

# My Local Business

## New Forest Dental Practice

Proprietors of New Forest Dental Practice Christo and Gisela Robbertse come from Port Elizabeth in sunny South Africa. Christo performs all the dental work and Gisela is the practice manageress.

Christo studied at the University of Pretoria where he qualified as a dentist in 1985. He started his dental career at the Department of Health in Port Elizabeth and 1989 became owner of a successful private practice in Port Elizabeth. In 2003 the couple emigrated to England and Christo began work in a mixed NHS/Private practice in Swindon whilst looking for a private practice to buy.

When Christo and Gisela first set eyes on New Milton and Barton on Sea they fell in love with the area and knew that they wanted to settle here. Christo bought the New Forest Dental Practice in September 2005 and they subsequently relocated the practice to new modern ground floor premises in November 2010 at 1 Ashley Road opposite the Town Hall. Interestingly, the premises they moved to was formerly a dental practice owned by Mr Blenkinsop. Many of their current patients used to go to him as children and have done the full circle returning to the same premises.

The couple live in Barton on Sea and have 2 children: Jessica at University studying Wildlife Conservation and Christopher at Arnewood School. Like all South Africans Christo loves his sport and he and his son Christopher are members at Barton Golf Club. Christo also loves tennis and is a member of Hale Gardens. Gisela enjoys her weekly pottery and yoga classes and is brushing up on her German with evening classes.

The couple fully understand that some people are nervous to go to a dentist. They pride themselves on their very warm, friendly, and personal practice and feel their team of 5 staff are like a small happy family. They like to treat their patients

as individuals with care and make them feel welcome and relaxed.

Christo is a gentle, caring dentist who uses the most advanced materials and procedures available. He has many patients that were nervous patients to begin with but now are totally comfortable in his care. He practices comfortable, health-centred dentistry with a strong emphasis on getting to know each of his patients. In addition to his technical proficiency, Christo is a careful listener and fully explains beforehand what treatment is best for the individual's needs. The chair in

the surgery has a "knee break" action to make it easier for older patients to get in and out of.

Dentistry has evolved hugely in recent years and Christo has taken great care in staying up to date with the latest ideas and technology in dental procedures, attending as many courses as he is able.

New Forest Dental Practice offer their patients a wide range of special dental

services. Apart from high quality general dentistry, we can do cosmetic and aesthetic dentistry including implants, veneers, crowns & bridges and complete smile makeovers. Christo also has 25 years of experience in orthodontic treatments and is very excited about a new concept that can offer adults straight teeth in about six months with "near invisible" cosmetic braces. They can also arrange sedation for patients with dental phobia who cannot be treated otherwise.

To make the cost of dentistry more affordable they offer membership plans with monthly fees that include exams and hygiene visits, discounts on many treatments and emergency dental insurance.

New patients are always welcome at the practice. Why not give them a call if you are looking for a new dentist or would like to have a new smile makeover.

Gary Prince

