

## New Faces

We are very pleased to announce that this Spring Dr Chris Dakin is joining us at Shipston Dental Practice. He will be taking over from Sarah Carter who is moving onto pastures new after many years' hard work providing excellent dental care to many of you.

**Dr Dakin** will be expanding the practice, being available for additional clinical sessions and additional hours. As well as working in general dental practice, Chris is a clinical lecturer at Birmingham Dental Hospital and over the last 8 years has developed a particular interest in restorative dentistry. Importantly, he shares our aims to provide high quality dentistry with the focus on patient care and we are confident you will like him!

Some of you will already know our other new team members who live locally:

- **Merryn Jones** joins us as dental hygienist. Merryn was our locum hygienist in 1998, back now on a permanent basis – she is easy to spot, dressed in pink and full of enthusiasm!
- **Barbara** has joined our receptionists following Pauline's retirement at Christmas after 45 years' service
- **Danielle** is now on our nursing team and in addition to nearly 3 years' dental nursing experience she is working towards her VRQ Level 3 Award in Dental Nursing qualification.

## Other News

**Ian Preston and Alistair Millward** are helping an increasing number of you replace missing teeth using **implant techniques**. They are continuing to develop this side of patient care in liaison with visiting specialist colleagues.

**Carrie Preston** has recently completed 12 months at Birmingham Dental Hospital working with consultants in the Children's Department. Carrie offers **Denplan inclusive Plans for Children** to help make providing quality dental care for our younger patients more affordable. If you are interested in this service please discuss with Carrie or enquire at reception.

## Good News

Good News about Good Practice – we have recently been re-validated for our 8<sup>th</sup> year as one of the **British Dental Association's Good Practices**, achieving the Silver Award (the highest award available!)

## Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all of you who are telling your friends and family about us and the service we offer. **Most of our new patients come by personal recommendation.** If you are happy with your care please continue to pass our details on (information packs are available at reception). Also, if you feel there are ways we can improve let us know – we are always happy to receive comments and suggestions to help us develop our service. Visit us @ [www.shipstondentalpractice.co.uk](http://www.shipstondentalpractice.co.uk) for all our practice information including what the Good Practice Award means for you and the practice.

## On a Different note

Watch out on the roads for Carrie who has been training hard to cycle from John O'Groats to Land's End in June – 1008 miles in 9 days. She is hoping to raise at least £1008 for NSPCC and Air Ambulance. If you would like to help her on the way donations can be made at [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) (sponsor Carrie Preston) or at reception.

