

# BrumDentists

News from the best connected Dental School

## Merry Christmas

Posted on [December 25, 2012](#)

The School of Dentistry wishes all its followers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



- Birmingham in the Rain. Merry Christmas everyone.

This Photograph was featured on BBC News over Christmas

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-20816024>

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## Christmas Dinners

Posted on **December 21, 2012**

So this is how the staff enjoy themselves in Christmas week whilst the students are away. Two Christmas dinners are featured here one from the Research Floors 7 & 8 and the other from the First floor with all the secretarial support staff. Merry Christmas to you all.



— Merry Christmas from our Doctoral Researchers



— Merry Christmas from us all





— Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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## Party Style with Mince Pies

Posted on [December 18, 2012](#)



— Packed Osborne Room



— Mince Pies

Professor Philip Lumley invited people who were around in the School and Hospital to join him in the Osborne Room for mince pies and refreshments. It was a perfect opportunity for all staff to mingle before the Christmas Break. As you can see the room was busy and there were plenty of mince pies.

We also got the opportunity to see Philip in a different guise as well. Courtesy of <http://www.jibjab.com>



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## Mince Pie Tree

Posted on [December 17, 2012](#)

Professor Deborah White revealed her Mince Pie making skills by bring in a Christmas Tree. The picture shows the special tree which was only around for a few minutes, allowing a picture to be taken. Its fate....eaten alive in School Office.



— A Christmas tree of Mince Pies

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## Speedy Gonzales with teeth

Posted on [December 15, 2012](#)

*“After 3 months of filling cavities with Majesty, polishing restorations with Super-Snap Rainbow Discs and breaking multiple Garrison Multi-Function Composite Instruments, the Aesthetics SSM decided to celebrate a term’s hard work with a big social. This first involved a large banquet at Asha’s restaurant in town, courtesy of Messrs MacKenzie and Sharland. The group were treated to multiple plates of Lamb Rogan Josh, Chicken Tikka Masala and Kadhai Paneer whilst discussing many of the funny events that had occurred over the course.*



— A happy bunch of students after their aesthetics SSM

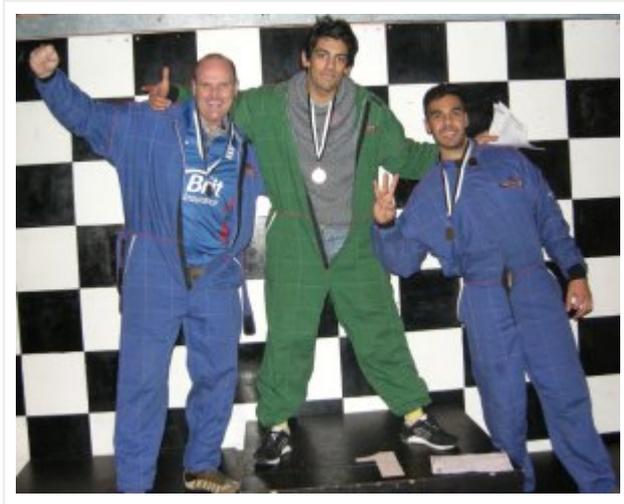
*Then we moved on to a 30 minute adrenaline filled Go-Karting Grand Prix whereby everyone raced against each other in an attempt to decide who was the real ‘Lightning McQueen’. Shiraz ‘Nobody Can Catch Me’ Khan was the ultimate winner with Louis ‘Mr.Cricket’ MacKenzie and Zeeshan ‘100% Attendance’ Chawdri taking second and third place respectively.*

*All in all it was a great end to a fantastic Special Study Module and a quick word to those in the years below: Choose to do the Aesthetic’s SSM because you will learn loads, become better dentists and have a great time in between!!!*

*Thanks again to Messrs Mackenzie and Sharland and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!"*

**Raj Koner BDS 5**

**(Blogger note – very disappointed that there are no action pictures of the Go Kart racing or Raj “speed” eating his Chicken Tikka Masala?)**



— And the winner is....??



— Go-Karting students

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## Zarina is leaving us

Posted on [December 7, 2012](#)

Zarina who is PA to Professor Lumley is leaving us but not going far. She is relocating to the University Campus. An impromptu get together took place in school office to say goodbye, thank her for her time with us in Dentistry and to wish her good luck in her new job.



Thank you to Zarina for all your help for the School of Dentistry

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## Elective Day

Posted on [December 5, 2012](#)



— Elective Presenters (Session 1)



— Elective presenters (session 2)



— The elective judging panel

The student elective presentations were held in the Alex MacGregor lecture theatre and as always the standard was very high. The external examiner was former member of staff Professor Alistair Sloan who is now at Cardiff Dental School and he was joined by Prof Deborah White, Michelle Holder and Sarah Franks, President of BUDSS (Dental Student Society).

