

PASSION FOR HEALTHY TEETH: Below, dentists Chris Maher and Jason Spence at Brough Dental Studio in Welton Road, Brough. The studio recently worked with school pupils during National Smile Week to promote healthy teeth. Pictures: Simon Renilson

Award-winning dental surgery prides itself on clinical excellence

Dentist's expertise recognised with prestigious national award

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Local dentist Dr Christopher Maher recently won the British Endodontic Society prize for Dentist of the Year. Chris claimed the prize for clinical excellence in endodontics (root fillings) after ten of his most difficult cases were reviewed by a panel of specialists.

He also completed a 120-page write-up to back up all of his clinical work with up-to-date evidence.

Chris said: "I have a real passion for saving teeth that may otherwise have been extracted. People are much more keen to save teeth these days. I get a lot of job satisfaction out of carrying out complex root treatments, saving teeth for people."

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The new facility at Brough Dental Studio is state of the art. It has a Carl Zeiss microscope, which shows up tiny canals inside teeth which can often get missed.

The scope is linked into two TV screens, so patients and nurses can watch the procedure real-time in HD video. The studio has full sedation facilities, so patients who are very nervous about treatment can be sedated for their root treatments or implants.

If the patient and referring dentist so choose, there is an in-house technician who



works closely with the studio to make custom posts and crowns to help restore really badly broken-down teeth.

Chris said: "As much as all the gadgets are fun to play with, I've really had to hit the

books to be able to win the award.

"I decided in 2010 to start the Royal College of Surgeons' training pathway and passed my MJDF examinations. This gives me membership of the faculties of Dental Surgery and General Dental Practice at the Royal College in London.

"I was then accepted onto a masters degree programme and have recently been accepted onto the Royal College's Fellowship programme, which I am currently working towards.

"As well as just being interesting, all the extra knowledge is incredibly useful clinically. I use it every day to improve patient outcomes and help to save condemned teeth.

"I love being at university again, the research going on there is right at the cutting edge of dentistry.

"In a few years' time it will be possible for endodontists to regrow nerves inside teeth. I

fully expect us to be doing this at the Brough practice within a couple of years."

Brough is an exciting place to work. The team are carrying out some fascinating work and receiving referrals from far and wide.

Patients are travelling up from London to take advantage of Brough Dental Studio's expertise as well as East Yorkshire's cheaper prices.

The studio performs micro-surgical endodontics, which is where the infected root tips can be removed surgically using ultrasonic instruments, tiny mirrors and the microscope.

"We can repair perforations where a dentist has accidentally drilled right through the tooth into jaw bone," said Chris. "We can remove fractured files from root canals."

Teeth that cannot be saved with advanced endodontics can be sent to resident implant surgeon Dr Jason Spence.

Jason completed his masters degree in

implantology seven years ago and is a very well-respected and accomplished implant surgeon.

"We both have a very similar outlook on dentistry and the way it's going forward," said Chris. "I am delighted to announce that Jason and I have recently joined forces and become business partners.

"Brough is an exciting and friendly place to work. We have a great team and some superb, loyal patients."

Brough Dental Studio accepts referrals from any dentist or self-referrals from patients. To protect referring dentists, any patient who is referred for treatment will not be able to register with the practice for routine work for a period of two years.

Jason has a masters in implant dentistry (MSc 2006) and accepts referrals for complex extractions, implants, bone grafts and sedation for nervous patients.

Jason took over Brough Dental Studio in 2008, with the vision of building a referral centre for the local population, providing advanced dental treatments to a high standard.

It was clear that the building and physical environment would require significant modernisation, and this was undertaken

adding two further surgeries, an open airy relaxed reception area and a seminar room.

Jason made significant investments in the latest digital imaging technology, making the practice cutting edge in its ability to communicate effectively the problems with patients' teeth and the studio's solutions.

It was clear Jason would need to find like-minded specialists in other areas of dentistry, the first being endodontics. He met Chris Maher in 2011 and was delighted to know that he had just enrolled on a masters degree.

"While I completed my masters in 2006, I can still remember how great a task it was to complete this and still be a practising dental surgeon, and I hope I can help Chris to complete his masters while avoiding the significant pitfalls that such an undertaking will put in front of him," said Jason.

"Chris has given me a new-found enthusiasm and his energy and knowledge are infectious. He often has an original way of looking at things and he has helped the development of our referral surgery greatly. "Chris is a committed, motivated young man and a very good dentist. I am proud to have him as a partner."

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