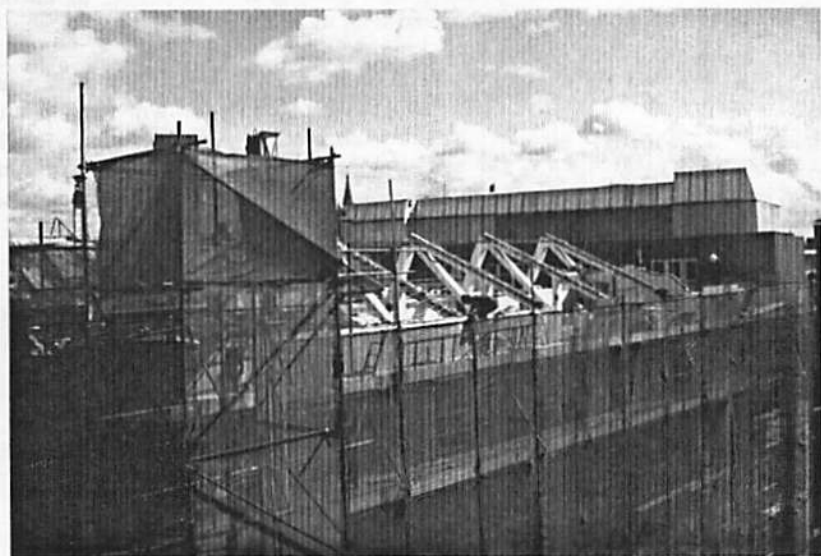




**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL  
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**NEWSLETTER 1992**



**Onward and upward over the Cons. Department!**  
(See Tom Dowell's piece on page 10)

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**EDITORIAL**

Following the encouraging response to last year's efforts here is the second Bristol Dental Alumni Newsletter.

As was stated last year, the purpose of the Newsletter is to inform alumni of the current activities of the Dental School, both general and personal; to encourage alumni to keep in touch with each other and with us at the School.

It is pleasing this year to be able to include contributions from alumni themselves, and it is hoped that one of the functions that the Newsletter will fulfil is that of "clearing house" for information relating to alumni who wish to remain in touch. As last year there are summaries of the activities of the various departments during the previous twelve months - staff changes, honours and recognitions, current research and the like. We also feature a more general item on the School as a whole.

As always, contributions from alumni for future issues will be greatly appreciated - if your year has had a reunion, for example, or if you are trying to get in touch with an old friend, let us know and it can be included in the next issue.

## **A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN, REG ANDLAW**

The main jobs for the Committee during the last year have been to produce a Newsletter and to organise a reunion. The first Newsletter appeared in March 1991 and there is a firm commitment to produce one every year - the need to communicate regularly with alumni is a top priority with the Committee. The first issue was favourably received, and much credit goes to Dave Williams who did the typesetting - and who has agreed to do it again this year. We hope we have increased the interest of this year's issue by including news about alumni, and we thank those of you who have sent us this information. We hope more news will come in for inclusion in subsequent issues.

The 1991 Reunion in September was enjoyed by all who attended, mostly from the 1976 and 1981 years - a report appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. We hope that the Newsletter will generate greater interest in reunions and result in greater attendances in the future.

We thank those of you who replied to the questionnaire that was included in the first issue of the Newsletter. One of the things we learned - perhaps not surprisingly - was that reunions of individual year groups are more popular than general annual reunions. The Committee will in future aim to promote reunions of, say, 10- and 15-year graduates by persuading representatives of those groups to organise them, and to offer as much local support as required.

After being involved with the Association for 15 years, Paul Baines has decided to resign as secretary in order to spend more time with his overdrift. This is a sad blow, but Paul has put in a long stint, for which he deserves much credit. We will miss him.

## **-AND FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, ALAN HARRISON**

It seems hardly any time at all since I was struggling to put together the appropriate words for last year's edition of the Newsletter. Much of what I reported then still holds true. The various changes to the fabric of the building are still on-going. The new clinical department of Child Dental Health is up and running although part is currently being used by Adult Dental Health as a supplementary restorative clinic. This is because half of the old conservation clinic is closed for refurbishment, although the new patients' waiting area and staff surgeries are completed. This first phase of the redevelopment of the cons. clinic is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1992.