The Board of Examination awarded the Elective Prizes as follows

- The Dental Student Society Prize For Best Overall Elective Presentation to **Sagar Shah** with Certificates Of Merit to **Sunaina Gandhi** and **Shiraz Khan**
- Sands Cox John Rippin Memorial Prize For Best Report to **Yatisha Patel**
- The BDA / Dentsply Students Clinician Prize to **Yatisha Patel**

The Board of Examiners would like to thank all the presenters on such a high standard

this year. The External Examiner, Prof Sloan, commented on the quality of research and presentations from the Final Year Students. Dr Hill, Chief Elective Co-ordinator, thanked the Year 4 students on being an attentive audience ***“Thank you very much and we look forward to your presentation next year.”***

#### **The full list of presenters is as follows**

**Alexandra Perks** – The Dental Management and Oral Health of Children with Autism in the UK and Australia

**Hinali Ondhia** – An observation of student, graduate and faculty dental clinics at the University of Florida, Gainesville

**Shiraz Khan** – The U21 UNMDG Student committee Resource Pack

**Bilal Hayat** – A study evaluating the success rate and complications of tooth extractions using the Benex-Extraction System

**Trisha Patel** – A clinical study to investigate patient satisfaction post extraction within the oral surgery department at BDH with particular emphasis on dental anxiety

**Brooke Zaidman** – The role of Clinical Photography in Oral Medicine; Comparison Study

**Sagar Shah** – The merits of augmentative visual aids in supplementing the dental treatment of autistic children

**Sunaina Gandhi** – Attitudes of UK dentists towards the Dental Tourism Industry

**Mohit Chand** – Comparing the status of Diabetes and its associated south-Asian adult community of East London with British Caucasians

**Georgina White** – Patient understanding of risk and disease: A Service Evaluation

**Hassan Kamal** – An Assessment of Dental Caries in the Street Children of Tetouan, Morocco

**Funmi Oluwajana** – Oral health knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of adults in Ghana

**Yatisha Patel** – Evidence based self-care strategies for dental pain and preventative oral health care advice via smartphone technology

**Biraj Patel** – Debris removal from Lateral canals

**Priya Chandarana** – What makes a good dentist

**Jasdeep Bhandal** – A review of the timings of cleft lip and palate repairs used at Birmingham Children’s hospital

**Salma Anwari** – The association between Periodontal Disease and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

+thanks to Marina for the photographs

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# Cyclathon for Help for Heroes

Posted on [December 4, 2012](#)



— Sarah is third from the left!

Sarah Naylor is one of our dedicated Part time Clinical Practice teachers. She just took part in a Cyclathon aiming to cycle 606km (370miles). She was part of a team that In total cycled for 14 hours and 21 minutes covering 791.96km. It would have been 800km but Sarah was in danger of falling asleep at one point but did eventually stay awake to raise the money. The team of cyclists raised- £606.54 for Help the Heroes and this is only a a run up to her Paris to London charity cycle in May. We have a picture of Sarah above and if you want to donate her charity address is <http://www.bmycharity.com/SarahHNaylor>

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## 10,000

Posted on [December 4, 2012](#)

The new Blog was launched in September and has now had 10,000 views of all pages in 3 months. Thank you for making it so successful.

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## Advent Calendar

Posted on [December 1, 2012](#)

A little fun starting with my Christmas lights.



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## Birmingham – I'm Feelin Good!

Posted on [November 29, 2012](#)

Here are some YouTube Clips to show you around our City and some of the exciting developments taking place.

- [Birmingham New Street Redevelopment](#)
- [Meet in Birmingham](#)
- [If you are impressed then make sure you book in for 2013 for the ADEE conference.](#)

It has never been a better time to visit us!

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## Ali “the Mo” James

Posted on [November 20, 2012](#)

November is only half way through and there is a rash of “Mos” on the male species. There are so many stories out there but here is one from our own clinical teacher, Ali James. Not so sure what it will look like bleached – let alone if it becomes a different colour! I will pay an extra £20 if he puts Christmas decorations on it with picture.



