist endodontic practice.

1974

Shirley Scola is now Acting Head of the dental school at Suva, Fiji (*see her report in our 2005 Newsletter*). There has been a history of mismanagement and everyone is hopeful that she can sort things out overnight. Fortunately there is a new dean of the Medical School who is keen to help. She is hopeful that a permanent head (not her) will be appointed soon, but in the meantime she has been preparing budgets, hiring and sorting out staff and generally trying to keep things going. She thinks treating patients and teaching students is definitely more fun.

1975

Peter Barter, who organised a successful reunion in Bristol last December, left the frenetic atmosphere of his four-surgery practice to concentrate on his consultancy, which essentially was setting up new practices for those who didn't know how to go about it. After 25 new practices, serious retirement loomed, when he could spend his time on boat deliveries and painting whilst living for six months in Spain and six in sunny Norfolk (Pat has been unbelievably tolerant !). That was

pre-grandchildren ! Now everything has changed and Plan B has kicked in: place in Spain on the market, no more boat deliveries, counting the grandchildren a routine occupation. The tablets seem to be working. **Jeremy Preston** enjoyed the reunion in December – his wife Anne unfortunately was unable to attend, having broken a leg (which he thought was rather an extreme way of getting out of attending, despite his efforts to reassure her that his friends were all nice sane people !). He is still happy in a single-handed practice. His eldest daughter Helen graduated in Zoology at Cardiff last year, and younger daughter Kate is reading business management in Bath – he is hoping (not very confidently) that both will be independent soon and allow him to retire.

1976

Phil Key continues his love affair with canals and narrowboats. He had a boat built a few years ago, has it based at Worcester and, when not otherwise occupied, meanders at a sedate pace along sleepy canals. Yes, as he has admitted, he has become a canal nerd. **Raman Bedi** retired as Chief Dental Officer for England last October after three years in the post. He is now a professor at King's College, London, involved in establishing a global Child Dental Health Taskforce.

1980

Warren Gamblin is taking a year out from July to live in Chamonix, France, where he intends to ski and cycle. His daughters Polly (10) and Philippa (12) are enrolled in Chamonix schools. He has been brushing up his French and hopes to do some part-time dentistry there. **Richard Samlik**, who worked in London for many years, moved back to his native Poland about 5 years ago but commutes on one day a week to his old practice in London.

1984

Friedy Luther, a senior lecturer in orthodontics in Leeds, is now Editor of the Journal of Orthodontics. She was formerly Editor of the Newsletter of the British Orthodontic Society, and has been succeeded by **Philip Benson**, a senior lecturer in orthodontics in Sheffield.

1986

Hilary King married Pete Ludlow in 1995 and they now have two children, Amy (9) and Matthew (7). She bought into a family practice

in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, in 2003. She enjoys skiing and gardening when she can find the time.

1988

Helen Rodd was appointed Professor of Paediatric Dentistry in Sheffield in March, scotching earlier ideas of packing it all in, travelling the world and running a teashop somewhere. But not before she enjoyed a 900km cycling trip in Cuba on a tandem with husband James. **Katherine (Frin) Pritchard (Mills)** was disappointed to be refused sufficient study leave to undertake the MDentSci course in Liverpool over two years, so returned to work for the CDS in Anglesey, term-times only so that she can enjoy holidays with daughters Cara (10) and Megan (7). Following a large number of Drug Rehabilitation referrals she developed a special interest in these patients and has been putting together a proposal for a MPhil based upon research into the oral health of this group. She remains a dental tutor. She hasn't been able to do much horse riding recently – she very nearly bought a horse but the sale fell through at the last minute when the seller had a problem with the vet ! Husband Steph enjoyed his year as Captain of the Bull Bay Golf Club.

1989

Alex Rogers got married in November last year to Pippa, a pharmacist at Bangor Hospital.

1990

Simon Uren is now working part-time. In his new-found leisure time he enjoys swimming, reading, listening to music and painting (mostly watercolours). His other half, **Pam (86)**, is learning Latin to help (or keep up with) daughter Alex (12) who has won a scholarship to the prestigious Badminton School in Bristol and enjoys Latin at school. Their son Nick (7), a keen footballer, is at Clifton College.

