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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was good to see four reunions taking place last year, and one already this year. One of our principal aims is to encourage reunions, and we played our part last year by acting as the stimulus that got plans for at least two of the reunions under way. We aim to target groups at 5-year intervals, and, at the time of going to press, 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year reunions are being organized for later this year.

Sarah Sheen joined our small committee last year. We wanted to recruit a local general practitioner, but no sooner had she accepted our invitation that she was appointed to a house job here. We are pleased to have her anyway!

Our membership continues to increase steadily. We have recruited a few members by making an appearance during reunions and giving copies of our Newsletter to non-members. The majority of new graduates now join but the student members of our committee have devised a crafty plan to round them *all* up this year. We'll see! The income and expenditure details given on page 23 show how we used our modest income last year (up to 3/11/94). This year we have already given donations to support the Dental School Library and the new dental education course (acknowledged in this issue by Susan Hooper and Stephen Greenwood), and we will again be supporting student electives. We would like to support more worthy causes but to do so we must increase our income. Do you know a Bristol graduate who is not a member? If so please tear out the standing order form on the centre page of this Newsletter and encourage him/her to join us. Before doing this why not use the bottom part of the page to jot down a few notes about yourself, for inclusion in next year's Newsletter? Very few used it last year but it is there again in the hope of getting a better response this year. Don't be shy - let us know what you are up to!

DENTAL SCHOOL REPORT

Ken Marshall, Dental Clinical Dean

It doesn't seem like a year ago that I put finger to keyboard to report on the progress of the Dental School, and it probably wasn't! I distinctly remember the editor's gentle goading long past the copy deadline for 1993/4 and perhaps this has spurred me into dramatically earlier activity this year.

1995 sees the Dental School embarking on a period of stability and consolidation. No major staffing changes are anticipated and we are fast reaching the stage where it is impossible even to contemplate any alteration or expansion to the building. The new extension has now become a reality and we wait with bated breath to tread its plush and carpeted halls; some of us with the pleasurable feeling of proprietorial pride that occupancy will bring, and some of us, I am sure, with just a touch of deprivation and envy. There is a general feeling, however, of relief and pleasure that it will come into use at just the time that we are about to return to our full complement of students after the transition to the five-year curriculum.

There was a time when Bristol was one of the Cinderella dental schools along with Edinburgh and the like. Anyone who cares to visit today will certainly not be left with that impression. The general level of design and quality which has gone into the gradual addition and refurbishment over the last few years has established us as a model for other schools to emulate. This year alone we have had visits of staff from four other dental schools to see if

they can capitalise on our ideas and experience, and there has been a steady increase in school sixth form applicants choosing Bristol as a first choice university placement. It will be interesting to see what the General Dental Council have to say when they visit in January for our ten-year review!

The major staffing changes during the year have been two losses. Peter Ward-Booth's sojourn as Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery was always a very uneasy one and, in the end, he has left us to return to his preferred role as a hospital consultant. In the meantime, the new teaching Division is soldiering on under the leadership of Philip Guest, with the prospect that a new professorial appointment with a greater bias towards academic oral surgery is in the offing. The second, and very sad loss, was the death of Robin Huggett. Robin had not been in Bristol for very long, but had certainly been here long enough to make his mark as a knowledgeable and caring teacher, a prolific worker and researcher, and one of the world's truly nice people. It was typical of Robin that he suffered cheerfully and in silence throughout the final stages of his illness and his presence about the building, and the teaching laboratories in particular, is being sorely missed. Two others who will also be missed after many years' service to both students and staff are Dudley Tucker and Alan Chidgey, who retired from the prosthetics and orthodontics labs., respectively.



Alan Chidgey

On the positive side, Caroline Downer has returned to the fold as a Lecturer in Oral Medicine and we have an interesting new appointment on a part-time basis of Carol Mander to lecture in Dental Public Health. Nicola West has replaced Sarah Manton as a Lecturer in Restorative Dentistry and will continue with her active participation in Martin Addy's Clinical Trials Unit. The Community Dental Service's laboratory has now made the full translocation to the Dental Hospital site and this sees the return of Graham Phillips and Terry Warren who some of you will remember as Instructors in the Teaching Laboratory in the 1970's. The last "old boy" to return to the fold will be Derek Seel, when the Postgraduate Dean's office eventually makes the move to the new extension. This is seen as a welcome juxtaposition of administrations at a time when vocational training is becoming more and more of a complement to the undergraduate course and vice versa.

There is a general sense of buoyancy about the place these days and this seems to have percolated through to both our prospective and former students. 1994 has been a year of extra-large undergraduate intake and extra-active reunions. I am sure that a great deal of credit has to go to your Chairman for his efforts in encouraging the latter, and we have the clear evidence of 1974, 1984, 1988 and 1989 graduates getting together as well as the beginners of 1964. Each reunion has had to put up with a tour of the Dental School which has been disrupted by building works; perhaps in 1995 we will manage to show our alumni all aspects of the building, new and old, without such impediment.

Along with all the other changes has come the new domestic staff. No longer employed by the University but by the Hospital, many of the old retinue either retired or chose to be moved to other University sites, but a few stalwarts have remained with us. Carol Maule has now accepted the additional role of being Housekeeper with an administrative responsibility for the porters now that Phil has retired, and you will all be pleased to know that Marilyn is still running the Dental School activities and particularly student discipline in the usual way.