— Ali “the Mo” James before bleaching

*Hi here is the photo as promised. If this could go on the blog that would be great. I have now got over £500.00 pledged so the mo will get bleached. If I can get over £1000.00 then it can be dyed a colour of choice. I will have a google poll for this. Info can be found at <http://uk.movember.com>*

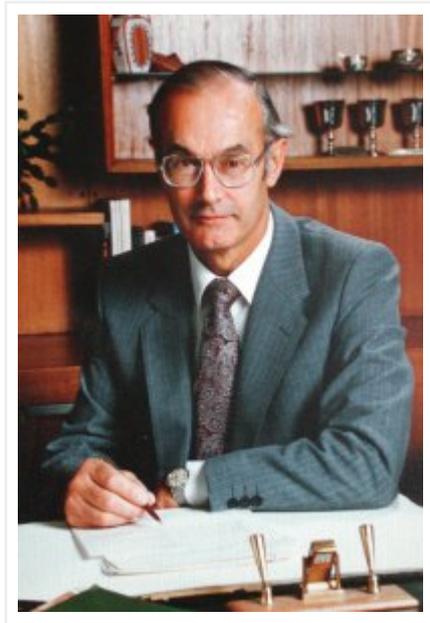
*Cheers. Ali*

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## Professor David Shovelton

Posted on [November 18, 2012](#)



— Professor David Shovelton

It is with sadness that the School of Dentistry were notified about the death of Professor David Shovelton, former Director of the School of Dentistry. Professor Shovelton was a highly respected clinician, academic teacher and researcher. He held several high profile positions on the national stage including being a member of the General Dental Council and the Royal College of Surgeons. His research work on the repair of the human dental pulp following cavity preparation published in the 1960s and 70s was pioneering and was responsible for a new understanding of the response of odontoblasts to caries and mechanical insults. Professor Shovelton was also part of the Department of Health team that published the Schanschieff report into unnecessary treatment in Dentistry.

Details of Professor Shovelton's funeral arrangements will be published on the blog as soon as they are confirmed.

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## Rush Hour

Posted on [November 14, 2012](#)

Another in the occasional series of photographs of the Dental School and Hospital. This one is a night shot and has been processed in Photoshop. It is a noisy picture because

of the low light but hopefully gives a snapshot of both the cars rushing by and the lights still on in the building.



- Dental School and Hospital during Rush Hour on the expressway

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## Anyone for Badminton?

Posted on [November 6, 2012](#)



- Our Postgraduate student researchers getting ready for a spot of Badminton

The postgraduates doctoral students on the 7th Floor are preparing for a trip in the New Year to Coniston which is an [Outward bound centre owned by the University](#). Therefore in an effort to get fit and to leave the research laboratories behind for a couple of hours, several of the students have started a lunch-time round of Badminton. This team building exercise was a great success and if any undergraduate students or members of staff wish to make a challenge then I am sure it will be considered seriously!



- The games are in full swing (maybe all this effort will be channeled back into the research!)

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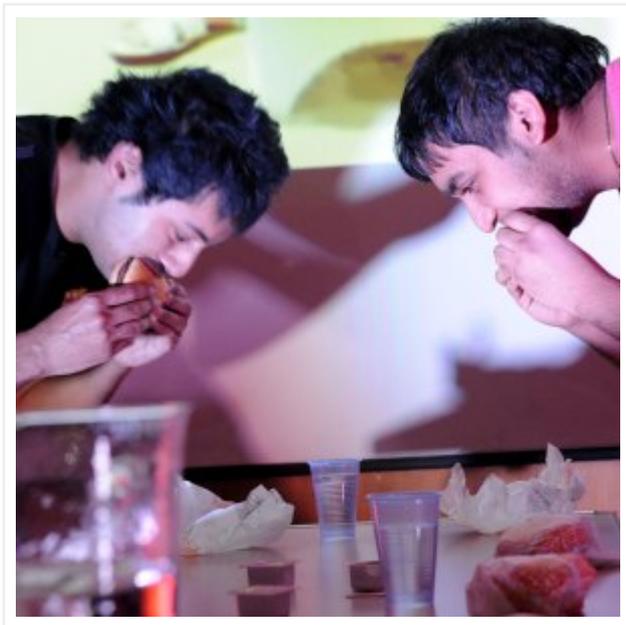
## BDH has Talent 2012

Posted on [November 4, 2012](#)



— Aarti and her shadow

The Annual Birmingham Dental School has talent night showcased the amazing abilities of our students including singing, beatboxing and breakdancing. There was a rather intense Eatathon as well.



— Biraj and Raj go mouth to mouth eating. No cheeseburgers were harmed in this picture

The compere was Professor Iain Chapple and not only did he introduce the students but his two daughters, Natasha and Jessica also gave heart rendering renditions from Musicals. There were contributions from the School of Hygiene and Therapy as well as from all dental students years. The video interludes were fun including dancing in the canteen (with a stoic Neville Hall) and some very interesting pole dancing. The judges

were Mr MacKenzie, Prof Landini, Prof Walmsley, Prof White, Mrs Stanley, Prof Perryer who provided some amusing comments throughout the concert.



— Funmi surveys the scene

Mr Upen Patel provided a text voting procedure and the list of performers is shown. The eventual winner was Alessandro, 2nd Year Dental Student, for his Beatboxing.