1996

Carol Somerville Roberts has mostly stayed around the Bristol area and is currently working two days a week in a practice in Nailsea. She married almost seven years ago and has two sons. Over the past 18 months she has started running to keep fit and completed her first half-marathon in March. **Emma Preston** got married almost three years ago, had a little girl last July, and works in Shrewsbury. **Ciara Scott** got engaged in January, qualified as an orthodontist last year

and now lives in Dublin. **Chris Crook** and his wife Sophie have returned to England after 7 years living and working in Australia. He has sent the following overview of their time out there : “ We originally went to Australia in 1999 on a 1-year working holiday visa and the plan was to stay there for just one year. I got a job in the Sydney dental hospital, in the oral surgery department. We were living in a suburb near the city but then decided to stay a second year for the 2000 Olympics. We also decided that it was time to move to a beach suburb and live the beach lifestyle, so we moved to Manly from where I could commute by ferry to the city to my new job as a general dentist in a large private health-fund clinic. While working there I was given the opportunity to open and manage a new 10-chair dental centre just up the road from where we were living in Manly, too good an offer not to take up. I stayed there for the next 4 years, building up the practice as well as making the most of being minutes away from surf and kite-surfing beaches, with the occasional lunchtime dash to the beach for a quick dip. During this time we gained our Australian citizenship, just to keep options open on our return to England. During our last year, **Alistair Graham (97)** contacted me for advice about working in Australia. Six months later he was in the surgery next to mine and is now in my old surgery and has taken over my job of running the practice – he even has the same favourite websites to check surf and wind conditions and plan post-work activities. We had a fantastic time out there but it is wonderful to be back. We had our first child, Ben, in December 2005, so priorities have changed a bit, for now at least. I have joined **Jo Sutcliffe (95)** at her fantastic Smile dental practice in Exeter and look forward to the weather warming up so as to begin exploring the lovely areas around us. I am looking forward to catching up with others from my year at our 10-year reunion later this year. How time flies !”

1997

The 1997 year have been reproducing: **Amelia Smith**, who is married to **Matt Jerreat (99)**, a specialist registrar in restorative dentistry in Bristol, has had a baby girl, Pheobe ; **Olivia Alderson (Millington)** has had a second baby boy, George ; **Harriet Anstey (Sawyer)** a second baby ; and **Peter Day’s** wife Philly a second baby boy, Oliver. **Jo Corbett**, who played hockey for the University, married Simon, also a hockey player, on 21st April. **Scott Deacon** and **Christian Day** are now both consultants in orthodontics in Bristol.

MEET E-GEORGE

Sue Barefoot, Dental Subject Librarian

“At our last [BDAA] committee meeting it was suggested that our members would be interested to read about the more recent facilities available in the Dental Library using modern technology, which only recent graduates will be familiar with. Would you consider writing an article about this?” This request was directed to me from Reg Andlaw, so now you know whom to blame for a contribution about libraries!

I think it is true to say that members of the Alumni would instantly recognise the Dental Library in its current guise and probably many would wonder at the lack of change and question whether the electronic age had made any impact at all. Because apart from the addition of a few computers and a printer all appears much as it ever did. But change has come and while its effects so far have been fairly muted, they are set to become profound. The following is an account, of what George (a new student) encounters in his dealings with the library.

On arrival he is given a student card, and discovers this also operates as his library card. The card is scanned, as are the items he borrows from the library, and using the number on the card he can (from anywhere in the world) access his account. He finds this useful as it allows him to renew any items on loan to him, make reservations, check outstanding fines, review a list of all the items he's ever borrowed, and make inter-library loan requests. He converts his first card into a key ring, but is fed up to discover he has thereby managed to render it useless for other purposes.

During introductory week he is introduced to Information Services web pages and finds that searching Metalib (the library's resource discovery gateway) allows him to locate both print and electronic resources on his subject, just at Bristol if he chooses, or beyond if he wishes. Later in the year he also has a library session on how to search the database Medline to best effect, and then tests his knowledge by undertaking an on-line formative assessment that the library has set on Blackboard (a Virtual Learning Environment, where almost all of his course work, handbook information etc is found.)

He finds that Information Services has set up an email account ready for him. The library emails him to let him know when his reserved books are ready, and when his loans are overdue. He emails

the library sometimes too, asking for things like loan extensions, or technical help in obtaining electronic material.

George is pleased to discover that apart from nipping in to borrow books he hardly has to use the library at all. He searches databases from home and uses the 'Get it' link (SFX technology) to obtain electronically the full text of articles he wants. He finds that to make this work most effectively he needs to reconfigure his browser, so that he is using the authenticated proxy server (thus proving to the publisher he is a member of Bristol University.) It is a bit of a nuisance and he is pleased to learn that Information Services are working on a simpler solution.

