

# yvonne'swinningsmile

**When Tutbury Dental Practice decided to run a complete Dream Makeover competition they had no idea just how much it would change lives!**

**by Christine Baker**

Entries came in thick and fast but one in particular caught their eye. It came from Hannah, aged 16, in support of her Grandmother Yvonne Wootton from Hatton. When Hannah was only months old Yvonne took over caring and responsibility for her and Brother Joshua, then aged two.

It had been a torrid time and when their Mum became too poorly to look after them Yvonne stepped in - but by doing so she had to change her life. This meant giving up her job as a demonstrator and, together with partner Chris, dedicate themselves to the care of two much loved grandchildren despite having already bought up her own three daughters.

Yvonne, aged 63 said "We didn't stop to think twice. It was the right thing to do and at least they would have continuity." Caring for others runs through the veins of Yvonne and Chris, who also cared for her Mum, who had mouth cancer for many years, and then Chris's Dad who suffered from Alzheimer's. They nursed him until he went into a home in 2012 until he subsequently died.

Hannah and her brother Joshua, now aged 18, consider they have been treated to a normal upbringing as well as seeing their own Mum regularly. The idea of being able to 'give something back' to Yvonne was the driver behind Hannah's application, aided and abetted by Chris.

Yvonne said "When news came through I really didn't think I should have

won, I thought someone else deserved it more. It took a long time to get my head around it and I am so glad I did." Although Yvonne's dread of dentists nearly scuppered the whole competition. "I know we need to have regularly dental health checks but honestly I would rather have a baby!" she said.

Yvonne was introduced to Adam Steventon, one of the excellent dentists from the Tutbury Practice team. Soon enough Adam helped Yvonne to overcome her dental demons and the process of a new smile began.

First a comprehensive assessment including detailed examination of bite, jaw relationship, teeth, gums and smile aesthetics. This was followed by meticulous planning with mock up, models and trial smile; a course of home tooth whitening; nine teeth were treated with porcelain veneers/crowns and a bite guard was also provided. Yvonne also received full care instructions and high quality Ultradex oral care products during her treatment.

"The staff were lovely to me and I sort of joined the family. I could happily adopt Adam!

They talked me through every part of the process and we discussed all options. I can honestly say now that it was a fantastic experience."

All treatments were completed in just a few months and before Christmas a Reveal event was hosted by Tutbury Dental presenting the new look Yvonne. A complimentary photograph taken after all her treatments now adorns the living room. "I am so pleased, it's absolutely gorgeous."

Gill Haskell said "You never know when you run a competition exactly what will turn up. In this case it was meant to be that Yvonne was our winner. I have never met a more deserving person and if we have been able to change her life as a result then that's all the more rewarding for us."

Before and after pictures show the journey Yvonne has been on and although her outlook on life has never changed, she now feels much more confident and happy with her look. Granddaughter Hannah knows she has been able to put a smile back on Yvonne's lips as they all look forward to great times ahead.

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**G**ill Haskell, owner of the Monk Street Practice, was keen to spread some joy when the competition was announced back in September 2013 worth a stunning £6,000. It included a brand new smile, courtesy of the Dental Practice, plus a range of luxury beauty treatments and fabulous hair all provided by the Lounge in Ashbourne plus a photo-shoot with Lucinda Smith Photography.