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Tasha	Vocal	BDHTASHA
Lana	Naughty (Martina)	
Shiraz, Hamal & Alessandro	Vocal	BDHLENA
Aarti	Valerie (Amy Winehouse)	
Raj & Biraj	Beatboxing & B-Boying	BDHSHA
Jess	Duro Africa (The Ojayeens Band)	
Sarah & Amrita	Vocal	BDHAARTI
Alessandro	Feeling Good (Michael Bublé)	
Kristina	"THE EADSTON"	BDHRAB
Amrita	McDonald's Cheese Burgers	
	Vocal	BDHJESS
	Clash (Maejda)	
	Instrumental	BDHSARAM
	Part of Your World (The Little Mermaid)	
	Beatboxing	BDHALES
	Vocal	
	I Can't Make You Love Me (Bonnie Raitt)	BDHKRISTINA
	Vocal	
	Defying Gravity (Jules)	

— The list of performers and the voting procedure

The two people to thank for the successful evening were Funmi Oluwajana and Shiraz Khan but there are many others that need praising but they know who they are and thanks to everyone for putting on such a great evening.





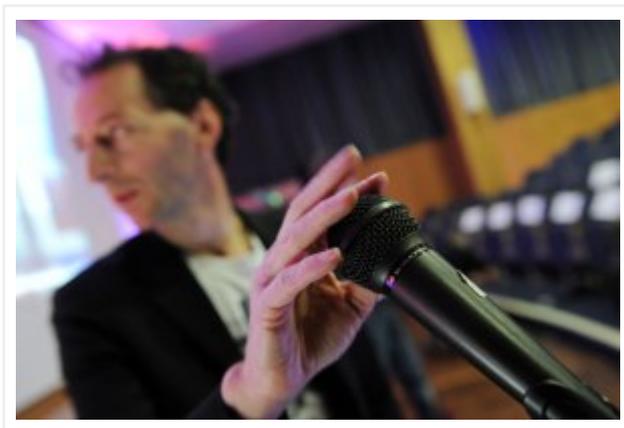
— Psychedelic celebrations led by Shiraz

Links to Pictures are below.

Please feel free to use them and if you have time acknowledge where they came from as it will be appreciated,

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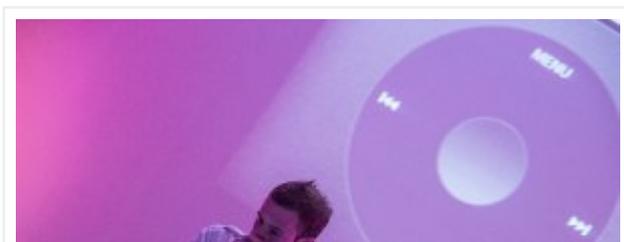
— Iain and the microphone

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## Birmingham Rocks

Posted on [November 2, 2012](#)





— Alessandro beatboxing – The Winner

Last night the School showcased the best talent amongst our students from dentistry and the school of hygiene. There were many highs to the night and lots of cheeseburgers but more of that to write about later. Just to say keep dropping by as pictures and reports from the evening will be arriving on the site over the next few days.

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## The John Rippin Elective Bursary Prize

Posted on [October 28, 2012](#)



— Hurjoht Virdee with David and Liz representing the Rippin family

Hurjoht Virdee, final year dental student at Birmingham gave a presentation at the Sands Cox AGM. His talk was on his 4th year elective, "*An investigation and comparison of accessibility and patient management in Birmingham with Manipal (India)*". Hurj was the recipient of the inaugural John Rippin Elective Bursary Prize This is awarded to help a student with altruistic intentions for an elective benefiting third world countries. Hurjoht

presented his work in the presence of Liz and David Rippin who came to the meeting to see the dental elective presentation. Professor Walmsley introduced Hurjoht and said a few words about John Rippin and his contribution to the dental school and the Sands Cox society.

Hurjoht enjoyed the day and found it “a great experience and met so many wonderful people.” Congratulations and a worthy performance that John Rippin will have been proud of.



— Hurjoht Virdee presenting at the Sands Cox AGM

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## Where's Philip Lumley?

Posted on [October 21, 2012](#)





### — Where's Philip

Here is a picture of the BUPA great run course – early yesterday morning. It was a foggy start before the sun came up. Philip Lumley is not on the picture as he is far away in the distance. There were many other runners from the School and Hospital but the DS Blogger does not have a picture of them as they are still at the start! It was a great day and Birmingham was buzzing. Well done to everyone who took part and lots of success to those who were raising money for charities.

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## SM!LE Project 2012 @ Birmingham

Posted on [October 19, 2012](#)



### — Smile Project 2012

This week University of Birmingham Dental School took part in SM!LE Project 2012 part of a European Dental Students Association (EDSA) prevention program. The Project is sponsored by P&G and aims to promote oral hygiene to non-dental students throughout various European Dental schools, previously taken place in Leeds and Istanbul University.