When he does visit the library, he downloads material from Blackboard, or the Internet using the networked printer. He wishes it was cheaper, but at least it's easy to set up – he simply hands money in at the issue desk where it is instantly credited to his printing account. This means he can print using any library printer as well as the one in the CAL room. More and more departments are starting to use this system too, widening his printing options.

Some of the books he borrows have accompanying CDs and DVDs, which is quite handy because he can play these at home and incorporate relevant graphs and images into his work (with due acknowledgement!). He sometimes uses the scanner in the Medical Library in this way too. He is looking forward to the library enlarging its electronic book collection.

He is also wondering about mobile technology; his medic friends are beginning to use hand-held computers on ward rounds and to download books and use them for mobile learning. However he knows that many other developments are imminent and decides to wait a while before making any purchase. At the moment he has a laptop, which he can connect to the nomadic or the wireless network, so he sometimes brings that to the library, but it's a bit heavy and awkward to carry around. He finds the nomadic network quite handy, as it provides a simple means of connecting to resources that are normally only available from within the University – even when he is working from home.

Enough of George, how do these developments affect the Alumni? In many ways the move from print to electronic has disadvantaged those who are no longer members of the University. Many of the electronic resources such as databases and electronic books or journals are restricted, by licensing requirements, solely to

current members of the institution. Information Services is part of a nationwide effort to improve this situation, but it's a slow process.

The University Library has a 'Recognised Local Users' scheme which offers access and borrowing privileges to a range of professional external users, including dentists in practice. (At present, access to electronic resources beyond the Library Catalogue is not provided.) Applicants need to supply a passport-size photograph and pay a fee of £5 towards the costs of creating a borrower record and issuing a plastic card. Of course, as BDAA members you can already benefit from existing alumni arrangements for use of the library.

With the impetus of increased dental student numbers, the Dental Library is the focus of much interest at the moment. Huge changes will be required to accommodate the new students, the new requirements of a changing curriculum and the explosion of new technology. It is a time of great opportunity to see real improvements in the facilities – electronic or otherwise – on offer.

However, without a doubt, books do still form a core resource, and I'd like to seize this opportunity to say how very much the library appreciates your continued generosity. The Dental Library, and more importantly its users, have benefited greatly from the steady stream of support from BDAA members. It is no exaggeration to say that this support has made a crucial difference to the quality and quantity of material available to current dental undergraduates. Since January 2002 to the present time the Dental Library has received an impressive total of £5413 from Alumni contributions. So far this has purchased 104 new books with another 29 titles lined up to buy, as soon as they are published. It would be hard to over-state the significance of this income to the provision of books in the Dental Library; it has literally made all the difference. Long may your Association flourish!

Donors to dental library funds

All members have, of course, contributed to our library donations through their annual subscriptions, but the following have also kindly made individual donations. If you would like to donate please send a cheque, payable to University of Bristol, to Reg Andlaw – with a donation of at least £50 you may, if you wish, have your name added to a bookplate in a new book of your choice.

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 Geoffrey van Beek
 Robert Binnersley
 Dan Glover
 Kate Gunnery
 Alun Jones
 Bert Jukes
 Karen Lintin

Fred Leach
 Curtis Sealy
 Edward Shaw
 Christopher Stephenson
 Michael Sutton
 Michael Treweeke
 Gordon Tucker
 Pierre Viader

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

We have been notified that the following reunions are being organised. Please contact the organiser if you have not already been in touch.

- 1966** Bob Binnersley Date: 2 December 2006
 4 Wye View Villas Tel: 01432 265 613 (work)
 Hereford HR2 7RA e-mail: bobwbin@aol.com
- 1971** David Brooker Date: 20-22 April 2007
 3 Westminster Drive Tel: 01296 415 276
 Aylesbury email: dsbrooker@btinternet.com
 Bucks HP21 7LS
- 1976** Paul Baines Date: 10-11 November 2006
 1 Bellhouse Walk Tel: 0117 938 0315
 Bristol BS11 0UE email: baines@btinternet.com

or

- Phil Key
 5 Yanley Lane Tel: 01275 392 638
 Long Ashton email: phil.key@blueyonder.co.uk
 Bristol BS41 9LQ
- 1981** Gordon Shovlin Date: 18 November 2006
 77 Lower Redland Road Tel: 0117 907 8037
 Bristol BS6 6SP email: gordonshovlin@blueyonder.co.uk
- 1986** Jon Moore Date: 25 November 2006
 Rock Castle Tel: 0117 968 3701
 Newland Street email: rockcastle@coford.fsbusiness.co.uk
 Coleford
 Glos GL16 8AL

