

THE WHOLE TOOTH

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AESTHETIC IS PERTAINING TO BEAUTY OR
APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY, OR TO PURE SENSATION.

Welcome to our first newsletter.

The aim is to keep you informed and hopefully entertained with information about the practice and the people who work in it our hobbies and interests. There will be articles about the theatre and film, pieces about Donkeys and other animals and also about our chosen charity St Wilfrids Hospice.

We will always welcome your feedback and any contributions.

In this issue we have:

- Improvements to the practice
- The new Web site
- Why Aesthetic
- What Andrew has seen at the Theatre
- Courses Andrew has been on
- How long has Maureen worked here? (Answer next issue!)

We hope you enjoy this and future issues.

New Website

After over 10 years of vance.co.uk a new web site has been set up for the practice by VSence in Aldwick Road.

www.sussexastheticdentist.com Improvements are still being made and we would welcome your comments. A Blog has just been added. Find out what I am up to.

Theatre Review

Many people ask me what I have seen at the theatre recently. The best musical I have seen recently is *Funny Girl* at the Minerva. You always think of Barbara Streisand in the past but Samantha Spiro was excellent and totally took over the part. I had seen her a couple of years ago in the Donmar Theatre production of 'Merrily we roll along' for which she won an Olivier Award for best actor in a musical.. It was hoped that it would go into the West End, but unfortunately they lost the production rites.

I mentioned the Donmar theatre in London. This

is again, like the Minerva, a very small theatre of 250 seats. The *Chalk Garden*, a play I acted in in my teens, ie many years ago, was revived. Margaret Tyzak played Mrs St Maugh and Penelope Wilton plays Miss Madrigal. The play is set in Rottingdean by Enid Bagnold over 50 years ago. At the time Kenneth Tynan recognised it as "the finest artificial comedy to have flowed from an English pen..... since the death of Congreve.

To me it brought back memories and how much of a feminine tragic-comedy it was.

NEW DENTAL MEMBERSHIP SCHEME

Healthy Gums, Fresh Breath and Outstanding Oral Health are the main benefits and the goal of our new Membership Scheme. It starts from Bronze Membership at £8.50 a month up to Platinum Membership at £19 a month. Working together with our experience and techniques, and your commitment we can reach this goal.

The membership scheme allows easy monthly payments to cover an agreed number of Oral Health Checks and Gum Maintenance appointments over a year suited to your needs. It also gives you up to 15% off further necessary treatment. The full list of benefits can be seen on the web site www.sussexastheticdentist.com.

The scheme is operating from the 1st January 2009. For the first 50 patients to join they will receive a Braun Oral B Vitality Electric Toothbrush. Also free a professional tooth whitening home kit during your first year of membership, providing this is suitable for your mouth (value £295).

COURSES ATTENDED

So far this year I have attended a one day course and two conferences, one in London the other in Edinburgh.

I attended the British Society of Occlusal Studies meeting in May when Dr John Kois from Seattle spoke regarding occlusion, how teeth fit together, incorporating it into treatment planning and evaluating the patient health levels for the risk factors. He also spoke about the Kois Dento-Facial Analyzer which I now use in the practice.

The London conference was the World Aesthetic Conference and covered topics from full mouth treatments to botox injections.

In Edinburgh it was a joint conference by the BSOS (British Society of Occlusal Studies) ie the way teeth fit together, and the British Academy of Cosmetic

Dentistry. There was a variety of World class speakers. The main speakers were the Magne Brothers, one is a technician who makes the veneers crown etc and the other is Pascal Magne who is a world authority on Veneers and bonded to tooth restorations.

Edinburgh is a beautiful city. On the first night we had a drinks reception at Edinburgh Castle with superb view of the city and a tour of the crown jewels and the stone of destiny. On the next night we had a formal dinner dance at the Edinburgh Traquir. This was a converted church which had been restored. The walls were beautifully painted with murals. Several members did attend in Kilts!

The conference in Birmingham is organised by the British Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. More about this in the next newsletter.

New Opening Hours

From next April we are experimenting with an early start at 8.00am.

This will initially only be on a Tuesday and Thursday, Penny the Hygienist will also come in earlier.

We would like your opinions to see if you find this useful.

Improvements

For the next six months we will be using a live telephone answer service. They will be able to take messages out of hours and at lunch times. This means that you will talk to a person when you ring out of hours.

Music will now be played in the waiting room as well as the rest of the practice. We are looking at different styles. It does not stop you from asking for particularly music or radio program when you are having treatment.

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve 9am-12pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
Sat 27th Dec Closed
Sun 28th Dec Closed
Mon 29th Dec Closed
Tues 30th Dec Closed
Wed 31st Dec Closed
Thur 1st Jan Closed
2nd Jan 8.30am-12.30pm

When the surgery is closed please ring the surgery number to be directed to the emergency service.

ST WILFRIDS HOSPICE

As a practice we have been looking at ways that we can help the local community. St Wilfrids Hospice has been in Chichester since 1987 and has grown in size so that it can now offer a 14 bed inpatient unit with day care facili-

ties. Only 10.5% of their income comes from the NHS. The rest comes from income generated from fundraising and retail. The running costs are in the region of £4.3 million.

Over the next year we

are going to do our bit, so please support us and keep an eye out for what we have planned.

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