A stall was set up in The University of Birmingham Centre which was organised in 3

staging areas. First non-dental students were asked to fill out a questionnaire related to their oral hygiene habits, diet, dental visits and smoking status. After completing this, they were given a demonstration by dental students on how to brush their teeth/flossing, what concentration of fluoride they should have, the maximum sugar intake a day and advice on the effects of smoking on oral health. Finally students were asked to fill out a quiz, with 4 questions related to oral hygiene advice, to win an Oral B Triumph toothbrush. We had 2 lucky winners each day!. Every student who took part was given 2 free toothpaste samples and oral hygiene advice leaflets. Vaiva, the EDSA Prevention officer from Lithuania and Jacob EDSA Representative from Leeds University also visited with us and advised us on the project to ensure it ran smoothly.

The project was a complete success with more than 50 dental students volunteering from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> BDS. We reached over 1,000 University students! The volunteers were extremely enthusiastic and encouraging, promoting oral hygiene to its maximum!

We had such a fantastic start on Monday and Tuesday that by the end of the week most participants had heard about the project from their friends, and had specifically come to stall for the hygiene instructions given by our dental students (and the free toothpaste!).

Thank you to EDSA, P&G and University of Birmingham for helping run this Project, good luck to the many more dental schools that will take part in SMILE!

Negar Mirzai, EDSA Rep for Birmingham Dental School

**Blogger note – Well done to Negar Mirzai and her team – this report and all the content including the project was organised by our dental students. The work will form the basis of a larger project which will be presented at the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) to be held in Birmingham.**



— So much going on



— Happy faces ready to greet the public



— One of the lucky winners of a Powered toothbrush



— OK boys you need to fill in the form first



— All those tubes of toothpaste.....



— More volunteers at the ready





— More volunteers with their t-shirts



— Lunch and learn about toothbrushing



— Some of the 50 dental student volunteers



— The models used to demonstrate brushing



— Getting the message across



— How to brush your teeth



— Vaiva (EDSA) and Negar



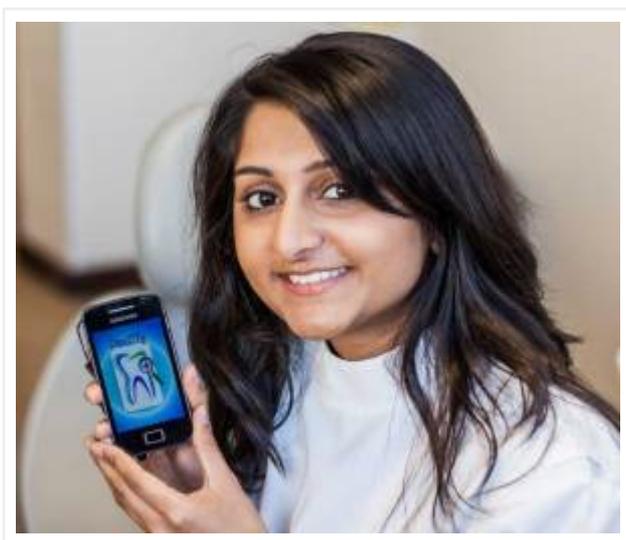
— Where is everybody, we start in 10 mins

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## Dentify – a Phone app for patients

Posted on [October 17, 2012](#)



— Yatisha with her mobile phone app, Dentify

Yatisha Patel, Final Year Dental Student, has just released a phone app on the Android system for patients. It is called Dentify and it is designed to assist patients when they have toothache. The project formed part of Yatisha's studies and the information

contained within the App is evidence based on the background and treatment of toothache. It provides practical information on what to do if a patient experience's toothache, how to obtain pain relief and steps on contacting a dentist for treatment All the programming and researching for the App was done by Yatisha herself. Her next project is to make the App available on the iPhone platform and then to move onto other projects for mobile phone applications.

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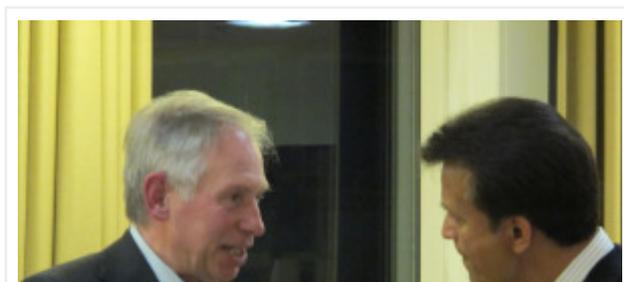
## 30 Year Reunion – Year of 1982

Posted on [October 9, 2012](#)



The Sir Arthur Thomson

Charitable Trust makes a provision for an annual dinner to take place of those graduates that qualified 30 years ago. The prove to be rather good fun as the graduates get together and meet up. Some of them have not seen each other since they qualified. Professor Deborah White was on hand to take photographs of the event where past students and staff get together with current staff to reminisce and talk about past and present events in their careers and life. Special thanks must go to Carinna Chilton in School Office who organised the event.