Conversion and upgrading of the clinical areas, and a consequent temporary reduction in the number of dental chairs available, has been possible because of the change in the undergraduate course from four years and one term to five years. On the new course, which began in 1990, the students are required to complete two preclinical years, which resulted in no clinical intake in October 1991. This "loss" of one clinical group has been the enabling mechanism for the various building changes

which are already taking place or planned. The promised new extension, financed by the NHS, is still on course and hopefully work will start on it next summer.

As a consequence of the Gulf war our number of overseas postgraduates was reduced last year. This year, however, we have more than ever - largely due to the additional number of European Community postgraduates that the University Funding Council has requested us to accept. The presence of so many postgraduates is both stimulating and an additional burden on the staff.

Congratulations are due to Jonathan Shepherd on his appointment to the Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Wales College of Medicine. Various changes, including the imminent retirement of Jack Ross, have enabled the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust to fund a new Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The University is grateful to the UBHT for this opportunity and this new post was advertised early in 1992.

In conclusion, I believe the Dental School is taking rapid strides forward and going from strength to strength. Close links with its alumni can only help its development and I hope this Newsletter serves to foster those links.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF PROSTHETIC DENTISTRY AND DENTAL CARE OF THE ELDERLY**

Prof. A Harrison

There have not been any significant changes to the Department this year except for the appointment of a new Clinical Dental Sciences Lecturer. Daryll Smith joins us, having completed a Registrar post at Cardiff, as Lecturer with special responsibility for the clinical tuition of postgraduate students in the discipline of restorative dentistry. This is a new post and there is no doubt that Daryll's efforts will relieve much of the burden of clinical postgraduate teaching in the departments involved with restorative dentistry.

Congratulations are due to Robin Huggett, Special Lecturer in Dental Technology, for the award of a PhD earlier in 1991. The thesis he presented was a collection of published research papers numbering 56 in total and all related to the study of poly (methyl methacrylate). This must be a unique achievement since I know of no other dental technician in the United Kingdom who has achieved a higher degree by this means. Robin has acted as a Business and Technician Education Council moderator for the last 18 months. This has involved visits to Liverpool and Leeds and more recently to Newcastle and Nottingham in order to assess the technical training programmes and standards achieved.

Jon Hindle, a graduate in 1980, who now practises in the Exeter area, was successful in gaining an MSc by research for an excellent thesis entitled "An

*Investigation into Tooth Colour Analysis by a new Optoelectronic System".* Jon completed the work by part time study and also holds an appointment as a general dental practitioner teacher in this Department.

The Department's main research theme continues to be the study of the properties of denture base materials. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. The research laboratories at Rolls Royce (Filton) are closing and being transferred to Derby and they are kindly allowing us to purchase several fatigue machines (at nominal cost), which will allow us to study the fatigue strengths of resins and metals.

At the present time, we have postgraduates from Turkey, Greece and Jordan in the Department and we are expecting others from Libya and Malaysia in the next 2 - 3 months. This produces a stimulating environment but increases the workload for all the staff, and all the academic members of staff are involved with supervising research dissertations. Unfortunately, soon after the arrival of the new postgraduates the builders decided to take down the ceilings in our research and teaching laboratories which has caused some confusion and reorganisation.

The Department is therefore continuing to expand along with the rest of the School and is going through a particularly productive period at the moment.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ORAL MEDICINE, SURGERY AND PATHOLOGY**

**Prof. C Scully**

1991 saw further consolidation of the Department as a major centre of international repute, and the establishment of oral and maxillofacial as a distinct department. We were all delighted with the successful application by Jonathan Shepherd for a Chair at Cardiff Dental School. His departure coincided with, and helped crystallise, developments in oral and maxillofacial surgery that were already in progress. Funding has been found from the University and from the United Bristol Healthcare Trust for accommodation in a new block of 13 rooms on the third floor of the hospital, and for a Professor, a Consultant Senior Lecturer and a Lecturer. It is hoped that new permanent surgical staff will be in post by October 1992. Meantime, Jack Ross retires at least in theory but, in reality to a new young daughter and long-term locumships, and we have new lecturers in Daryll Smith and Andrew Yeudall, and locums in Andrea Richards and Shafiq Harris.