This year's prize is for the alumnus who can find a parking space within ten minute's walk of the Dental School, and who can find the Clinical Dean's Office without asking for help. The prize will be a very warm welcome and I look forward to awarding it.

A REVIEW OF THE STUDENT YEAR 1993-1994

Colin Langley, Ex-President UBDSS

When I asked my fellow colleagues what they thought I should write in this review of the year they said "tell them about what they want to hear, the drugs, the sex and the rock and roll of BDH". So here goes:

Drugs: mmmm - Xylocaine and Adrenaline continue to be the most popular choice of anaesthetic by students at the hospital.

Sex: In previous years we were told that in-breeding was very much the norm. However, with the introduction of the five-year course has come a new sense of openness - "Glasnost" if you like. Several of the ambassadors of the student body "have taken" to DSAs, hygienists and receptionists in the interests of improving the cohesion of the dental team.

Rock and Roll: The Hathorn bar continues to run strongly, with many an enjoyable party being organised by the UBDSS social team. It wasn't all just about getting drunk either, we managed to raise £560 for Childline, the charity adopted by the BDA.

Some events were a little less successful; take for example the pig racing evening:

"All was going well, till someone took the pisa,
for at the end of the evening a wee pig was a miss."

On a sporting note, the newly re-formed football team is now playing in the Premier Intra-mural League and recently gave the staff a lesson to the tune of fourteen goals to four.

All of the old favourites of the dental year were back, including Hannover (we went there this year), a very amusing, degrading review and a thoroughly enjoyable Ball.

It was also good to see Annemeike (the Clinical Dean's Secretary) back from her maternity leave; it is nice to see a steady hand on the tiller to guide us through the stormy clinical years. However, she has now moved to the University International Office.

All in all, the 1993-1994 UBDSS committee under the colonial guidance of Dr Jonathan Sandy, look forward to never being involved in organisational activities again, and leave the running of chaos to the dubious "M" year.

ONE YEAR ON

Sarah Sheen

This has to have been the fastest year ever, I think. It only seems like days since I was up half the night fretting over finals. The past year for me, personally, has been a great deal of fun and I have thoroughly enjoyed VT. I wonder, however, who could possibly fail to enjoy a healthy (if not fat) wallet for the first time in years, and a day off each week to meet up with peers and discuss life in the working world.

I'd say the year could roughly be divided into three parts. The first, from January to April, being a time of exhilaration as I metamorphasised into someone who was able to make her own clinical decisions! The second part of the year was that in which I managed to save up enough money to go on a superb holiday without going into the red! The third part, the final last few months in my vocational training year, was a time of insecurity when I realised that for the first time in my life decisions were not going to be made for me. Oh dear, what was I going to do with the rest of my life? Practice was extremely enjoyable, but after a lot of careful thinking, I decided that my calling lay somewhere else..... where, I'm not quite sure yet, but hopefully in heading back into hospital I will find it!

Unlike me, however, many of the class of '93 seem certainly clear about their futures already. Our own budding maxfac. surgeon Fadi Barrak is applying for Med. School, part I FDS already under his belt. Farnaz also has her FDS and is currently an SHO in Birmingham (Mark Forty has joined her in an oral surgery house job after one year's VT). Zoe is off back to her homeland(ish) for an SHO post in Guildford, and Tamara is heading for lots of hard work in Cardiff (so we hear) as an oral surgery house officer. It seems like oral surgery has become quite an epidemic in our year, with Christine about to embark on an SHO post as well! As for the forces, Markie H. is loving every minute of the navy and Andy Stiff has now signed up with the boys in green (who would have believed it!). Danyel is at present sunning herself (no doubt) somewhere in the States on her voyage around the globe with Alex. Jules will then be following in their footsteps in August. Other news:

James, Sally H, Chris, Dominic, Adam, Paul, Matthew, Claire, Sharon, Sarah Deakins, Teresa, Ash, Ritie and Kam have all seen the light (or is the pound sign?) and are staying in GDP. Welsh rarebit Sue Phillips is definitely heading for marriage - last seen staying in to cook rock buns for Paul. Jenny and Sally F have both loved life in the CDS and so are staying on.

I'd like to end by saying that I'm sorry if I've missed anyone out of the gossip, but if they would like to join the Alumni, I can get in touch with them and find out! Finally, good luck and best wishes to Mark and Amanda and Jenny and Steve who are tying the knot this year.

STUDENT ELECTIVES SUPPORTED BY BDAA

The California Dream Sally Marsland

Writing this as my finals draw closer by the minute and my clenching habit gets increasingly worse, my summer in California seems more like a dream than reality.

Since Los Angeles probably has more orthodontists than any other city in the world, it seemed to me the logical place to carry out my research into lower anterior crowding. My mother, however, nearly had a heart attack at the thought of her daughter spending two months in the violence centre of the world. For the next few weeks, I was to receive regular newspaper clippings through the post of relevant articles on gang warfare etc. in Los Angeles. But even this didn't manage to put me off.

As I arrived at LAX Airport looking bedraggled in my cut-off jeans, I was greeted by the Professor of Orthodontics himself, or Peter as he liked to be called. He had arranged my accommodation on the University Campus, about one hundred yards from the Dental School, which meant I could get out of bed at ten to nine and still manage to make in on time in the morning! The sports stadium was also just around the corner, so any free time could be spent reclining by the outdoor Olympic swimming pool! The orthodontics department of USC (University of Southern California) is for postgraduate training only, which meant I was the youngest there by about 5 years, and consequently I wasn't really expected to know very much about orthodontics, and I was treated like a little sister by most of the students who were always willing to help me out.

