

## Smile News Winter 2008

### Jemima Elizabeth

Dr Joanna Sutcliffe and husband John are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their baby daughter Jemima Elizabeth. She was born happy and healthy by elective caesarean section on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.47pm, weighing 5lb 13oz. Mummy and baby are both doing well and both Jo and John are delighting in the joys of parenthood.



### More Baby News

Continuing the maternal theme, you may well notice another expanding tummy at Smile; Dental Nurse Antonia Burrows is expecting her first baby in July. We also temporarily say goodbye to Sabine Singleton in February as she goes on maternity leave to have her second baby, we wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing her news.

### The Smile Awards

In December we had our second year of team awards at Smile. We presented six awards during our festive celebrations. All nominations were made anonymously by our team members. The Nurse, Receptionist and Clinician of the Year were chosen on any basis that people chose to nominate, but obviously reflected those who the team felt went the extra mile over the year. The Halo Award reflected conscientiousness and diligence, the Sunshine Award reflected team spirit and a happy persona, and the Star Award reflected forward thinking and innovation. Take a look at the photos below to see who won which award.



The Star Award & Administrator of the year - Kirsty



The Sunshine Award - Joint winners, Emma & Sabine



The Halo Award - Amy



Nurse of the year - Elaine



Clinician of the year - Karen



Jilly & Steph were both highly nominated for awards across the board; we could not let this go unrewarded. Both of these lovely receptionists were presented with a bottle of champagne.

### **Congratulations Emma, Antonia & Amy**

Once again our nurses prove how highly skilled and fantastic they are, Amy Aubert has just completed and passed her full Dental Nurse qualification after 2 years of training and studying, with a MERIT! Congratulations also to Emma Digby and Antonia Burrows who both passed their Sedation Nursing examination in November. All three girls worked really hard and we are all extremely proud of them. This now means that all of our nurses are fully qualified and 6 out of 8 of our dental nurses are now sedation qualified.



Emma



Antonia



Amy

### **GDC registration**

New law states that all qualified Dental Nurses & Dental Technicians must now be registered with the GDC. This is great news as it means that patients will be getting the best care possible from all dental care professionals. As well as attending regular courses our nurses will also be doing reading in their own time of dental literature to make sure that they are up to date on current guidelines. Since August our nurses have been on Medical emergencies courses in Plymouth and Bristol and we have had Cross Infection Training provided for us here at Smile.

### **Dental Health Education**

Some of you may remember from our last news letter that Elaine & Emma have been enrolled on a Dental Health Education course in Plymouth. They attend a course at Plymouth once a month and do work weekly for the course at home. The aim of this course is for them to gain a qualification to enable them to give Dental Health Education to patients. During their course they have to see patients to give Dental Health Education under supervision. They need to see several different types of patients, a pregnant woman or nursing mother, a child, a parent with young children, a health care professional and others. If you are any of these and think you may be able to help please can you let a member of our team know. It would involve 2 visits, the first would be a 30 minute appointment and the second would be a 10 minute review appointment a few weeks later, both appointments would be supervised.