Research on oral cancer is breaking new frontiers as the race to determine the molecular mechanisms in carcinogenesis continues. Stephen Prime has progressed with research on the role of growth factors in oral cancer, and with Andrew Yeudall has been expanding the research on viruses and genetic factors in carcinogenesis. John Eveson has collaborated in the new WHO re-classification of salivary gland tumours, and Crispian Scully - with collaborators at the European Institute of Oncology - has completed a large epidemiological survey of oral cancer in China. Professor Scully has established a new journal on oral cancer (Oral Oncology: Pergamon Press).

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council have funded Professor Scully, with the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases at Bath, to study periodontal and oral health in the rheumatic diseases. Andrea Richards, Serdar Mutlu and Stephen Porter have been involved with this work.

HIV-infected patients are still on the increase and are being cared for mainly by Jane Luker, Robin Matthews, Professor Scully and John Eveson who have also examined, with Stephen Porter and Serdar Mutlu, the periodontal and oral flora in such patients. The General Dental Council booklet on oral lesions in HIV has been revised by Stephen Porter and Professor Scully; over 35,000 copies have been distributed in the UK and it is now being requested by the Australian Dental Council. They also continue to play a prominent role in promoting awareness of HIV and other infections and infection control in dentistry and have been involved in the new British Dental Association booklet "Control of cross-infection".

Departmental members are active in many international and national bodies including the World Health Organisation, Federation Dentaire Internationale, International Association of Oral Pathologists, International Academy of Periodontology, various EEC committees, various journal editorial boards, the Central Research and Development Committee and other committees of the Department of Health, the British Society of Oral Medicine, the British Society of Periodontology, the General Dental Council, the Royal Colleges and others. Work has been reported at various national meetings and abroad in Brazil, Eire, Greece, Holland, Italy, Jordan and the United States of America. Publications continue to be prolific (over 100 full papers in 1991) and include a new book on the interpretation of radiographs.

Finally, we are fortunate to have had several distinguished overseas visitors from Australia, Canada and Greece to work in the department. These and our postgraduate students have greatly enhanced the life of the Department and School.

## **DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATIVE DENTISTRY**

**Prof. R Elderton**

The Department of Conservative Dentistry has continued to maintain its links across the world, with current postgraduate students coming from Greece, Iraq, Iran, Jordan and the Sudan, as well as from the UK. Lecturing and conference engagements have taken place in many parts of this country during the past year, and also in Finland, Iran, Japan, Jordan and South Africa. In Iran in particular, the Department was consulted by the Iranian Ministry of Health concerning the optimum provision of preventive dental services to that country.

All our lecturers are busily involved with various clinical and laboratory research projects, involving developmental restorative systems. On another front, our computer-based research concerning informatics and dental care has been given a

fillip by the success of "Dental Computer Breakthrough". Organised by Susan Hooper and hosted by the department last spring at the Victoria Rooms, this exhibition was attended by over 600 practitioners and other interested parties.

Among our many postgraduate activities, last November Susan Hooper and Louise Foster ran (in Plymouth) the first presentation of their highly relevant course entitled "Your Teeth Are What You Eat". Not a few Mars bars, together with several gallons of midnight oil, were consumed during the research and production that went into this very successful weekend course. Susan Hooper and Jane Rooney have also been producing their weekend hands-on endodontic course to great success.

We are sorry to have lost Dr Richard Shelton to the University of Birmingham during the year, and are currently seeking a replacement lecturer.

Congratulations should be offered to Ken Marshall who is shortly to take up the post of Dental Clinical Dean at the Dental School. We are sure this will not, however, mean any curtailment of his veterinary dental activities at Langford.