For legal reasons I was not allowed to examine any patients, so most of my project was based around study models and files. This meant hours of laborious work, selecting the files and looking for the accompanying study models which were, as far as I could see, in no logical order whatsoever. I then assessed the level of lower anterior crowding using the initial study models and matching them with illustrations of increasing levels of crowding from 1-8 (kindly provided by Prof. Stephens).

Another problem I had not really envisaged was that of identifying the racial origin of the individual. Since my study was a comparison of lower anterior crowding in different racial groups, I obviously needed to know what their ethnic origin was. However, this proved to be a sensitive issue in Los Angeles and was overlooked in most of the patient records. I then had to try and identify their race from their photograph, a difficult task when I had only ever seen one Hispanic person before and over fifty percent of the population of downtown LA is Hispanic. However, I did eventually succeed and my results showed that a statistically significant difference existed between the racial groups studied (Afro-Caribbean, Eastern Asian, Hispanic and Caucasian) with crowding levels 1 and 2.

Once I had completed my elective project, I set off on my travels around California. I managed to pack into the following four weeks:- plenty of walking and camping in Yosemite (although sadly I never spotted a bear), a trip to Vegas to make my fortune (which I didn't, in fact I lost a few dollars), wine-tasting in the Napa Valley, the cultural experience of San Francisco, and I still arrived back at Santa Monica beach, LA with plenty of time to top up my suntan before flying back home.

I had a superb elective and would like to thank the Alumni for the contribution towards it, and Professor Stephens for all his help.

Cape Town, Victoria Falls - and Nelson Mandela Stephenie Wilkin

We had started planning our elective in September 1993, when it had seemed like something often spoken about but one of those things you don't think will ever *really* happen. I realised this wasn't the case on 21 July 1994 as Tracey and I checked in for flight SA237 to Cape Town, South Africa.

With the political situation as it was in South Africa, my parents had expressed concern that I had chosen to undertake my elective there and Mr Marshall had suggested that we had a contingency plan in case our arrangements fell through. However, everything progressed as planned and early morning Friday 22 July we were collected from Cape Town International Airport by Dr Haydn Bellardie, our elective supervisor. On the drive into Cape Town I started to wish that I did listen to my parents on the odd occasion: Haydn was telling us how Cape Town is the rape capital of the work and how it has the highest incidence of stab wounds of any city in the world. Haydn had arranged accommodation for us in the Gardens Centre. We were relieved to find that this was not a polite way of saying that we would be sleeping in a flower bed, but was in fact a tower block of holiday flats in the centre of the city.

We were lucky enough to have arrived on a Friday and so had the prospect of a long weekend ahead of us during which we could explore the city. Trying not to let the cold, wet and windy weather deter us (bearing in mind we had been advised that the weather would be like a good English summer and so had packed shorts, swimming costumes, T-Shirts etc.) we spent time exploring the new Victoria and Alfred Waterfront development, visiting the castle and the Parliament and, or course, making our way to the top of Table Mountain from which the view was absolutely breathtaking.

Monday morning came all too soon, which meant it was time to get down to some work. The title of our project was "The surgical and psychological outcome of cleft lip and palate surgery in Cape Town, South Africa", for which we had planned to use overjet measurement as an indicator of surgical outcome, along with a questionnaire to be filled in by the parents to indicate how satisfied they were with their child's speech, hearing, breathing and appearance of the teeth, nose, bite, lip and facial profile following the treatment the child had received. A "Childhood Experience Questionnaire" was used to assess the social behaviour of the patients. This questionnaire comprised twenty statements (e.g. I go to parties, I get into fights). For each the child was asked to indicate how often they fulfilled the criteria for that statement (i.e. never, hardly ever, sometimes, often or very often) without thinking for too long about each statement. Each response to each statement was allocated a score from 1-5; 1 being allocated for the most positive response to the statement and 5 for the least positive response. For the twenty statements, a total score was calculated. The maximum possible score was 100 and the minimum possible score was 20, with the suggestion being that the lower the score, the fewer social problems the child experienced and *vice versa*.

This all sounded very easy but in practice proved to be much harder as we came up against a number of difficulties. There was only one orthodontic clinic per week held for cleft patients, which automatically limited the number of patients we would be able to see during our elective period. In addition we experienced problems with patient suitability; the ideal patient would

have been in the late mixed or early permanent dentition and have had a unilateral cleft lip and palate. We were unable to select suitable patients for the study as a comprehensive filing system did not exist. Further problems included language barriers (there are thirteen recognised South African languages), missing study models, which were required to obtain an overjet measurement before orthodontic treatment had commenced, and poor access to patient notes, which were not infrequently located at a different hospital. Despite this we soldiered on and, with the help of Dr Bellardie, managed to acquire details on 22 patients.

In brief, the results showed that despite there being room for improvement concerning the surgical outcome of cleft lip and palate patients in Cape Town, parents were largely satisfied with the results of the various aspects of their child's surgery, and the children did not appear to suffer greater social problems than children who had not had a cleft anomaly.

When we were not collecting information for the study, we divided our time between the Oral Surgery department and the Accident and Emergency department at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. We had been warned by a Casualty Consultant that this was a "trauma paradise" and that we would experience more in an evening there than in a month at home. This was certainly the case on the first Saturday evening we spent in the department: there were gunshot and stab wounds galore, with up to three patients in each of the three resuscitation suites at a time. It was not an experience that we relished, but understood that in parts of South Africa this is a reality that should not be ignored.

