

A Change of Practice

Local dentist pulls out

BY PETER MEECH

After three decades of dedicated service Allan Pettit retired on 29 February as the village's resident dentist.

While widely admired for his professional skills, Allan was especially popular for his ability to administer virtually painless injections. He will be missed on both counts.

A native of Brechin, Allan studied dentistry at St Andrews and Queen's College, Dundee (as it was then known). After qualifying, he first worked in the Stirling area in 1974 as part of an NHS practice in Princes Street.

But it was not until 1980 that the opportunity arose of acquiring the premise in Union Street that was to become his professional base for 28 years.



Allan on the Gallenstock, Switzerland

Apart from dentistry, music and outdoor activities play important roles in Allan's

life. He has sung in many choirs, including Gaelic choirs, and is a keen climber, skier and cyclist. He recalls in particular an ice climb and a rock climb on Mount Kenya, both of which involved ascents of over a vertical mile, and bivouacing on the summit of the mountain.

He and his journalist wife Val have two children, Lewis (22) and Kathryn (20).

His successor at the Bridge of Allan Dental Practice is Dr James Arnot BDS (Glasgow), who has been working in Edinburgh recently and, among other things, has been a flying dentist in the Australian Outback.

Anyone wishing to thank Allan in writing for his years of service to the community will find a book available for the purpose in the practice reception.

War Memorial: an update

We are pleased to report that all necessary funding for the rebuilding is now in place, and work on the War Memorial will start around July, to be completed before Remembrance Sunday.

The public response has been huge, with over £22,000 being donated or pledged. The shortfall, covering the total cost of £31,000, will be made up by Stirling District Council.

The work will also include an additional plaque for names of those fallen after 1945, and additional landscaping.

Probus Club

The Probus Club is for retired professional and business people who meet socially, with invited speakers delivering talks on various subjects of interest.

The next topic, at the meeting on 20th March, will be "Bridge of Allan, P.R. 1850 and the Wallace Monument" given by Malcolm Allan.

Enquiries to George Martin on 832481

Airthrey Spa Bowling Club

The new bowling season commences on Saturday 12th April. New members are welcome: for further information please contact Gerry Malley on 833214, or Betty Huntly on 832054.

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Earthquakes

For the past two weeks no less than four earth tremors have been felt in Bridge of Allan, and the surrounding districts. On Sunday morning last a distinct shock of earthquake was felt about one o'clock, and on Tuesday about 3 a.m. another slight shock was felt in Bridge of Allan.

The sound was of a heavy weight falling, being immediately followed by the earth tremor, with the result that houses were shaken and dishes on shelves rattled. (May 16)



Keith Brown, Constituency MSP for Ochil will hold a surgery on 10 March, 5 - 7 pm in the Allan Centre, Bridge of Allan.

For an appointment or further information, please call 01259 219333 or email keith.brown.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Easter Services at the Parish Church

Thursday 20th March 7pm with communion

Friday 21st March 7pm

Sunday 23rd March outdoor service at University loch followed by bacon butties in the church hall.

Easter Morning service 11am