## **CHILD DENTAL HEALTH**

We are fortunate this year in having two contributions from CDH.

### **THE ORTHODONTIC DEPARTMENT**

Mr I Hathorn

The Orthodontic Department and the Children's Department are now clinically together in the newly-built Department of Child Dental Health which opened in December of 1990. This event was reported in the last Newsletter and approximately one year on we are pleased to report that the Department is working well and as yet there have been no problems with the new arrangements.

During the last year we have been very fortunate in having Dr. Jonathan Sandy join the staff. He works as Senior Lecturer and Consultant at the Dental Hospital concentrating on research and also at Southmead where he carries out three clinical sessions. It is hoped that in due course a postgraduate course in orthodontics will take place. At the moment we are negotiating with the South West Region in the hope that this may be possible. At present Bristol is the only dental school which does not have a postgraduate course. We now have the physical facilities and the staff to run an excellent postgraduate course in orthodontics.

As you will be aware there is a great national shortage of specialists in orthodontics and nowhere is more acutely affected than Bristol. One major orthodontic practice has recently withdrawn from the Health Service and this has left us in a very difficult situation as regards orthodontic treatment. At the Hospital we have had to concentrate our limited resources on the treatment at the two ends of the orthodontic spectrum. At the one end the senior staff are treating complex malocclusion which

requires fixed appliance work or joint work with the oral surgeons and, at the other end, we still depend on receiving a number of straightforward cases for undergraduate teaching purposes.

The undergraduate curriculum has changed quite radically and in the process we have tried to maintain the best of the old course.

Many of you who are recent graduates from Bristol may realize that our appointment of Dr. Sandy is a replacement for Dr. David Brown who is presently working in the Community Dental Service practising specialist orthodontics. This was a great loss to the Department but the course had been so well established that we have been able to carry on the tradition started so ably by Chris Stephens and Dave Brown.

The Department is also actively involved in postgraduate teaching. We are about to run the seventh South West/Wessex Clinical Assistant Course. Bristol now has the most number of participants of any of the nationally-run Clinical Assistant Courses. We have also been involved in a distance learning initiative in orthodontics which has now been running for approximately three years.

The most recent important event (January 1992) has been the retirement of Chris Stephenson. Chris joined the department way back in October 1959 and until 1966 was responsible (with Bill Nicol) not only for the treatment service in the department but also for undergraduate teaching. From March 1979 his consultant post became based primarily at the Royal United Hospitals, Bath but he continued his association with Bristol on two sessions a week. His contribution to the Dental School and Hospital in general, and to the Orthodontic department in particular, has been immense, and his warm personality, cheerful disposition and infinite capacity for story-telling will be sadly missed. We wish him well in his retirement.

We appreciate that these are difficult times in national health dentistry as a whole but also in orthodontics in particular. We wish you well in your practice.





Chris Stephenson (left) receiving a certificate on his retirement.

### PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Mr P J M Crawford

My real thanks to so many of you for your kind referrals of children with defects of tooth number, enamel or dentine. We've now seen children from as far afield as Truro, Swanage, Swindon and Worcester, representing over 70 families.

Early diagnosis of these children has enabled us to provide preventive advice, intermediate restorations when indicated and definitive restorations in some of the older children. We have had some success with this latter group using adhesively retained restorations in conjunction with Dr. Aboush of Dental Materials; it's too early to make great claims for this work but we are already very encouraged - more news next year.

Most pleasingly, some of the older members of the families we have met have begun to realise that there is hope for their own dentitions and they, too, have been inspired to seek regular care with their own practitioners. Please feel free to ask us to continue to see similarly affected children; a number of our "further flung"

colleagues have found the provision of a diagnosis and an outline treatment plan sufficient reassurance to help them to provide all the continuing care a family needs.

Recent graduates will no doubt remember my preoccupation with the "Rosetta Stone" of dental enamel genetics - X-linked *amelogenesis imperfecta*. This past year has been a period of real progress with this condition in three areas of activity - clinical, laboratory and diagnostic. Two recent referrals have resulted in the discovery of our third and fourth West Country X-linked pedigrees. I'm writing on the evening of a "field trip" to Exeter where I went with Dr. Michael Aldred of the Institute of Medical Genetics in Cardiff to collect blood samples from the last of these.