— Mt Thomas talks about teaching in 1982

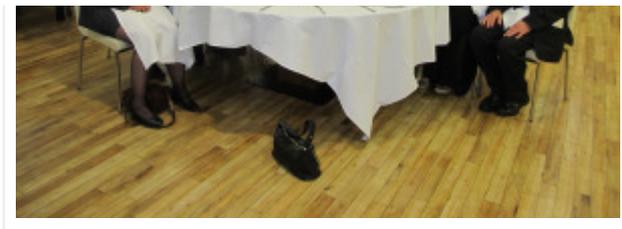


— Speech done!



— Pictures of the year of 1982





— Pictures of the Year 1982



— Pictures of the year 1982

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## Birmingham at Dental Showcase

Posted on [October 7, 2012](#)



The British Dental Trade

Association Showcase or BDTA for short was held at ExCel in the London Docklands. Such events are exciting as one can see the latest dental products or developments that are taking place. They are also events where you can catch up with past students and friends of the Dental School. Many of the stands looked more like restaurants or living rooms rather than Dental Trade stands. Also many of the big dental brands also had mini lecture theatres attached to them. The DSblogger has his camera at the ready to take pictures of familiar faces he found around the Show. Hope you enjoy the pictures and you may recognise one or two faces. It was good to see Louis MacKenzie talking to a packed audience on the Dentsply stand. There were many other activities happening and the pictures provide a taste of it for you.



— Louis in full lecture mode





— Prof Perryer and friend



— Recently qualified



— Past students

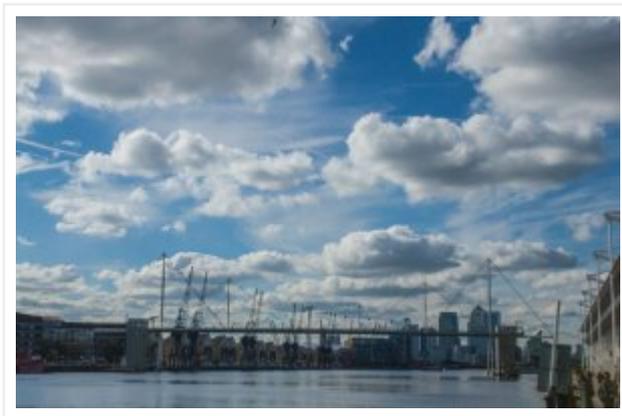




— Happy faces



— Are we at a dental show or a restaurant



— The view from ExCel

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## Lucky Dental School

Posted on [October 4, 2012](#)

The Dental School received a double rainbow yesterday which was in recognition of all its recent achievements for teaching and research. This is a view from the Prosthetics

clinic where all clinical work was on hold for a few seconds as the cameras were brought out. The patients and students appreciated it too.

Hope you have a lucky day after viewing it



- A Double Rainbow makes an appearance at the Dental School

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## Welcome Dental Freshers!

Posted on [September 25, 2012](#)



- Getting ready for dentistry

Last week BUDSS (Birmingham University Dental Students Society) had the pleasure of welcoming the new 2012 intake of Hygiene & Therapy and Dental students to Birmingham Dental Hospital!

At the start of the week while all those in student halls explored and got more acquainted with the Guild and Birmingham – the city which will be home to them for the next five years, we hosted a ‘Home Students Forum’. All those from the Midlands living at home or in private accommodation, met with staff and with BUDSS reps who had also been home students as freshers, for hints and tips about how to get involved and make the most of student life whilst studying from home.

On Tuesday ‘Welcome Week’ really got going, as reps met students at their halls and guided them to BDH for the year group photograph. The only year group photo that will be taken between now and graduation! With Social Secretary Patrick losing the students somewhere around the Wesleyan building, his own personal addition to the welcome week schedule, before the students were officially welcomed by Heads of School, Prof Lumley, Mrs Inman and Dr Shelton.

Later in the week our new students got their first introduction to the clinical skills lab with Mr Patel, with students showing them the phantom heads – giving BDS1 their first opportunity to play dentist. Followed by the pleasure of the company of Mr T. and Mr B. who bestowed all the myths, rumours and legends of BDH to the first years.

The week concluded with the Dental Freshers Fair – our thanks to BUDSS sponsor’s Wesleyan, DDU, Dental Protection, Integrated Dental Holdings, MedDen, Glaxo Smith Kline, and the BDA for gifting many freebies to the first years. Following the fair was pizza and a special mix of “Patrick’s Punch”, and the final chance for the freshers to mingle before the weekend. After which all the hard work begins!