On a brighter note, the 41st World Congress of the International Association of Dental Students and Young Dentists World-wide was taking place in Cape Town, and before leaving England we had registered to attend. This week included an interesting lecture timetable, and an excellent social programme the highlight of which was the opening night of the conference, held at the Castle of Good Hope in the centre of Cape Town. Tracey and I had been somewhat surprised the previous day by the huge interest of the staff at the hospital in acquiring tickets for this function. When we ventured to ask why they so desperately wanted to attend the opening night of a student conference they asked "Don't you know who is going to be there?". Apparently, as this was the first International Conference to be held in South Africa since the end of Apartheid, Nelson Mandela had agreed to attend!!! Tracey and I refused to get excited in case this proved to be a rumour. However, sure enough, the next night he arrived and stayed for two hours or so. Despite my attempts I did not manage to shake his hand and had to be satisfied with a touch of his sleeve, but I was happy!

The rest of the week was also great fun, mixing with 150 students from all corners of the world and all of us with one thing in common: our future profession. We took a boat trip to Robben Island, toured the Stellenbosch Wine Routes, but most interesting of all were the visits to the mobile dental units, where one dentist provides care to an area with a population of 250,000 people. Not surprisingly, treatment is on the whole limited to extractions.

With the end of the conference we had ten days left before our flight back to England. Having considered the available possibilities, and with Dr Bellardie's encouragement, we decided to travel the 2500km to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe in order to fulfil a lifetime ambition to experience this natural wonder. The journey was long and tiring (but cheap!) comprising a 25-hour train journey from Cape Town to Johannesburg, followed by a 15-hour bus journey to Bulawayo and culminating in a 13-hour train journey to Victoria Falls. We left the train feeling very weary but were immediately revived upon hearing the falls and seeing evidence of them in the form of a mist above the forest. It was then that we fully appreciated the nickname of the falls as "the smoke that thunders". We made our way closer to experience what was a

brehtaking sight: a 1.7km wide waterfall with the water crashing to the lower Zambezi river 100 metres below.

During our stay in Victoria Falls we spent a day viewing game in the Zambezi National Park, experiencing elephants, rhinoceros, hippopotami and many other species. In addition we spent a day white water rafting on the lower Zambezi river, which was a day-long adrenaline rush! However, neither of us was quite brave enough to attempt the highest Bungee jump in the world, 111 metres off the Zambezi Bridge!

We arrived back in Cape Town and spent our final day with Dr Bellardie. I had mixed feelings about going home; undoubtedly there were times throughout our stay when I had felt a little homesick, but I also had fantastic memories of an experience I did not want to end. However, BDH beckoned and so we said goodbye to this amazingly interesting country!

I would like to thank Dr J Sandy and Dr H Bellardie for their help with our elective project, and the Bristol Dental Alumni for their financial support which helped to make this memorable experience possible.

A DENTAL EDUCATION COURSE

Stephen Greenwood

Last term the BDAA were kind enough to provide me with funding of £300. This was appreciated very much. There is, as I am sure you are aware, a lack of training and knowledge about good educational practice amongst teachers of dentistry. This is, of course, not the fault of the dental teachers, rather it is a university system where research excellence is more financially beneficial than teaching excellence. It is in order to address this that I am running a Dental Education Course and also conducting educational research at the Dental School. Your money has already bought books on teaching skills, enabling me to start up a Teachers Resource Centre at the Dental School library, and has facilitated the running of the Dental Education Course. The remainder will be used in due course to enlarge the Teachers Resource Centre and perhaps to run more teaching seminars.

My main remit here is to look into the feasibility and desirability of integrated teaching of pre-clinical medical and dental students. Some integrated lectures already exist; however the medical school is proposing to start a new systems-based curriculum that will cause such lectures to be re-thought. Some people feel that teaching in the two disciplines should remain very separate, maintaining the identity and integrity of dentists as distinct professionals. Others think that clinical training for medicine and dentistry should be at a postgraduate level (for example following a BSc in general medical sciences), thus leaving the choice between dentistry and medicine until much later. Perhaps some of you have strong opinions on which you would have preferred to have done for your own training? If so, I would love to hear from you.

The initial findings of my other educational research here at the Bristol Dental School were presented at our first Research Day, alongside work from our increasingly productive laboratory research teams. A survey of Bristol dental students' study methods and approaches to learning seems to show that understanding the material learned is sidelined in favour of learning facts in order to obtain adequate examination results. Innovations such as computer-aided learning (CAL) are shunned by the hard-pressed students in favour of books and lecture notes. These sources have, of course, traditionally got numerous students through their exams,

but are notoriously unrelated to the day-to-day realities of the clinic and the practice. CAL programs can, of course, be adapted as and when new techniques and research appear, with minimal cost. It is hoped that the new CAL facility next to the Dental School library will make it easier for students to spend more time learning through this powerful medium. Nevertheless, fuller training in computer skills will almost certainly be needed if our students are to take maximum advantage of what CAL has to offer.

Thank you once again for your kind donation of funds, which are much appreciated and is doing much good in the area of dental education at Bristol.

THE DENTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Susan Hooper

The Dental Library is very grateful to the Bristol Dental Alumni for their recent gift of £150.00 for book purchases. This kind donation has enabled the Library to purchase some additional and valuable texts. Over the past five years the University Library has suffered severe reductions in funding and the annual allocation to the Dental Library for book purchases for the academic year 1994/5 was only £915.00. In addition, the serials subscriptions have been cut over recent years by 10% on two occasions and we are now threatened with a further 20% cut. The budgeting problems are compounded by the ever-increasing costs of specialist books and journals.

