



Newsletter: July 2007

In May, Angela Smith who worked at our Watlington laboratory died suddenly from a brain haemorrhage. Angela was a lovely person and it has been a deep shock to all of us who knew her including all our practices in the Oxford area who would regularly talk to Angela.

Angela's family asked if, rather than send flowers to her funeral, we would collect contributions to send to Sobell House, Oxford (Hospice). I am pleased to announce that £837.00 was collected and I would personally like to thank everyone for their kind generosity. I know the staff at the laboratory were very moved by everyone's sympathy and understanding for what has been a very difficult time for all of us.

Andrew and Mark from our Prosthetic Department have been on a course to New York to learn all about Valplast Denture material and so we could become a Valplast accredited laboratory. This material is becoming more popular but as usual with all things American, is sold as being the perfect solution to every prosthetic problem. I hope we will send out some guidance soon about how to make the most of this material and indications for use and contra-indications when it is not suitable.

During July our new price list will be distributed to take effect from August 1st.

On Wednesday 27th June Ian Mills invited me to attend a meeting of local PCT's and dentists with the Chief Dental Officer. I think it would be fair to say many aspects of the contract are unpopular with many of the dentists whom attended and I know it is very unpopular with technicians. The CDO acknowledged the DoH were aware of the problem with Band 3 treatments but offered no solutions as to how to address it. Thank you for the opportunity to attend, it was a very interesting meeting.

As you are probably aware the Post Office had a national postal strike on Friday 29th June. They have also announced there will be several more planned over the coming weeks. Would you please make allowances when planning appointments to allow an extra day if possible and check with the lab first with urgent, express work for alternative delivery options.

New Arrival - Liz Gray in our Chrome department had a baby boy, Cody, on Monday 25th June, mother and baby doing well.

Yours faithfully

David Smith



REGISTERED MEMBER