‘Extraction film’ on the short-list

A film, which helps prepare young children for having their teeth extracted, has been short-listed for an award.

The film, which was produced by the Portsmouth eLearning team in partnership with Hampshire Primary Care Trust, has been short-listed for an award at the Learning on Screen Awards.

It was made because students are often anxious before their placements in paediatric day surgery. The film shows in detail, the whole procedure of children being anaesthetised, having teeth extracted and the staff who will support their learning.

At Queen Alexandra Hospital’s Postville Dental Care Unit, which features in the film, out of 962 patients having teeth extracted in 2008, a total of 846 of these were children. The aim of the dental anaesthetics in Portsmouth: A Preventable Experience, is to prepare students for their placements. The underlining message explains how surgery can be prevented if children and parents are better educated about dental care. The University of Portsmouth has already taken big steps to improve dental health in the city.

It is home to The School of Professionals Complementary to Dentistry (SPCD) – the first of its kind in the country, which has developed courses to address skills shortage in the professions complementary to dentistry.

The Learning on Screen Awards, organised by the British Universities Film and Video Council (BVPUC), celebrate and reward excellence in the use of moving image, sound and related media in learning, teaching and research.

The award winners will be announced at a ceremony in London this month.

Three new modules join the pack

L earning resources provider, Smile-on, has joined forces with Dental Protection Limited and is launching three new modules for its Communication in Dentistry programme.

Dr Buckle runs a private practice with Dr Liam McGrath at Buckle & McGrath Dental Practice in Thornton Hough, Wirral, which provides patients with comprehensive aesthetic and implant treatment. The team provides a concierge service to patients, and uses the latest technology to give patients a ‘smile trail’ to ensure that they are always delighted with the results of their treatment. Dr Buckle is a member of several prestigious dental bodies, including the British Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the British Dental Association and the Association of Dental Implantology.

Dr Buckle demonstrates in his lecture how accurate and complete diagnosis, treatment planning and case presentation requires a high level of clinical expertise and customer care. The lecture will show how this treatment planning matrix effectively incorporates the whole field of modern aesthetic dentistry, including a study of occlusion to promote optimum patient well-being. Treatment options will integrate restorative and orthodontic treatments, so that dentist and patient can find the most suitable and effective solution.

International renowned, Dr Buckle is also a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and was the first international faculty member of the Dawson Academy – founded to promote high quality and predictable dentistry with a special focus on occlusion and the condition of the temporomandibular joint.

As senior clinical instructor for the New York University Rosenthal Institute (www.where he completed his MSc in Aesthetic Dentistry), Dr Buckle instructs dental professionals in London, New York and Palm Beach.

A spokeswoman for the CIC said: ‘This is an unmissable chance to discover the key to excellence in aesthetic dental treatment.

For more information please call Smile-on on 020 7400 8899, email info@smile-on.com or visit www.clinicalinnovations.co.uk.
Even after so many years of running the site, there are always differing topics that people find to raise, discuss and have diametrically opposite views. One example was when one colleague, well past retirement age, posted some clinical photos showing how he had helped an elderly patient, and how satisfying it was to do so. He was pleased he hadn’t ceased work. Another thread was started by a dentist of a similar age, who had been to a CPD lecture about the oncoming changes in cross-infection control guidelines, and was pleased he did not have to deal with all the issues thrown up by the presentation just heard. We probably all know colleagues who have retired early, and similarly there are some dentists who keep on working through their seventies and even into their eighties.

Other topics which might interest the Tribune reader: How much do you pay your therapist? How do you get your dental chair vinyl repaired, as well as personal development plans. Two particularly entertaining topics attracted many repeated visits, and hundreds of replies. The first post concerned a frustrated dentist who was ready to ‘punch a patient’. He mentioned the two phrases that patients use that drive us all mad: ‘I hate needles’ and ‘with those prices, I must be paying for your next holiday’. This led to replies on how to deal with them with some hated, clichéd phrases.

The second topic started with a post about great names.

A recent BBC article talked about a dentist in the USA called Les Plack. In response, dentists recalled Mr Payne, and one wag told us about his friend Andrew Peacock whose name was often shortened to other versions!

Another favourite dentist name was ‘Phil Hollows’, and in addition, one poster named his friend Christopher Peter Bacon, known for short as Chris P Bacon.

Dr Anthony V Jacobs started the GDPUK emailing list in 1997, and the group membership is now just under 2,000. The list is read in all corners of the UK dental profession as well as by laboratories, and the trade and dental industry. Qualifying in London in 1979, Dr Jacobs is now in partnership with Dr Stephen Lazarus, practicing at 406 Dental in Manchester. He enjoys his profession, and takes pride in providing both simple and complex gentle dentistry, as well as caring for families in a relaxed atmosphere. Dr Jacobs has a long-term commitment to continuing professional development, both for himself, and for the profession in general through his mailing list. He has been a member of the British Dental Association (BDA) since 1975, and is presently chairman of the Bury and Rochdale Oral Health Advisory Group, as well as vice chair of the Bury and Rochdale Local Dental Committee (LDC). Dr Jacobs also sits on the committee and helps to organise the annual conference of Local Dental Committees.

February was the busiest month ever on GDPUK with more than 1.1 million pages generated by thousands of visitors