The Dental School is justly proud of its library but quite unable to maintain its stock with current University funding. We are now looking for sponsorship from other sources and have approached a number of major companies, though to date we only have a few small gifts. Large companies have many calls for funding and so the Dental Library is also inviting individuals who have close personal connections with the School to support the funding.

The Dental Library would be most grateful to any members of the Dental Alumni who would like to support the library on an individual basis by presenting a particular book or making a donation towards a purchase. A decorative University Book Plaque will be placed in the front of any such books purchased, acknowledging the gift and the donor.

The Library values its contacts with past staff and students and is always pleased to welcome members of the Alumni to use the facilities. Adjacent to the library we now have an excellent Computer-Aided Learning Laboratory which is fully operational. We believe Bristol Dental School offers outstanding facilities in this exciting new learning field. The laboratory is being used for a large number of postgraduate courses and we hope that many of you will be able to participate and enjoy the facilities.

If you would be interested in finding out more about using or supporting the Dental Library please do not hesitate to contact Susan Hooper, Chairman of the Dental Library User Group. She can be contacted by phoning the Dental Hospital on 0117 923 0050.

Friends and colleagues of Debbie Kendall (née Burbridge BDS (87)) have presented the Dental School with a delightful picture of Polly Joke Cove, Cornwall in Debbie's memory. The picture was presented to Professor Harrison by James Spencer (President of the Dental Student Society for Debbie's year) at a small gathering of current staff and members of

Debbie's year. We all enjoyed remembering Debbie's sparkling personality and reminiscing over the years 1983-1987.

The picture is much admired by all users of the library and its tranquillity enhances the atmosphere. It is a very welcome addition to the picture gallery in the library and a very fitting tribute to Debbie who loved Cornwall so much.



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Alana Farrell (Librarian), Susan Hooper, Ken Marshall, Alan Harrison, James Spencer, Simon Martin, Barry Slade and Caroline Downer.

CONSULTANTS AT BRISTOL DENTAL HOSPITAL

The list below is provided in response to requests from local practitioners who would like to know the names of current consultants when referring patients to BDH.

| Consultant | Secretary* | Speciality |
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| Prof. M Addy, PhD MSc FDSRCS BDS | 928 4506 | Periodontology |
| Mr P Crawford, MSc FDSRCS(Ed) | 928 4338 | Paediatric dentistry |
| Prof. R Elderton, PhD | 928 4384 | Preventive and restorative dentistry |
| Dr J Eveson, FDSRCS MRCPATH PhD | 928 4311 | Oral medicine and pathology |
| Dr M J Griffiths FDSRCS | 928 4388 | Oral medicine, oral surgery, dental care for special needs patients |
| Dr P Guest, MB CHB BDS FDSRCS FRCS | 928 4388/928 4500 | Maxillofacial surgery |
| Mr N Harradine, MSc FDSRCS MOrth RCS | 928 4434 | Orthodontics |
| Prof. A Harrison, FDSRCS PhD | 928 4391 | Prosthetics |
| Mr I S Hathorn, FDS DOrth | 928 4350 | Orthodontics |
| Mr P King, BDS FDSRCS MSc | 928 4392 | Restorative dentistry |
| Dr N Meredith, MFC FDSRCS PhD | 928 4384 | Restorative dentistry |
| Dr J Moran, PhD MScD FDSRCS MDS | 928 4347 | Periodontology |
| Prof. S Prime, PhD FDSRCS MRCPATH | 928 4392 | Oral medicine and pathology |
| Dr J A Sandy, MSc PhD DOrth FDS(Eng) FDS(Edin) | 928 4350 | Orthodontics |
| Mr R G Smith, MDS FDSRCS | 928 4312 | Periodontology |
| Prof. C D Stephens, FDS MOrth RCS | 928 4350 | Orthodontics |
| Mr C M Woodhead, MSc FDSRCS | 928 4389 | Prosthetics |

* All telephone numbers Bristol STD code (0117).

Referrals may be to a specific consultant, or they may be open, in which case they will be given to the consultant with the shortest waiting time on the day of arrival. Please include full details of medical history, including all medication and any relevant dental history and previous treatment. New appointments are made strictly on the basis of urgency - each new letter is ranked and booked 'urgent', 'soon' or 'routine'. The aim is to ensure that no patient with an urgent condition will wait longer than one month for an appointment.

LAST YEAR'S REUNIONS

Circa 1964 Reunion, November 1994

Chris Barton and his wife Polly are people of rare talent, especially when it comes to organising something. Many of you will have heard of their great venture to personally establish a dental care department at the hospital at Gahini in what is now a sadly war-ravaged Rwanda. Living at one of the more delightful extremities of Britain in Truro seems to be no handicap to their arranging a reunion weekend in Bristol either.

We all start our dental course together as a year group, full of hope and anticipation, but alas for various reasons we do not all qualify at the same time. Consequently Chris had the great idea of commemorating our first meeting at the start of our professional career rather than celebrating the diverse points of graduation!

On 12 November 1994, twenty of us who had been first thrown together in a rather uneven occlusion thirty years before as the "freshers" of 1964 descended on Bristol for only our second reunion in that time. One of our number, Frank Holloway, even forsook the cosy climate of Cyprus where he is currently stationed and flew over for the occasion.