Welcome freshers! Its nice to have you on board!

BUDSS x



Mr Thomas is full flow in the laboratory.



Freshers interacting with senior dental students



Let’s look what is happening on my mobile phone



The BUDSS committee  
2012-2013



Who is who of the 2012-2013  
BUDSS committee



Getting ready for dentistry

Blogger note – Thanks to BUDSS President Sarah Franks for putting this together

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## Student Success in Oral Medicine

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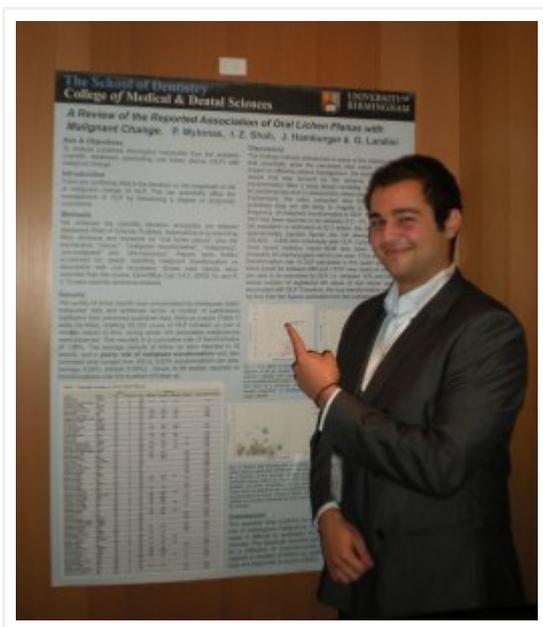




— The Power of Three

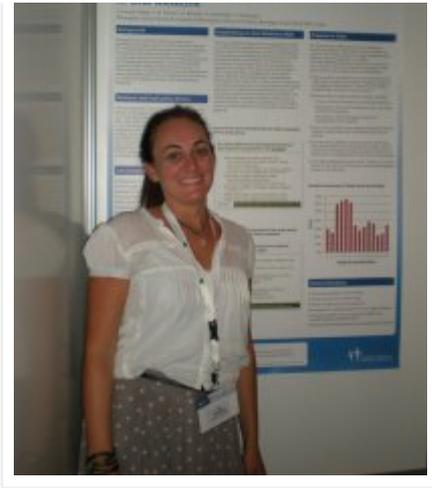
Petros Mylonas won 3rd place in the young clinician/scientist oral presentations session at the European Association of Oral Medicine biennial conference held in Athens 11-13 September. His presentation was on a review of the reported association of oral lichen planus with malignant change and was an extension of his elective study that was supervised by Gabriel Landini and John Hamburger. Petros also worked with Imran Shah. Petros’s presentation was one of 20 that were selected out of a large number of submissions to be given verbally and he was delighted to take third place.

The unit of Oral Medicine was further represented by Ana Poveda, StR in Oral Medicine, who presented a poster on Birmingham’s Oral Medicine Managed Clinical Network.



— Petros by his poster





— Ana Poveda by her poster



— Petros Mylonas presenting



— Petros Mylonas looking cool

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## Donald Spence Retires

Posted on [September 22, 2012](#)



— Donald Spence

Staff, students past and present gathered together with many other colleagues and friends at Horton Grange on the University Campus to pay tribute to Donald Spence. A drinks reception was held in the main building after which everyone sat down in the restaurant for the meal. After dinner Professor Philip Lumley, Head of the School of Dentistry gave the address and outlined Donald's long and illustrious career at the School. Donald joined back in the sixties after a short time working for British Rail. He started out as an instructor technician in Prosthetics and also a time in Orthodontics. Donald also helped many staff in his role as a research technician. Donald gained an MSc by research and then became Admissions Officer followed by Welfare Tutor to the Student body. Donald also had a major role in the organisation and roll out of the dental programmes and the move to modularisation of the course.





— Donald with Dental Students

He is a popular member of staff and will be missed as he retires at the end of this month. Donald has influenced many people who have passed through the dental school and readers of the Blog may have many memories and may wish to leave comments or memories. We wish Donald a happy retirement and we leave you with some more pictures of his retirement dinner.



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# Don Glenwright

Posted on [September 17, 2012](#)



— Don Glenwright

It is with immense sadness that I have to let you all know that **Don Glenwright** passed away. Don was a very long serving, loyal and hard working senior member of staff who retired in 1997 to spend time with his family and garden. Don was former head of Periodontology and Chair (Assistant Director) of the Curriculum Development Committee, responsible for the new curriculum that still runs today. Nationally Don was President of the British Society of Periodontology from 1980 to 81. He was a gentleman, incredibly kind and popular and very innovative, the special study modules being one of his many contributions to the school. I personally owe him so much as do many of my colleagues. Don developed oesophageal carcinoma in April and being a very private man, we only really learned about his illness a few weeks ago. I visited him at the time and we enjoyed several hours of chewing the cud and sharing stories, he remained sharp and wise and of course retained that wonderful sense of humour. Our thoughts go to his wife Gill, daughter Katie and son Robert, and his very new granddaughter Jess.