We have been able to form research links with with Prof. Colin Robinson of Leeds University - an international authority of dental hard tissue biology - and Dr. Tim Wright of Chapel Hill U.S.A. Tim has begun to characterise the proteins in normal and abnormal enamel and, to help him with that, we have devised a "biopsy" technique to save grindings when we carry out tooth preparation for restorations. I wonder how much further "out West" we're going to get.

Michael Aldred has been able to confirm the linkage of the disease in families 1 and 2 to the site of the *amelogenin* gene in the short arm of the X chromosome. The third family, whilst seeming to have the same clinical appearance as the first two, shows a linkage to the the long arm of the X - a previously undescribed finding. We have as yet no idea of what this latter defect is but we are beginning to see our long-dreamed-of DNA classification - and diagnosis - of *amelogenesis imperfecta* realised. Our eventual hope would be that we can target our preventive effort to affected individuals, minimising the distress and discomfort which the children of these families have suffered for generations.

At the centre of all this progress has been the input of the Western region and Bristol graduates into our pool of patients; thankyou - and please keep them coming in!

### **WHAT'S THE SCAFFOLDING FOR?**

Mr T B Dowell, (General Manager, United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust, Directorate of Dental Services)

One of the characteristics of modern society is the remarkable, and often uncomfortable, rate of change. This certainly applies to the NHS and the BDH has seen many important changes. We are now part of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust. This is one of the largest "first wave" Trusts with the distinction of being within the constituency of the Secretary of State - we can be sure that the politicians are watching us closely.

The management arrangements have changed as part of the NHS reorganisation and the hospital now forms a Directorate of Dental Services together with the community dental services and the three dental auxiliary training schools. The directorate has

much more freedom to make decisions than used to be the case and this has enabled us to plan and introduce improvements within the hospital more rapidly than previously.

The undergraduate course has been extended to 5 full years. During the changeover period there is a reduced number of clinical students which has presented opportunities to upgrade the main clinical areas on the second floor. A new department of child dental health - combining the old children's and orthodontics departments - was completed towards the end of 1990. Work is well advanced on the next stage which includes a new reception area (complete with impressive fish tank!), improved single surgeries and completely redesigned and re-equipped adult treatment area consisting of 21 cubicles. The opportunity has also been taken to create some additional rooms on the roof (*see front cover*). We expect the work to be finished in May.

The next and final phase of this project will start later this year to include the whole of what used to be the conservation department. When this is finished in a little over a year's time there will be an excellent adult treatment area. The aim is to integrate all aspects of restorative dentistry so that students do everything their patients need without having to move between departments.

The plans don't stop there. The trust has agreed to a substantial new extension to be built over the car-park behind the hospital. This will contain a new lecture theatre, seminar and staff rooms and facilities for the DSA and hygiene schools. These facilities will be available for postgraduate activities and should be an important asset for the profession locally. We hope to start building in 1993 and hopefully the Department of Health will allow us to spend the money to get on with it.

Another new development is the creation of a separate department of oral and maxillofacial surgery. The University and the Trust have agreed to support the appointment of an additional professor and we hope that the new department will be in action by September 1992.

There are many challenges. Money is always a problem and the financial negotiations have become much sharper and more explicit with the new system of NHS contracts. There will always be problems and shortages but we are pleased with progress so far and look forward to maintaining the momentum for change and improvement.

### **CADBURY'S AND COKE**

*In July 1989 Philip Benson (1984) travelled to Dharamsal in northern India, to work for six months as a volunteer dentist among Tibetan refugees. He describes his experiences:-*

"We expected you yesterday." I stood in front of the short, stocky Tibetan, who looked at me rather quizzically.

