Introducing Dr David Fullarton

It is with the very greatest of pleasure that I can announce that Dr David Fullarton BDS (Dundee), has joined our team at Charlbury Dental Practice as the associate.

David graduated in 1980 in Dundee and has been practising in Oxfordshire ever since. After a long spell in Chipping Norton and 24 years at Eynsham Dental Care, he is delighted to come to Charlbury. He has a particular interest in preventive dentistry and new minimal intervention methods of treatment. He is committed to providing his patients with personalized care and state-of-the-art dentistry. David’s interests outside of dentistry include cooking, walking his spaniel and fast cars, although he only has a slow one!
Dental loupes are the magnifying glasses that help to provide enhanced visibility and thus accuracy during treatment. In addition to improving the quality of dentistry, loupes have been designed to be ergonomic and provide greater comfort to practising dentists. They can also incorporate a bright light which is focussed on the tooth to improve visibility further.

One of the most common uses of loupes is for root canal treatment. The magnification allows canals to be found, accessed and mechanically prepared with far greater accuracy. Loupes are also used in other aspects of restorative dentistry. The accuracy of crown or veneer preparations is majorly improved with magnification. Margins are clearer and imperfections are more evident and then easily corrected. Inspection of the impressions under magnification also aids overall accuracy, ensuring that preparation margins are correctly recorded.

Wearing loupes during a clinical examination can also be of great value. Magnification inevitably increases the chances of detecting small indistinct lesions. Micro cracks, enamel demineralisation and sometimes even existing restorations are just a few things that can often go unnoticed without adequate lighting and magnification.

Earlier detection of caries and cracks can prevent catastrophic failures and pain in the future. As always it is advised when examining teeth to ensure the surface is clean and dry before examining under good lighting and magnification. Considering the above discussion it is quite clear that any dentists and hygienists using magnification will provide work of a superior quality and identify problems earlier.
School children drinking ‘high levels’ of sports drinks

A new study published in the British Dental Journal found almost 90% of 12 to 14-year-olds consume high-sugar acidic drinks, despite understanding the negative effects on their oral health.

Researchers believe children are drawn to the drinks due to their branding, believing the drinks are for everybody, despite being intended for adults taking part in sports.

‘Sports drinks offer no health benefits to children, and are helping fuel an epidemic of tooth decay,’ BDA chair, Mick Armstrong, said.

‘It’s no accident that we are seeing such high levels of consumption among children. Cynical marketing is driving demand.’

High in both sugars and acids, these are not everyday drinks. Water remains the drink of choice when undertaking moderate exercise, and is the safest option for both oral and general health.

The study – Knowledge of and attitudes to sports drinks of adolescents living in South Wales UK – is published in the British Dental Journal.

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Practice News

Goodbye!

Hayley Brown, one of our Receptionists leaves us after a year to pursue a different career path. We would like to thank Hayley for her commitment and hard work and wish her all the best with her new career choice.

Hello!

Alycia is the latest addition to our reception team. She joined us in May 2017 after having worked for an opticians store for 8 years. She loves her cats, baking and is also a bit of a dare devil - she celebrated turning 50 years old by doing a “Wing Walk!”
BIZARRE DENTAL FACTS

- Contrary to popular belief, mosquitoes do not have teeth. The females “bite” with a long, pointed mouthpart called a proboscis. They use the serrated proboscis to pierce the skin and locate a capillary, then draw blood through one of two tubes.

- So called “milk teeth” begin to form during the embryonic stage in the womb, but do not actually show until a child is six months to a year old.

- In one mouth, the number of bacteria can easily exceed the number of people who live on Earth.

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