

The BDJ news page

The *BDJ* accepts all general news items that might interest our readers. Press releases or articles should not exceed 500 words and may be edited. Please include a colour photograph if possible. As space for photographs is limited, priority will be given to good quality and/or interesting pictures. Please send *BDJ* news items to Sarah Murnal.

Find-a-dentist

The British Dental Association has launched a new service to help people find a dentist in their area. Find-a-dentist is an on-line directory of 5000 dentists which appear on the Association's website. The directory allows anyone to search for a dentist by postcode, county, service offered or dentist's surname.

Patients can find out what payment methods the dentist accepts (NHS, private, private payment scheme etc), what facilities are available at their surgery (wheel chair access, car parking etc), and about their clinical interests (cosmetic dentistry, hypnosis, implants, phobia etc).

The Find-a-dentist service can be found on the BDA's website: www.bda-findadentist.org.uk

Eastman paediatric Award

The tenth 3M Dental Student Award for Paediatric Dentistry was recently presented at The Eastman Dental Institute.

The winner was Dr Gabriella Gaat (below, right) for her academic and clinical excellence and the cheque, certificate and rose bowl were presented by Doug White, national sales manager of 3M Dental UK.



What a team!



Freeman & Rosser are one of the few dental practices in South Wales to gain the Investors in People Award.

The Carmarthen based practice is run by David Freeman and Eryl Rosser, a husband and wife team.

Left to right: receptionist Emma Thomas, TEC director Chris Osborne, associate dental surgeon Brian Shepherd, principal dental surgeons Eryl Rosser and David Freeman, practice manager Elisheba Gemmell and dental nurses Debbie Jones, Ann Mainwaring, Leanne Race and Leanne Cole.

Senate of Dental Specialties

The Senate of Dental Specialties was formally established at a meeting at the Royal College of Surgeons of England on 17 November 1999.

'Dental Senate' provides a forum for communication between the Dental Faculties of the Surgical Royal Colleges and the Specialist Associations in den-

tistry to promote the highest standards of professional practice in the dental specialties. It will work to provide a framework and a culture within which all dental specialists can demonstrate that they are keeping themselves up to date and remain fit to practise within their chosen field.

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Swedish GDP's visit St George's



The Restorative Dentistry Department of the new Maxillofacial Unit at St George's Hospital, recently played host to visiting dentists and dental assistants from Sweden.

Their day at the maxillofacial unit included an introduction and tour of the new facilities, lectures on the history and future of the British National Health Service, as relating to general practice, community and hospitals.

The group were then joined by 20 UK general dental practitioners for an educational day on 'toothwear and its modern management'.

Above: Group photograph of Swedish visitors and speakers from the Maxillofacial Unit of St George's Healthcare Trust, South West London.