My clothes and hair were soaked by the incessant monsoon rain. I was weary after sixty hours of travelling, most of which had been spent on the last three hundred miles from the capital, Delhi. I was tired of worrying whether the stranger who insisted on talking to me was eyeing up my bags, practising his English or merely being friendly. Unable to see more than fifty yards ahead because of the monsoon mist, I remained unimpressed by the adulations to the Himalayas I had heard back home.

The next day I was back, refreshed and raring to go. "Rest - you must rest now - start work soon." The first of many frustrations: "How long does he think I have got here?" I thought.

A few days later I started work, progressing slowly due to frequent power cuts which rendered me impotent, much to the amusement of the doctors. The equipment was good, surprisingly good. The teeth were bad, not so surprisingly bad. The result of "progress", the advance of Cadbury's and Coke imitations.

Gradually the weather cleared and with it my ignorance of this people's culture, their religion, their struggle to maintain dignity in exile. My work became almost secondary to my presence there, showing understanding, solidarity with their cause, hope for them that their plight may not be forgotten after all.

The time passed rapidly and I seemingly achieved so little. On the plane home I reflected: "Would I go through the experience again?" The frustrating inefficiencies, the time wasted, the interminable journeys. What did the Tibetans gain from it? They acquired someone to look after their dental problems for six months. What did I gain from it? I discovered that despite their overcrowded lives, their lack of a future, their wretched existence according to Western values, I had lived and worked with some of the most contented people I had ever known. That will last me much longer than six months. Yes - I would do it again.

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

*The following items have been 'extracted' from alumni. The Newsletter and its compilers accept no responsibility for the veracity or otherwise of what appears below! Many thanks to Diana Collard (Barrett) and Helen Rodd.*

### **"Where are they now?"**

*1988 graduates: Omissions are not deliberate - simply no information available!*

**Lee Appleton:** reading Medicine in Manchester; **Dave Bangura:** reading Medicine at Charing Cross, married to a SDO; **Etwyn Blackett:** in practice in Barbados; **Mark Brickley:** married, in practice in the South West; **Dot Brown:** in practice in

**Braintree; John Cavenagh:** living in Bath, in practice in Andover. Marrying Amanda in October. Recently 'wrote off' his car in his eagerness to get to work but fortunately sustained no personal injuries; **Harpal Chana:** married, has recently returned to the UK having spent some time travelling; **Asha Chandaria:** enjoying running her own practice in Denham, Buckinghamshire; **Renu Chibber:** after working for the community has spent some time working and travelling in Australia. Has recently become engaged; **Paul Cornish:** in practice in the South West. Rumoured to be contemplating matrimony; **Arnie de Souza:** in practice in Stoke on Trent; **Poonum Dhall:** is married to a doctor and is in practice; **David Emmerson:** in practice in Bristol; **Mark Golder:** reading Medicine in London; **Geoff Gower:** in practice near Portsmouth; **Sandip Haria:** married and currently working as a SHO in Oral Surgery at Mount Vernon. Taking Final FDS soon and is applying for a place to do Orthodontics; **Tony Hill:** in practice in Bristol; **John Hill:** in practice in the South West; **Darren Hills:** "Earning vast amounts of money from all those UMTs" as an Oral Surgery Registrar in Manchester. Passed Final FDS in December; **Graham Hughes:** in practice in Dorset; **Ian Hughes:** married, and in practice in the Manchester area; **Kathryn Humphreys:** in practice in the Midlands. Is married and expecting a baby in March; **David Jordan:** 'enjoying the sun in Barbados'?!; **Penny Kenyon:** in practice in Bristol; **Farah Lalji:** in practice in Birmingham; **Fiona Millan:** in practice in Reading. due to go to Israel to do some voluntary work with Bella (and have a good holiday!); **Frin Mills :** married a Welshman! (not surprising if you work on Anglesea) - in practice; **Nicky Morris:** married with a baby (Ben). Living in Essex; **Rajeshree Parekh:** in the Community Dental Service in the the Birmingham area; **Zahida Parveen:** married Brian!; **Dipak Patel:** spent some time globe-trotting, now in practice in Kent; **Kalpa Patel:** married with a baby daughter. now living in London after some time commuting from Kenya; **Rita Patel:** living in California - not practising dentistry (? working in a video shop meeting the rich and famous!); **Ben Pearson:** enjoying life in the Navy. Recently returned to Plymouth after a few months at sea, and not much dentistry. Is thinking of becoming a vet; **Hormloz Pourkavous:** in practice in Bristol. Intends to move to Canada for some postgraduate studies; **Dave Prothero:** married his patient!, in practice in Cornwall; **Helen Rodd:** has been a SHO in the Children's department at the Eastman Dental Hospital since October 1990. She passed primary FFD (Dublin) in April 1991 and Final FDS (RCS England) in December (did not copy Darren Hills answers!). Recently appointed Lecturer in Child Dental Health in Sheffield; **Jeremy Rowe:** in practice in Devon, having returned from Zimbabwe; **Vicky Sarsfield:** in practice in Bristol; **Bela Shah:** in practice in Southampton; **Sara Skinner:** enjoying Army life (but not necessarily the men (*vicious! Ed.*)) in Germany; **Tim Sunnocks:** "the crown & bridge king", in practice in Bristol and reported to be applying to do a Cons MSc at the Eastman next year; **Gary Thomas:** 'is engaged in some postgraduate research into pericoronitis, in the Northampton area'; **Simon Thomas:** married Gill and is in practice in Weston super Mare, regularly beaten at squash by John Cavenagh (so John says!); **Sara Trenfield:** passed Final FDS in May, not only 7 months early but scooped the Gold Medal for the highest exam results. Now at Bristol reading Medicine which she finds very "untaxing". (*Do I detect a bit of 'needle' here? Ed.*); **Janice Voller:** now married and in practice; **Mark Wilson:** also married and in practice in the Liverpool area; **Christina Wong:** has married another dentist (from

