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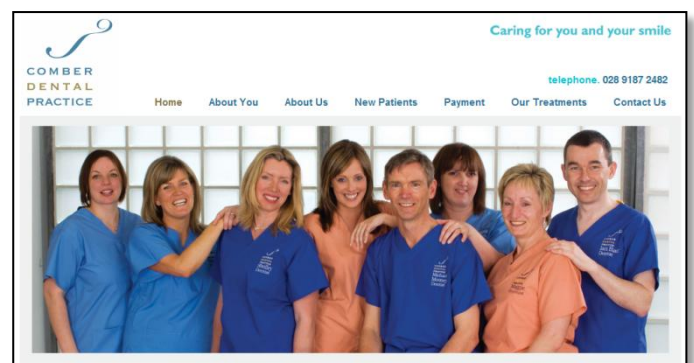
of premises and ongoing development. We were happy to feature so highly in our first venture into the awards, against some very good practices, and we hope to go one better next time.

New Patients

We would like to clarify our new patient policy as recently our team have been receiving enquiries as to whether we are accepting new patients.

All three dentists are currently accepting new private patients or children under the NHS whose parents are practice plan members. Our practice grows by referral and should you know of anyone who you feel might benefit from being a member of our Practice, we would be grateful for your recommendation.

New website



Comber Dental Practice website is now up and running and can be found at www.comberdental.com. We have tried hard to create an easily navigated site with plenty of information on subjects such as costs, children's and cosmetic dentistry. We have included individual links to some official sites with more subject matter for those who are looking to delve deeper.

There are a number of interactive pages to allow downloading of documents such as Smile Checks and Tooth Grinding Questionnaire. The site address is now displayed on a new sign at the front of the building.

Please take the time to have a look at the website and we would welcome any feedback.

Welcome to our second issue of our patient newsletter. Our aim is to keep you informed of new treatments available and update you on practice developments. We hope you will continue to find the articles interesting and that you will enjoy future issues of the newsletter which we publish twice yearly.

Tooth whitening

Have you wanted brighter, whiter teeth? Do you want a glamorous smile? Stop dreaming and start smiling. Stained or yellowing teeth can be whitened with the latest techniques. The results can make you look years younger.

We have been whitening teeth for ten years with tremendous success. Using a pain free cosmetic system, custom moulded trays containing gel are worn overnight, allowing a free radical oxidation process to revitalise the tooth colour.

Tooth whitening has been shown to be 95% effective for removing discolouration or stains occurring in your teeth.



There are some situations where whitening is contraindicated, such as where the front teeth are already crowned or where there are very large fillings on the front teeth and where the teeth are excessively worn.

The ideal situation is when there is not much wrong with the teeth except for colour which has become more yellow with age.

Tooth whitening costs £300 (which can be paid in instalments) at Comber Dental Practice and on request your dentist will assess your suitability.



Comber Dental Practice was runner-up in the prestigious Dentistry magazine awards in the category of Best Practice which were presented in Leicester in December 2008. The judges were looking at areas such as customer services, staff training, quality

Osteoporosis & breast cancer

It has come to light over the last year that some of the drugs/medications given to patients to treat osteoporosis and breast cancer, even if in the past, are complicating the healing process following the extraction of teeth. Therefore it is vitally important if you are having or have had, treatment for osteoporosis or breast cancer to notify your dentist.

Antibiotic treatment cover

New NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) guidelines have removed the need for prophylactic antibiotic cover for those patients that previously had to take antibiotics one hour before certain dental procedures such as patients with heart valve damage. Antibiotic cover has been found to have negligible benefit and some negative effects. So patients who might previously have been prescribed antibiotics for procedures will no longer require to be.

Cancellation Policy

A short reminder to all our patients that we ask for 24 hours notice if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment. This enables us to give the unused clinical time to another patient who may require emergency treatment.

Regrettably, for all patients who fail to attend or provide the necessary cancellation notice, it is the practice policy to implement a surcharge for any lost time that may occur.

The Comber Dental Practice team would like to extend a special thank you to all our patients for their assistance and understanding with regard to this matter.

Christmas Outing



The Christmas Outing was at the Culloden Hotel, and was unanimously voted the best ever. The evening included a delightful three course meal followed by three excellent live acts and a disco. The photo above was taken early in the evening when everyone was still able to focus (or should that be when they were still in focus).

Baby Talk

Congratulations are due to Sharon and Gerard, on the birth of their baby son Elliot (7lb 8oz) in February. Sharon has been Ian Blair's dental nurse for seven years.



60-second Interview

Here at Comber Dental Practice we like our patients to get to know us a bit better, so in this newsletter we find out a bit more about Rhonda one of our dental nurses.

Q1: What's your favourite film?

P.S. I love you

Q2: What do you wish had never been invented?

Driving – I get frustrated with other drivers.

Q3: Who, in the whole of history, would you most like to sit next to on a long-haul flight?

Anthony Hopkins

Q4: What is your fantasy other job?

A theatre nurse

Q5: If you had to be stranded in any one place in the world, where would that be?

The Maldives with a good book!

Q6: What drives you mad?

Ironing

Q7: What's your favourite thing about working at Comber Dental Practice?

Building a relationship with our patients and seeing patients happy after treatment at our practice.