- 1990** Simon Uren Date: To be confirmed
 93 High Street Tel: 01275 842 058 (work)
 Portishead
 Bristol BS20 6PR
- 1996** Mark Eddleston Date: 9-12 June 2006
 16 Hunters Hill Tel: 01928 787 450
 Kingsley email: mark@markeddleston.wanadoo.co.uk
 Frodsham
 Cheshire WA6 8DE
- 2001** Hem Shah Date: 29-30 September 2006
 Div. Child Dental Health Tel: 07801 800 216 (mobile)
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 Lower Maudlin Street
 Bristol BS1 2LY

Notes for Reunion Organisers

Addresses

The Data Protection Act does not allow us to release addresses of alumni. However, the University's Campaigns and Alumni Relations Office can inform organisers of the number of graduates in their year and then, if that number of stamped envelopes is sent to the office, address labels will be attached and the envelopes posted. To use this service contact Laura Merlino – telephone 0117 3317139 or e-mail laura.merlino@bris.ac.uk. For those who qualified up to and including 1993, emphasize that you refer to those who qualified in December of the specified year and graduated the following January (plus a few, perhaps, who were referred). After 1993 qualification and graduation have been in June/July.

Unfortunately, it cannot be guaranteed that all the addresses are up to date, so it would be advisable to stamp the envelopes with “If undelivered please return to...”. The obvious but time-consuming alternative, of course, is to use the Dentists' Register.

We would be happy to reimburse organisers' stationery and postage expenses.

Venues

For those arriving on a Friday evening, the Hathorn Bar in the Students' Common Room has been a convivial place to meet – students and staff meet there every Friday evening. Unfortunately it

will not be available from June and until further notice because major reorganisation of the building is planned to accommodate the increase in student intake.

Group photographs

We can arrange for a group photograph to be taken (normally just before your dinner) which would be available for purchase at reasonable cost (Nye Fathers, of BDH, is the photographer). We (the BDAA) would buy a copy, frame it and hang it on a wall in the Students' Common Room – the plan is to decorate the walls by placing reunion photographs next to those taken at graduation (which were taken from 1991), so we would like to encourage you to have one taken (even if you qualified pre-1991). You can order a copy on the evening or, preferably, beforehand by using the form on our website. Please inform Reg Andlaw if you would like this to be arranged.

Dental Hospital tour

A Saturday morning tour can be arranged by contacting the Clinical Dean's Office.

Contacts

Reg Andlaw – telephone 0117 968 2653, email andlaws@onetel.com
 Clinical Dean's Office – telephone 0117 928 4308, email Theresa.munns@bristol.ac.uk
 BDAA website – www.dentalschool.bristol.ac.uk/postgraduate/alumni

Current members of staff

Professor M Addy	Dr D Franklin	Dr J Moran
Dr D Armstrong	Dr H Frenkel	Dr L Nash
Miss N Attack	Mr K George	Dr D O'Sullivan
Mr A Bailey	Dr G Gray	Dr I Paterson
Dr M Barbour	Mr P Gray	Professor S Prime
Dr C Bell	Mr J Green	Mr J Puryer
Mr R Benjamin	Mr M Gregory	Mrs P Risely-Prichard
Dr T Benn	Mr P Guest	Mr R Robinson
Mr P Bennett	Dr A Hague	Mr D Rockey
Dr I Blum	Mr N Harradine	Mrs J Rooney

Mr M Bose	Miss S Hooper	Mr S Sale
Miss G Boswell	Dr J Hughes	Professor J Sandy
Mr G Bradshaw	Dr A Ireland	Mrs C Sellen
Mr P Bucknell	Professor D Jagger	Mr P Sellen
Mr S Chadwick	Mr R Jagger	Dr P Shellis
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Professor J Cowpe	Mrs A Jones	Mr A Sprod
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Dr K Duncan	Dr J Mansell	Dr M Wainright
Dr D Dymock	Mrs D Marriott	Dr N West
Professor J Eveson	Miss L McNally	Dr S Wetton
Dr L Foster	Mr R Middlefell	Mr P Wilson
	Mr R Miller	Mr R Yates

