

Celebrating 20 years of Stalybridge Dental Care!

Yes, 20 years ago Andrew and Greg took over from Mr Kalton and launched the practice as you see it today.

Back in 2006 it was called “The Bridge” dental practice and the upstairs and downstairs waiting rooms are pictured below. Some patients still remember Mr Kalton and we know some patients even remember the dentist before Mr Kalton – Mr Pickup!



It has been a fantastic journey for us, gradually moulding the practice to fit our ethos – evidence-based preventive and holistic dental care.

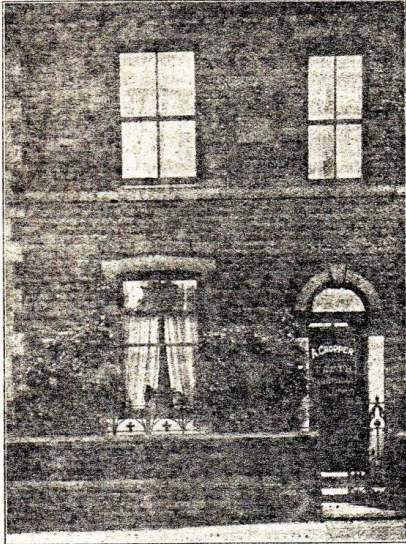
This means that we care not only about your dental treatment now – providing minimal intervention dental care to give the biggest health improvement with the least invasive type of treatment, but also help you to prevent future disease through advice and regular maintenance. This preventive care includes not only your oral hygiene, but also other general health factors linked with mouth health to keep you as generally healthy as possible. We do this through providing your Oral Health Score and Dental Health Report at each of your exam appointments, as well as advice about diet and lifestyle within your appointment.

This is the future of dentistry and we are proud to be one of the very few practices that give you this all-round consistent level of care.

42 Acres Lane – a dental practice since 1909!

The history of dentistry on Acres Lane goes back a long way. The building has been a dental practice for at least 117 years – what a heritage! We are just the latest of many dentists on the site.

The local archives show that the first dentist to work at our address was a Mr Cropper in 1909.



MR. CROPPER,
42 ACRES LANE,
STALYBRIDGE. . .

ARTIFICIAL :: TEETH :: PAINLESS EXTRACTION.
NITROUS OXIDE GAS
administered daily. . . .
Patients visited at their own homes if desired.
TEETH filled with Amalgam, Gold, &c.
No connection with any other firm in Stalybridge.

Then:

At the time of Mr Cropper, dentistry was very different to how it is today. At that time, dentistry was aiming to become more of a profession, rather than a vocation in the style of the old barber surgeons. It was mainly concerned with the relief of pain in the mouth and treatment was by way of simple metal fillings, extracting teeth and making dentures (using vulcanite rubber).

Drilling teeth for fillings was carried out using a slowly rotating drill powered by the dentist pushing a foot peddle. Pain relief during treatment was provided by injecting cocaine using syringes and needles that were reused multiple times and equipment was cleaned about once a month by boiling them in a pan of water.

Decay was rife and people often had all their teeth extracted by age 30.

Now:

Nowadays, dentists are trained to provide comprehensive preventive oral health care specific to the needs of each patient with a sound basis in medicine and using a myriad of highly technical treatments and techniques. A rapid advance in equipment and materials has meant that we now use super-fast drills and ultrasonic equipment and can now stick materials to teeth using advanced bonding systems. This has allowed us to restore teeth using tooth-coloured materials such as composite resin and porcelain to recreate the natural beauty of teeth.

We now have the highest standards of cleanliness with all instruments autoclaved (sterilised by pressurised steam) between patients.

Preventive dental education and fluoride in toothpaste has meant that decay is much less prevalent than in the past and many young people not only have all their teeth but also have no fillings at all. Our aim at Stalybridge Dental Care is to stay at the forefront of this fantastic improvement in oral health and keep you healthy for the next 20 years!

Best wishes from Andrew, Greg and the whole team.