

## Meopham Dental Care supports **Oral Health Week** 13-19 November

[www.mouthcancerfoundation.org](http://www.mouthcancerfoundation.org)

Cancer can occur in any part of the mouth, tongue, lips, throat, salivary glands, pharynx, larynx, sinus, and other sites located in the head and neck area. These 'mouth cancers' have a higher proportion of deaths per number of cases than breast cancer, cervical cancer or skin melanoma.

### **Mouth Cancer Foundation UK Statistics**

Information from the Mouth Cancer Foundation. In the UK, there were 7,697 cases in 2004.

The mortality rate is just over 50%, despite treatment, with 2,718 deaths occurring in 2005. Mouth Cancer kills one person every 3 hours in the UK because of late detection.

An increasing number of young people are being affected and 25% of the cases have no associated significant risk factors.

Other organisations may quote lower statistics. In fact the statistics are much worse. They are missing out vital data which is very relevant. For example, ask children

where saliva is formed? They will say 'in the mouth'. The Mouth Cancer Foundation statistics include cancer of the salivary gland but unfortunately, because of tradition, other organisations are missing out statistics on salivary gland, throat and other relevant regions, which should fall under the 'mouth cancer' umbrella. The Mouth Cancer Foundation is taking a lead to include important statistics because we believe it is important for the public to be aware of all cancers connected to the mouth.

## Focus on **Inline** invisible braces

### **What is it?**

Invisible braces which are carefully constructed in Germany, they are comfortable and work quickly to give you a beautiful smile.

### **How much?**

Upper and lower arches are usually between £2000 and £3000 pounds. One arch can be less than £1000, exact costings are prepared on an individual basis.

### **How long?**

Timings are calculated on an individual basis, the time span tends to range between 6 to 24 months.

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## Changes to our Website

[www.meophamdentalcare.co.uk](http://www.meophamdentalcare.co.uk)

Over the next few months we will be making a few changes and updates to our website including new testimonials and photos.

Please have a look and tell us what you think, feedback is always welcome.

We are happy to **celebrate** that it is now **6 years** since Alison purchased Meopham Dental Care.

**Thank you** to everyone for all your support.

## Staff News

Both **Kerry** and **Louise** will be undertaking the **Oral Health Education Course (OHE)** over the next year. This will allow them to give comprehensive oral health advice to patients.

<b>Alison</b> Mellor	Dentist
<b>Karen</b> Elkins	Dental Hygienist
<b>Sarah</b> Breslin	Dental Therapist
<b>Kerry</b> Millar	Practice Manager
<b>Julie</b> Jaques	Dental Nurse
<b>Louise</b> Hunt	Dental Nurse
<b>Klaire</b> Antrobus	Receptionist/Dental Nurse

## Practice Feedback

If you find yourself with a few spare minutes, please help us to improve our service by filling out one of our customer questionnaires. The information provided will help us to make continual improvement to the services we offer.

## Practice hours

Monday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday	8.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Friday	9.00am - 3.00pm

### Christmas opening hours:

Our last working day will be Thursday 22nd Dec 2010, we will then reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

In an emergency please call the practice for details of our emergency provision.

## On-site Parking

**We are very lucky to have 5 allocated spaces** at the practice. These are situated adjacent to the building.

We try our best to keep these free at all times to make it easy for our patients to park.

Please try to avoid parking in the spaces next to the road as these are reserved for the customers of Meopham Fencing.

If you do have any problems please mention this to the receptionist on your arrival.



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