Some former members of staff living in or around Bristol

(Addresses could be provided if reunion organisers wish to make contact)

Abdul Adatia	Ken Marshall
Chris Bell (the elder)	Jerry Pell
Ian Ball	Derek Seel
Eric Bradford	Chris Stephens
Mike Cooksey	Jeff Watkins
Jim Fletcher	Adrian Watkinson
Alan Harrison	David Williams
Clive Jenkins	Martin Woodhead

OBITUARIES

David Frederick George Poole 1927-2005

David Poole was born in Gloucester in 1928. He gained a major exhibition from Gloucester Education Committee to study Zoology with subsidiary Botany at the University of Bristol, graduating with a BSc in 1949 and a PhD in 1953. Following a short period as a research assistant in the Department of Dental Surgery (1951-52), he married his childhood sweetheart, Gwen.

After four years at Makerere University in Uganda, he returned to take up a position as scientist to the newly formed MRC Dental Group at Bristol, under the direction of Professor Arthur Darling, to undertake research into dental caries. After Professor Darling's retirement in 1984, the Unit became an external MRC group and Dr Poole acted as its Director until his retirement in 1993.

His main research interest was in the structure of dental tissues and the changes associated with dental caries. He contributed seminal papers in this area; two of them have together been cited over 80 times.

Dr Poole placed his own ambitions second to the well-being of his scientific colleagues, and he fostered a supportive and co-operative group spirit. He supervised a number of postgraduate students, four of whom were subsequently appointed to chairs. He took time from research to assist his University colleagues in teaching dental undergraduates and postgraduates.

Outside the University, he shouldered the arduous role of Secretary of the British Society for Dental Research (1978-84) and later served as President.

Dr Poole was appointed (together with the late Dr Peter Goggin) Sub-Warden of Hiatt Baker Hall in 1966, and served as Warden between 1982 and 1989. He was an active member of Convocation and regularly attended the annual summer reunion. In retirement, he and Gwen continued their active support for the National Trust, and he served as Chairman of the Friends of Dyrham Park.

David and Gwen were happily married for more than 40 years and her death from cancer was a devastating blow to him. Two days before his own death on 26th October 2005, he visited Hiatt Baker

Hall to place flowers at the foot of his wife's memorial tree in the grounds.

Dr Poole is survived by his son, Nigel, and twins, Alison and Richard, and their families, and they have agreed to the planting of a second memorial tree in the grounds of Hiatt Baker, in recognition of his strong bonds with the hall.

K.H.R. Baron

M.J. Crossley-Evans

P. Shellis

(Reprinted from University News, February 2006)

John Steel Cooper 1927-2005

John Cooper, who died from cancer in Bristol on 17th September 2005, was a man with many interests, considerable manual skills, great senses of humour and kindness which together made him a popular friend and colleague.

He was born in Bath and apart from time spent in National Service with the RADG lived in Lansdown until 1964.

Following education at King Edward VI Grammar School he entered Bristol University as a dental student and obtained his BDS in 1950, then joining the Armed Forces. Returning to civilian life he worked in general dental practices in Bristol and Bath.

In 1960 he was appointed a lecturer at the Bristol Dental School. This allowed him to develop one of his great interests – the dental anatomy of European lizards. He was awarded a PhD in 1963 and became a recognised international authority on the subject. (The views of newly appointed cleaners when they first entered his office where some of the animals lived in special accommodation are not known!)

John also had a great interest in antique firearms, particularly those of the 17th century. He had much support from international authorities and started to make quarter-size working miniatures of the arms in 1950. A number of them found their way to the United States of America and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. These are famous examples demonstrating his great manual abilities. At a more academic level he wrote numerous articles for the American

Arms Journal and two books on 17th century gun makers. His artistic drawing for these are remarkable.

Those of us who were his colleagues and friends have many happy memories of John. We remember his greeting “what ho!” when we met, his quiet way, the twinkle in his eyes, the outbreaks of jokes and laughter, his ability as a table tennis player and the amusement caused by his ‘sausage-former’ shot, the white MG cars and the blue plastic mackintoshes, his interest in nature and the surroundings, a great liking for Herb Alpert and Tijuana Brass records, and brightly coloured paintings. We shall not forget the use of his physical skills for unusual pieces of work, as seen by the production of cardboard variable extension tubes for his SLR camera made to accommodate a large RAF scanning lens. The results were spectacular.