Hong Kong) and in practice; Virginia Wright: in practice in Preston; Lynne Waller: has stopped producing offspring and is in practice in the Bristol area. She is currently Secretary of the local Branch of the Medical and Dental Hypnosis Society

*1982 graduates: Information is understandably more sparse, our thanks to Diana Collard (Barrett) for what we have.*

**Stephen Fayle:** now has FDS, MDS (Paediatric Dentistry), MRCD (a Canadian qualification) and is currently Senior Registrar in Leeds. He married Angela and they have 3 children; **Ken Hemmings:** FDS, MSc (Restorative dentistry) currently Senior Registrar at the Eastman, and married with one child; **Karen Drage:** now FDS, M.Orth. currently back at BDH as (you guessed it!) Senior Registrar. Married to Richard, with a young son. Richard is in practice in Bristol; **Pete Huntley:** currently in specialist orthodontic practice in the Solihull area; **Alison Williams:** FDS MCDH, currently back to the student life in London, doing the M.Orth.; **Stuart Smith:** FDS, now lecturer in periodontology at the London Hospital.

Some of the year have travelled further afield:-

**Alison Strong:** returned to Canada on qualifying but got back to Bristol for the 5 year reunion; **Tim Peacock:** also in Canada (somewhere).

Some have followed the call of the Outback:-

**Guy Atherton:** has been working as a Flying Dentist, a community based post in Leonara, near Perth; **Mark Draper:** has given up dentistry for a bit and is also off to Australia; **Gerry (Geraldine) Fellows:** married David Sims (1983) and was last heard of in Oz. reported to have two daughters; **Pete Allen:** went on VSO to Belize more than 5 years ago and is still there; **Mehmet Manisall:** in the final stages of studying Medicine in one of the London schools.

Others that we know of are mostly in practice:-

**Helen John (Morris):** in Swansea; **John Cantwell:** in Weston super Mare; **Neil Chapman:** in Weston super Mare; **Brant Chapman:** in Southend; **Ian Hardy:** in Ilfracombe; **Janice Boswell:** in Swindon; **Steve Freddy:** in Bromley; **Richard Jones:** in Manchester; **Steve Wood (Rocker):** in Cheltenham (and has a musical sideline playing various bands up and down the country); **Jenny Preston (Kershaw):** in Plymouth; **Jon Hyde:** in Plymouth; **Steve Adams:** in Cornwall; **Henry Clover:** in Winchester; **Dave Roberts:** in Keynsham.

