

BES TAKES ROOT CANAL TREATMENT TO WESTMINSTER

On 10 May 2016 the British Endodontic Society (BES) and Sir Paul Beresford MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group of Dentistry, held an interactive event in the Houses of Parliament to raise awareness of the value of root canal treatment.

A number of MPs attended the drop-in event and met BES President Michael Waplington and his team of specialist endodontic experts. Attendees had the opportunity to get hands-on with a dental microscope and see first-hand how root canal treatment works using model teeth, and sit in a dental chair in Parliament.

At the event, MPs discovered that a recent survey released by



Sir Paul Beresford MP with members of BES

the BES (with 436 responses from dentists) showed that 93% of dentists believe that the current dental contract does not recompense dentists fairly for the delivery of root canal treatment. The survey also showed that 85% of dentists were not confident patients in their area had

access to specialist endodontic treatment on the NHS. To combat this problem, the BES are campaigning for better recognition of root canal treatment in the reform of the NHS contract.

Mr Waplington said: 'The event was attended by numerous MPs and Lords. We had the opportunity to explain to them how every year thousands of teeth are removed in the UK, when they could in fact be saved through root canal treatment. All attendees were highly engaged and supportive of our cause and we look forward to working with them to ensure root canal treatment receives the recognition it needs and deserves.'

HONOURS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS



New Chief Executive
Ian Brack (pictured) has been confirmed as the new permanent Chief Executive and Registrar of the General Dental Council (GDC). He formally took up the post on 16 May, following his time as an interim since 11 January 2016.

Chief Dental Officer, Wales
Dr Colette Bridgman has

been appointed Wales' new Chief Dental Officer. Dr Bridgman has been a Consultant in Dental Public Health in the North West of England since 2003, and strategic dental lead for Greater Manchester since 2013. She replaces David Thomas, who retired from the role earlier this year.

BDA President

Stuart Johnston was inaugurated as the new BDA President at the British Dental Conference in Manchester in May. A GDP in Newbridge for 41 years, Dr Johnston has represented the BDA at the Council of European Dentists as Chair of the Working Group on Tooth Whitening, and was elected chair of the Dental Practice Committee for the FDI World Dental Federation. He has also led the World Dental Federation Dental Amalgam Task Team at the United Nations Environment Program mercury treaty negotiations. He has previously served as Chair of the BDA's representative body and on its Principal Executive Committee.

CLIMB THREE PEAKS WITH YOUR TEAM

The West Yorkshire Section of the British Dental Association (BDA) have organised a Yorkshire Three Peaks walk to support the dental charity Bridge2Aid.

The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge starts in Horton-in-Ribblesdale and takes on the peaks of Pen-y-ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough in under 12 hours. The route is 24 miles long and includes 1,585 metres of ascent. The event is to be held on Saturday 23 July and promises to be a challenging yet enjoyable day and a good opportunity for the whole dental team to get together to support a worthy charity.

The walk will be led by a fully qualified mountain leader and equipment, water and roadside support will be available throughout the event. If any walkers decide they only want to do part of the route then transport will be available to return to the starting point.

The cost of entering is £40 per person and the event is open to the whole dental team and family members. Full information will be provided on entering the event.

To reserve a space email jasminv845@gmail.com or call 07941402418.

AUBREY SHEIHAM MEMORIAL

A memorial celebration was held recently to mark the life, work and legacy of Professor Aubrey Sheiham who died in November 2015. Organised by members of his former department, the University College London Research Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, the afternoon and evening were coordinated under the direction of Professor Richard Watt.

Family, friends and colleagues from around the world gathered at UCL to hear presentations

which helped both summarise and emphasise the huge contribution that Aubrey made to the worlds of oral and general health. The event provided an opportunity to reflect not only on Aubrey's professional impact but also the personal esteem in which he is held in the UK and internationally. The environs of UCL offered the perfect setting for those who knew him to network and by so doing continue to take forward his work, influence and inspiration.