In 1978 John was diagnosed as having rheumatoid arthritis which required complex treatment including surgery. This led to retirement from the University in 1982. But it was not all bleak as he again met Rosie who, with her physiotherapy students, treated his hand at the BRI. They were married at St. Mary Radcliffe in 1986.

John’s ability and kindness as a teacher is recorded in a message from a student who qualified in December 1975: “I would like to put it on record that he was one of the very best teachers I have ever had. He would always find something nice to say about my abysmal alginate impression even if it was only that I had inserted the tray the right way up, before gently pointing out the myriad faults in it, and encouraging me to have another attempt. He never made one feel embarrassed or inadequate. I think of him many times and often quote his kind teaching style”.

In summary, John was a great, good and gentle man.

Jim Fletcher

**Ivor Robinson
1917-2005**

Ivor Robinson, a former tutor in prosthetics and crown-and-bridge work and Superintendent of laboratory work in Bristol Dental School, died on 19th June 2005 in Frenchay Hospital following a stroke in late December 2004. He was born in Cardiff on 7th December 1917. He trained as a dental technician with Minerva Laboratories in Cardiff and served in the Army Dental Corps during the last war. After his service career he became a dental technician at Bristol Dental School.

He and his wife Barbara became great friends of many dental students over a long period of time. There was always an open door at the Robinson's house and they introduced many students to foreign travel. His interests were very varied. He was a good sportsman – an international table tennis player for Wales – and he enjoyed cricket, badminton, bowls and swimming, and took part in the Taff Swim in Cardiff Roath Park lake covering several miles. He continued playing bowls and badminton throughout his 80s until his stroke; indeed he was a keen opponent on the court! He was a very accomplished gardener and his garden was a joy to see. He was a keen amateur cine-camera photographer and his films, complete with commentary and music, were educational and enjoyable to see. He enjoyed reading, music, and before his stroke never missed a rugby international at Cardiff.

His wife Barbara died in 1991 and he leaves a daughter, Lesley, son-in-law Paul, grandchildren Gavin and Adrienne and four great-grandchildren. Robbie was Mr. Chips of dentistry and will be sadly missed by many.

Alun Jones

IVOR ROBINSON'S FUNERAL

Alan and Judith Lawrence

There was a large attendance on Tuesday 28th June 2005 for Ivor (Robbie) Robinson's funeral held at Westerleigh Crematorium, near Bristol. When we arrived there 30 minutes ahead of time the large car park was full, and as we stood chatting we realised how many people Robbie had helped and taught and entertained over the years. There were six from our year alone (Norman Killingback, Paul Sayzeland, Alan Bailey, John Shields, Judith and myself). There were Alan Durbin and Jenny Ellis-Jones from the year below us. Then Reg Andlaw arrived, bringing 'Sister' (later Matron) Davidson. She was happy, and realised that she would always be 'sister' to us. She was incredible: walking erect and still very much alert, with a great sense of humour.

*'Sister' Davidson talking to
Jenny Ellis-Jones*

There were familiar faces of some of our former lab tutors: Len Moore, Alan Baker and Roy Folland. Roy had flown over from Calpe (near Benidorm in Spain) especially for the funeral. The gentle reminiscing in the sunshine with people from former years slowly stopped as we joined the very long queue to enter the chapel. It is a modern, spacious, airy chapel but we filled it to overflowing with more people standing than seated – in fact they were

*Paul Sayzeland with Roy
Folland and Alan Baker*

standing all the way round the walls. Ivor's daughter Lesley said afterwards that she was absolutely astounded when she came in to see

so many people. Robbie was a genuinely modest person but one who had done so much and had made so many friends.

The service was taken by the local Methodist Minister Rev. Richard Gillion. He started by welcoming us and pointing out that the huge gathering (I estimate at least 200) spoke of the affection in which Ivor was held. He mentioned Ivor's association with the Methodist Church starting in Cardiff, and gave a wonderful word picture of Robbie's history, his work, his hobbies and his friends – his love of travel and cine films to share memories of his journeys were just two examples. Afterwards many went back to Ivor's home. Norman told me later that Lesley (Ivor's daughter) said just how much the service and the turnout meant to her.