**Diana Collard (Barrett):** is in the Community Dental Service in Gloucestershire, and **Simon Davies:** was last heard of in the CDS in the Lake District.

Other alumni of whom we have heard:-

**Clare Owens (Ketley) (1986),** completed a MSc. in paediatric dentistry last year;

Jaqueline Smallridge (1983), married consultant paediatric dentist Brian Williams, and had a baby in April last year; Louise Newman (1990) has enjoyed hospital jobs in Southampton and Poole. She has recovered from a debilitating recurrence of glandular fever and will be joining the Community Dental Service in Southampton in March 1992.

It is with great sadness that we report the tragic death of Debbie Kendall (Burbridge) (1988), who died in Cornwall in January 1992. She leaves husband Adrian and 6-month-old daughter, Sophie.

### **ALUMNI REUNION SEPTEMBER 91**

The Alumni held a successful reunion in September which was well attended, notably by graduates from 1976 and 1981. We are grateful to Phil Key and Gordon Shovlin for their efforts in organising their years to attend in such numbers.

Graduates from '76 met on the Friday evening as guests of Phil and Gill Key to enjoy a buffet supper while Gordon's 'Gourmets' congregated at Parks restaurant for what was understood to be a sophisticated evening of wine and good food ( who wrote this ? ).

Saturday morning saw Root '76 ( ....get your kicks on root '76....) repeat the successful format of 5 years ago with a series of slide presentations by year members....some of which were interesting. It was good to see that Raman Bedi and Hugh Devlin ( as cloistered academics ) have acquired a level of healthy cynicism for Government health policy much in evidence amongst their GDP colleagues. Phil Key and Paul Baines gave a somewhat esoteric slide presentation detailing some of the major landmarks in the last 15 years of general practice. Delivered as an 'A to Z of General Dental Practice....with naughty bits', it contained 100 slides and the usual smattering of witticisms and was delivered in the well-rehearsed, quick-fire style we associate with these two stalwarts of Dental School reviews.....well, that's what they said anyway.

A buffet lunch followed and in the afternoon those hardy souls ready to brave the elements were led on a guided tour of central Bristol by Sandy Collin. This proved to be excellent value ( free actually) and we hope to be inviting Sandy back to continue the expedition another year.

As yet there is no information about what the '81 lot did between Friday and the dinner on Saturday. Golf and Go-Karting were mentioned, whether this was at the same time or not we have yet to find out.

The dinner held at the Grand Hotel provided another opportunity for colleagues and guests to dress up and look successful. It has to be said that the standard of catering

has improved greatly from the boil-in-the-bag days of the past and our thanks are due to the hotel for providing an excellent value meal. Entertainment was courtesy of the 'Kitchen Syncopators', an excellent local jazz band ably fronted by Dr. John Eveson. John assured our show-biz correspondent that all the lager was just to keep his lips moist and that he really did learn to blow his own trumpet before joining the Oral Medicine department at the Dental School. An added bonus to the evening was Duncan 'Red Hot Mama' Lamond's impromptu rendition of 'I'm gonna sit right down and write myself a letter'....luckily the band knew how to play it in all the keys. But seriously, it was great fun. The evening finished off with a disco by which time your correspondent had long since sloped off into the night.



'Red Hot Mama' on song with John Eveson (trumpet) and the Kitchen Syncopators

### FUTURE EVENTS

Mike Prosser has let it be known that his year is celebrating 40 years since graduation. He is in contact with Charles Amos, Peter Crane and Charles Innocent, and would be pleased to hear from other members of his year with the prospect of arranging some form of reunion. Mike's telephone number is : Bath 429629

John Cantwell from 1982 is the person to contact regarding their ten-year reunion weekend. Most will have already been contacted but if you haven't you should ring John on: Weston-super-Mare 628032