The Postgraduate Centre in the old BRI provided a comfortable venue for the first gathering over a buffet lunch where we could catch up with each others' exploits. Afterwards John Eveson, the only one of our year now on the full-time staff at the Dental Hospital gave us a conducted tour of our alma mater to see the latest developments.



(left to right)
Derek Seel, Chris and Polly Barton, John Fieldhouse

During the evening we gathered at a Clifton hotel for dinner where Chris welcomed our guest for the evening, the inimitable Derek Seel. He had shared that same brief period of time at the Dental Hospital with us, but as Senior Registrar in the Orthodontic Department. Derek entertained us in his usual form with his mixture of witty reminiscences and perceptive observations on the past thirty years. At the conclusion he was warmly thanked by John Fieldhouse.

The longer the reunion continued into the night, the more those thirty years seemed to shrink in time!

Tony Miles

1969 Reunion, October 1994

With a working title of 'Five & Twenty Glorious Years' this reunion had the makings of an amalgam-befuddled wake. However, 29 October saw an appropriate twenty five survivors of the pendulous sixties descend on Redwood Lodge for a celebration.

International arrivals Penny Leggott from Seattle, Martin Brown from South Africa and Terry Boyd (who?) from Ulster jostled with old friends who had failed to escape. A trip around BDH in the morning, ably guided by Roger Smith, was followed by drinkies and a buffet lunch at Redwood. (Organiser's note: although out of town, the venue was a good choice, with helpful management.)



(left to right)

Jeff Watkins, Rowan Moorwood, Lyn Holding, Roger Hartley, Bob Evans, Gita Abeyasinghe, Kate Gunnery, Penny Leggott, Graham Wickens, Dennis Hutchinson, Emily Tingle, John Green, Ken Marshall (resting on his laurels), Sue Browse, Terry Boyd, Martin Brown, Anita Hedgcock, Dave Coupe, Neil Spaven, Paul Hughes, Mike Whitehouse, John Lover, Phil Hodges, Phil Simmons, Robert Grocott.

The afternoon was spent comparing laughter lines rather than gross earnings. Sadly, Ronnie Ramsay (Barbados) had to cancel his visit at the last moment, whilst Andy Philpott was in bed with flu. Nothing changes. Derek Blackwell and Tony Mercer must have got lost on the way.

Those who did make it included Gita Abeyasinghe; Chris Bell (proper dentist); the aforesaid Boyd and Brown who talked most of the night away in a scotch mist; Sue Browse; Dave Coupe who sported a luxuriant hairstyle - beau locks as the French say; Bob Evans svelte as ever; Robert Grocott; John Green - snow on the roof but.....; Kate Gunnery; Roger Harley the co-organiser, disorganised as ever; Anita Hedgcock; Phil Hodges and Lyn Holding, Welsh Wizards both; Paul Hughes and Dennis Hutchinson; Penny Leggott, an Assistant Dean...; John Lover still the terror of the RADC; Rowan (your winnings are in the post) Moorwood; Phil Simmons who still doesn't like Arthur's Theory of Caries; Neil Spaven still straightening teeth with bent coat-hangers; Emily Tingle who hasn't changed a bit - thanks for the cuddle Em.; Jeff Watkins, the Winchester by-pass has nothing on his; Mick Whitehouse younger than ever; Graham Wickens, the restless thespian and co-organiser. Apologies and/or best wishes were received from John Garforth in BC, Mick Hill, Bill Browse, Paul Garton, Pam Allaway, Paul Allaway, Alan Neale and David Spriggs.

My thanks to Reg Andlaw and Ken Marshall for their help and interest.

Now, since I failed to foist the job onto anyone else, I suppose Muggins will have to do the thirtieth anniversary. Is time off for good behaviour included in the Green Paper?

Roger Hartley

1974 Reunion, November 1994

The year of '74 celebrated their 20-year (and first) reunion on the 19th and 20th November 1994. Of the 40 students who had graduated that year 32 were present, some of whom had travelled from as far away as Australia and Norway, as well as those who had come from the far-flung corners of the British Isles. At the risk of being sentimental, it was an exceptional gathering of old friends who were genuinely pleased to see each other, and much amused reminiscing took place.

Although some members 'rehearsed' celebrating a few days early (Big Tone kicking off on the Thursday, and the three Musketeers Ron, Pete and Gair joining him on the Friday morning) the first enthusiasts arrived at the Dental Student's bar on Friday evening, moving on to the White Hart and then to the Hilton Hotel. (Negotiating the journey from pub to hotel was tricky when it became clear that in the last twenty years cars had obviously shrunk - in 1974 fitting 16 into a Renault 5 would have been no problem - it was now an impossibility. Furthermore, Prue and Ron's claim that they were going for the record number of circuits around Queen's Square on a tank of petrol was clearly an attempt to cover up the fact that they no longer knew their way around Bristol - pre-senile dementia?) The remaining graduates arrived on Saturday and enjoyed a trip around the Dental Hospital with 'tour guide' Ken Marshall, who, with his wife, joined everyone at the Hilton in the evening for dinner. We also had the pleasure of the company of Chris Stephens and Prof. and Mrs Bradford for the evening, which was much appreciated. The dinner was enjoyed by all, and enlivened by an amusing speech by Ken, and the presentation of awards to Mike Coakley and Rob Salvin as the graduates who had changed 'The Most' and 'The Least' respectively. Apart from the fact that no-one had changed at all it

has be said that we must have all grown up - all the men had dinner suits of their own WITHOUT FLARES, and we did all leave the bar at 5.00am when they closed on us.