Don Glenwright's funeral will be held on Thursday 27th September at 2.30pm, Tanworth-in-Arden church. Tanworth in Arden is south of Birmingham (just off the M42) and not to be confused with "Tamworth" which is north Birmingham. There will be a cremation after the service, but this will just be for close family. I am sure Don's family will welcome anyone who wishes to pay their last respects to such a wonderful man.

***Iain Chapple***

***Professor of Periodontology***

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## PER/IADR at Helsinki

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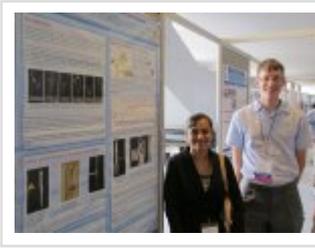
Helsinki, Finland hosted the PER/IADR meeting and Birmingham was well represented by both research staff and students. The meeting attracted around 1,000 participants from around Europe. Helsinki proved to be a lively city and the backdrop of the sea and surrounding islands greeted the delegates as they convened on Finlandia Hall to listen to the latest advances in Science. The meeting consisted of keynote speakers, symposia and oral presentations. Towards the end of the morning there was a poster display where presenters were able to interact at a one to one level with other scientists interested in their area of research. Pictures show many of the Birmingham Dental researchers either at their posters or around the conference centre. Success for Birmingham came from Will Palin who provided assistance on the experimental materials and co-supervised Dublin Student Lisa Boland. Lisa won an Irish Division Award and Garry Fleming, an alumni of Birmingham now based at Dublin was the main supervisor. Hal Duncan won the senior Irish Division award for his work entitled "Histone-Deacetylase-Inhibitors Promote Tissue-Related Repair Mechanisms in Primary Dental Pulp Cells". His supervisors are Paul Cooper, Tony Smith and Garry Fleming. Professor Chapple gave a keynote on "[Use of Oral Health Products Based On Antiinflammatory Properties](#)" Two of our Doctoral Research students took part, Jonathan Robinson and Sonam Kaira. Sonam gave a presentation in the Senior Colgate Prize and performed well. Jonathan presented a poster.



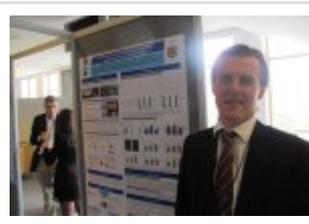
Helsinki Cathedral



Helsinki Skyline

Doctoral Research Students,  
Jonathan and Sonam

Networking



Hal Duncan



Dr Chiangxiang Wang

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## ADEE Conference at Lyon

Birmingham Dental School sent several representatives to Lyon for the Association in Dental Education in Europe. These included Deborah White, Upen Patel, Damien Walmsley and David Oram from the CPD centre at the Medical School. The theme of the conference was teaching Evidence Based Dentistry: From Bench to Clinic and further details of the conference may be found on the [Lyon ADEE website](#)

. The conference was a mixture of lectures, poster presentations and special interest groups. It goes without saying that the food and drink at the conference was second to none. The reception at Lyon Town Hall was a magnificent occasion and the annual dinner at Paul Bocuse restaurant was an extravaganza. It was a conference where the delegates worked during the day but were able to relax and network at night. At the conference Professor Damien Walmsley who is currently Secretary General was elected to be President Elect for 2013 and to take up the Presidency from 2014 to 2016. Damien also was given the opportunity to give [a taster of the conference in Birmingham](#) which will be held in 2013.



Dental Student Party



Sunset on the Rhone



The official opening of ADEE



Upen Patel, Deborah White  
and David Oram



Henry Magloire and the METro



Birmingham and Melbourne

[A full photographic record of the week provides some memories from the week.](#)

Roll on Birmingham in 2013!

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# Welcome to BrumDentists

Posted on [June 5, 2012](#)

The School of Dentistry Blog has moved from <http://www.dentistry.bham.ac.uk> to here. The new name is BrumDentists and the aim is to update you on the regular activity that is taking place at the School. The Blog has been running since 2006 and if you wish to access the past records then these are being made available. There will be a few glitches and possible mistakes as the DHBlogger gets into the groove. On this site there will be an opportunity to interact that was missing on the old one. So I am looking forward to receiving your comments and hope you enjoy the new journey of the Dental School Blog at Birmingham

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