Judith and I drove back along the M5 full of gentle memories. We have tangible souvenirs too! Robbie helped me make Judith's wedding ring (as he helped Norman and so many of us). Robbie, ever practical, suggested I use co-gold to repair a blow hole in the casting, thus doubling the number of co-gold restorations I have done in my life!

Perhaps the best way I can sum up this great friend to so many of us is to recall the first time I met him in April 1959. I was being shown round the dental school by Keith Stables prior to my dexterity test and interview. He took me to see Robbie and said "*This is the most important person in the whole school*". Quite right! He was a great teacher and friend.

THE LOST BRIDGE

Alan Lawrence

Although it happened over 40 years ago it is etched on my memory still. I might even say seared on my memory. It is the story of the lost bridge. No – not a bridge that crosses a river but a dental one that replaces a missing tooth. As a dental student, unlike qualified dentists we had to do all the laboratory work for our patients ourselves. That meant learning many of the skills of a jeweller. And this lost bridge was no ordinary bridge. It was the bridge that would be examined by my examiners. It would be one of the things that would fail or pass me. And no bridge meant no pass! I had made the bridge of a new platinum-and-gold alloy and the materials alone were worth a great deal in today's money – a huge sum for a student to replace.

I had finished making the bridge on a Saturday morning and polished it up. I wrapped this silver-and-white precious-metal bridge in a white gauze and then put it away in my laboratory drawer (or so I thought) and went to enjoy the weekend ready to fit the completed bridge on Monday morning. Imagine my horror when I opened the drawer and found it missing. Failure and bankruptcy stared me in the face! We had a tremendous unpaid counsellor in the Dental Hospital in the person of Ivor Robinson – the tutor technician who was a father confessor to us all. He sat me down and together we worked out that it must have fallen on to the waste tray immediately below the drawer. These trays were emptied into a chute down three stories into a huge Grundon bin.

We rushed downstairs and found it had not yet been emptied. So we emptied this huge bin right across the side road at the back of the hospital. We didn't find the bridge. The bin was full of plaster chippings and gauze and it was really like looking for a needle in a haystack. My heart sank as we put handful after handful back in the bin. At one stage a Morris Minor drove over the pile of plaster chippings! I uttered many heartfelt prayers for help as my spirits sank lower and lower. Then about six handfuls from the end I picked up a gauze that seemed heavier than it should. Platinum is much heavier than plaster! I unwrapped the gauze and there was my bridge. True there was a small crack in the porcelain facing where the car had run over it! But it was quickly reglazed and fitted to the patient. And I passed the all-important qualifying exam. What a relief.

When we met Ivor Robinson last summer we asked him: did he remember it? What a question! He said he had calmed subsequent generations of dental students who had lost something, urging them to remember the parable of Alan Lawrence's lost bridge.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 15/11/2004 – 15/11/2005

Income

Subscriptions	£ 3,458.00
Donations Medical Sickness Society	£ 150.00
	<u>£ 3,608.00</u>

Expenditure

Donations	
Dental School Library	£ 1,000.00
UBDSS Dental Ball	£ 200.00

Newsletter	
Preparation	£ 200.00
Printing	£ 234.00
Distribution	£ 260.12

Reunion photographs	£ 41.00
Brass plaques	£ 104.30
Miscellaneous (stationery, postage etc.)	£ 77.53
Bank charges	£ 145.69
	<u>£ 2,262.64</u>

Excess income over expenditure £ 1,345.36

Bank balance	at 15 November 2004	£ 7,622.49
	at 15 November 2005	£ 8,967.85

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We do not have valid addresses for the following members. We would be very grateful for information about their current addresses.

Christopher Andrew	(99)	Alison Howe	(98)
Scott Bentley	(95)	Stephen Keane	(98)
Oliver Bowyer	(02)	Sarah McNally	(97)
Catherine Breach	(99)	Constantine Ong	(98)
Gordon Carey	(01)	Gregory Peake	(92)
Simon Carlyle	(79)	Sarah Richards	(98)
Melissa Chen	(90)	Richard Seaton	(01)
Josephine Corbett	(97)	Fleur Shanson	(01)
Justin Dinley	(99)	Caroline Tothill	(96)
Hester Degraeve	(00)	Fiona Turner	(91)
Aimee Devine	(95)	Nicola Waller	(95)
Simon Dunstan	(84)	Helen Walters	(95)
Carol Gough	(96)	Clare Watson	(93)
Zoe Harrington	(93)	Danyel Lisa Yates	(93)
David Hickleton	(01)		