To sum it up - it was a wonderful weekend to savour, and I guess to repeat in 5 years. With luck next time we'll find those missing graduates and have a full turn-out.

Prue Simpson

1984 Reunion, November 1994

Having heard from Gillian Boswell of the resounding success of the 1983 reunion, I felt inspired to arrange something to celebrate our 10-year reunion. Most of the year were tracked down by March and invitations were sent out soon after.

Our weekend started for some of us on Friday evening when we met for drinks at The Avon Gorge Hotel. On Saturday morning, Adrian Watkinson kindly gave us a guided tour of our very up-market Dental School, hardly recognisable from our student days. This was followed by his excellent and informative talk on implants.

The main weekend event was the dinner arranged at The Marriott Hotel (formerly The Holiday Inn). A sparkling wine reception was followed by a delicious three-course meal in the Conservatory and we danced the night away to Nigel's selection of hits from our era. It was so good to see everyone again and catch up on the news and views and gossip. Apart from one or two more grey hairs and a few laughter lines, not to mention a number of receding hair lines (Frank, the wig looked great!) we all looked remarkably well preserved. A good time was had by all, so much so that we thought a 15-year get-together could be arranged and also perhaps a less formal gathering in the not too distant future.

Anthea Hardiman

1988-1989 Reunion, February 1995

The '5-year' reunion of the year of '89 materialised in true Bristol fashion just a little later than originally planned, but we were delighted to be joined by the '5-year' reunion of the year of '88, if only for an even greater demonstration of punctuality.

The day began with a tour, led by Susan Hooper, of the all-new, ever-expanding, Dental Hospital and the new Chapter House which now occupies the old Dental School car park. For all those wrestling with remains of NHS dentistry it was refreshing to see that investment in dentistry seems healthy at the entry level at least.

The reunion itself was held at the Swallow Royal Hotel on College Green, which proved to be a superb venue with lavish leisure facilities to pamper those bloating bodies before the alcoholic onslaught of the evening ahead.

With the majority of the two years present the numbers were swelled to well over 100. There were also some notable appearances from the social section of the year of '87 who couldn't afford to miss a 'do' of such magnitude. Famous faces included James Spencer, Kevin Durrant, Barry Slade, and a famous physique in the form of Astrid Dangoor almost dressed

in rather fragile doily. **Dave Obree** also made an appearance in preparation for his 10-year bash.

The year of '88 were well represented, including all the old regulars **Tim, Ben, Hormos, Vicky and Si** etc. etc. Congratulations were due to **Simon and Jill Thomas** who had the birth of their first baby days before to celebrate. Needless to say **Jill** wasn't for starting the conga but seemed to have fun all the same.

It was great to see **Ben** on a rare visit from his current posting in Northern Ireland where, hopefully, life at the orifice is a littler safer now.

The year of '89 was well represented with many new partners being paraded. Most people have become paired off in the preceding 5 years but, unlike the year above, there has been precious little of offspring figures to report. In fact, as far as I know **Dr Simon McKinnell** is the sole breeder from the year.

Sadly, there were apologies for absence from **Karen Wilson** and **Dave Lyons** who were skiing, **Alex Rogers** who apparently didn't get the message due to a freak bolt of lightening which destroyed his answerphone - he surely moves in mysterious ways!! Also missing was our President **Chris Whitehead**, who was otherwise engaged, **Reema**, and **Cheranjit**.

Many thanks to Prof. **Chris Stephens** who represented the staff.

A great time was had by all and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to 1999 and, who knows, maybe the years of '87, '88 and '89 will merge once more.

The final word of thanks has to go to the organisers who worked tirelessly to make the event the huge success that it was - namely **Anne Whitby, Rhona Maxwell, Penny Kenyou** and **Renu Chibber**. I would also like to congratulate myself for managing to delegate all of the hard work.

Pete Andrews

ALUMNI NEWS

We would be pleased to receive news from alumni at any time for inclusion in our Newsletter. Unfortunately, there has been poor response to our previous requests for contributions; the space provided on the centre page of last year's Newsletter was used by only five readers. Maybe more will come in during 1995!

The following information has been collected from a variety of sources

(Year of graduation in brackets)

Richard Pratt (59) retired at the end of last year. He was Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at Middlesbrough General Hospital, Chairman of the Northern Region Group of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and Faculty Adviser of the Royal College of Surgeons (England) in Dentistry to the Northern Region. He retires with plenty of hobbies, leisure pursuits and duties to keep him occupied, as well as having a busy, happy family life.

David Phillips (65) Secretary of Dental Protection and Dental Director of the Medical Protection Society, was awarded the OBE in the Birthday Honours announced last June. In addition to his work with Dental Protection, David acted as adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on Health, which reported a year ago. A BDA member, he was President of the Metropolitan Branch in 1992/93. He is also a non-executive director of an NHS Trust in Hertfordshire.

Ian Smith (66) is still working in the dental practice he entered in 1967. His wife Gill is a physiotherapist and their son and daughter are university graduates. Ian has served the Council of the General Dental Practitioners' Association and was elected Vice Chairman in 1994. He has just retired from rugby football refereeing.

Hugh Devlin (75) is a Consultant at the University Dental Hospital of Manchester. Last year he won a prize for the best paper presented at the conference of the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Clive Marks (81) was recently Chairman and Secretary of the Southampton Section of the British Dental Association. You may have seen him in *Dental Practice* with the tooth-shaped gavel which he commissioned for the Section. From 1989-92 he was on the Council of the British Society for Restorative Dentistry, where he was responsible for helping to devise post-graduate education for practitioners. He spent 1993 on the day-release course in restorative dentistry at the Eastman Dental Hospital, London. He still sings with various choirs, making five recordings last season, including works by Elgar, Mahler and Delius, and fulfilled the role of "Chorus Dentist" for the 400-strong London Symphony Chorus's trip to Athens at Easter.

Diana Collard (82), as well as holding the prestigious title of secretary of the BDAA, was promoted in September last year. She is now Senior Dental Officer working at Stroud Health Centre, moving across the Severn from her previous job in the Forest of Dean.

Stephen Fayle (82) has recently been appointed Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry in Leeds.

Philip Benson (84) has completed the 3-year M.Orth. course at Manchester. He is married and has a 1-year-old son.

Rod Ferguson (85) has finally finished taking exams and has opted for a career mainly based in specialist practice in Cuckfield, West Sussex, but does a couple of days' hospital work to keep in touch.

Nick Girdler (85) is a lecturer/senior registrar in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UMDS (Guy's Hospital). The impressive number of letters appearing behind his name now includes 'JP'.

Sarah Williams (87), according to a feature in the magazine *Eventing* spotted by Barry Slade (87), dreams of making lots of money, giving up work and spending all day with horses. Winning the Horse and Hound Novice Riders cup last year may set her on her way.

Jeremy Rowe (88) is married to Rhona and is in practice in Devon.

Melissa Chen (90) became an FDS last June and started the 3-year orthodontics MSc course at the Eastman in October.

UBH SOCCER CLUB NEWS

Ian Grant

My thanks to those who have written with news and I hope their example will spur some more to follow suit. It interests me how much pleasure we derive from just picturing contemporaries and situations.

Martin McNally, the Mark Hughes of UBH during its most successful period, dropped me a line. He was fast, direct and skilled with both feet and head - a consistent goal scorer. He practises in Daventry and lives in Rugby. He stopped playing soccer many years ago and now enjoys tennis and skiing. He married Jean, his University sweetheart, and has two girls, Angela (17) and Jennifer (15).

Closer to Bristol **Charlie (Farley) Fingleton** lives in Bathford. He has been in partnership in Bradford on Avon for 17 years. His practice is mainly NHS, which he justifies by quoting his social conscience, something which was clearly absent when he played for UBH. A stocky hooker (or was it prop?), taught all his skills by the Franciscan brothers, he saw the light and became a soccer full back. With diversion signs on his front and the Cones Hot Line number on his back, wingers struggled to get round him. Bill Armstrong, refereeing at Guy's Hospital ground, informed him that had he been any later with that tackle he would have got the groundsman. This was in the days before flying drop kicks. He had a big boot then, he has a big drive now. Friends will know that he plays a mean round off a 10 handicap. He also plays tennis, squash and enjoys skiing. Denise, his wife, matches him in all these sports and their 'children' are Sarah (19) training as a physio, James (17) hoping to do medicine and Edward (11).

Another full back who sends his news is **Jonathan Portner**, known throughout the hospital as the ventriloquist's dummy in the laundry basket. Alright! Alright! He was a man of great wit - amazing really when you consider he is an Arsenal season ticket holder. Still, he's old enough to remember Ian Ure - I promised I'd BUNG that in. His wife, Sharon, is 10 years his junior, and they have Jesse, who is 3 and Hanna, who is 18 months and they get very little sleep. (I keep telling him that laundry basket is too small.) Jon has used the bootboard for the last time,

but visits the gym and swimming pool and plays tennis and golf, probably both with a running commentary. His practice is 15 years old, with four surgeries and 12 staff (no wonder he gets very little sleep). He practises privately, concentrating on crown and bridge and aesthetic dentistry. He has many interests within the business and co-wrote (with George Graham?) '101 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR PRACTICE MORE PROFITABLE'. (I promised I'd BUNG that in.) He runs 'Dental Management Consultancy Ltd' - very limited, he added. He writes articles and has given lectures with memorable titles like:

'Squatting - My Favourite Position'

'Profit - A Six Letter Word' and

'The Bung - Thumbprints in the Amalgam'.

He has fond memories of playing for UBH and the characters that he played alongside, like Kojak, Mick Hill (the born again goalie), Roger Greenwood (now a consultant nephrologist), Pete Chimimba and Tooks Abiose (the African connection). Thanks, Jonathan.

So come on you lads, BUNG us a line! Letters to 56 High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts, SN4 7AQ.

ADDRESSES WANTED

We receive subscriptions by Standing Order from the following alumni but do not have their addresses, so cannot send them copies of the Newsletter. Their names are not in the Dentists' Register. If any readers know of their whereabouts please let us know.

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FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

The following reunions are being organised for 1995. Please telephone the organiser if you have not already been in contact.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 10/11/93 - 3/11/94

| Income | | Expenditure | |
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| Subscriptions* | £1150.00 | Raffle prize Final Year Dinner | £ 100.00 |
| Donation from Medical Sickness Society** | £ 100.00 | Support for Graduation Day 1994 | £ 100.00 |
| | <hr/> | Support for students' electives (2) | £ 200.00 |
| | £1250.00 | Software for staff computer room | £ 232.62 |
| | | Newsletter | £ 286.26 |
| | | Expenses of reunion organisers | £ 59.78 |
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