

# 'We want to change lives and have an adventure'



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** Dentist Chris Branfield is travelling to Morocco to provide vital dental work. Pictures: Jack Harland

## COTTINGHAM: Dentist to help tribe on charity trek

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**AN East Riding dentist is preparing for an eight-day charity expedition to treat members of a tribe in Morocco.**

Chris Branfield, 40, of Beverley, is owner and principal dentist at Castle Park Dental Care in Cottingham. Accompanied by three other dentists from other parts of England, the father-of-two will travel to north-east Morocco on September 24 to treat the Berber Tribe.

Chris is one of the founding trustees of a new charity that aims to increase the role that dentists can play in charity work needed in remote parts of the world.

The dentists will be treating both men and women whose biggest problem is gingivitis – inflammation of the gums surrounding the teeth.

The tribe is based in El Jebha, a small port town situated in the Rif Mountains.

Chris said he is looking forward to the experience and hopes to make a difference.

"We do life-changing dentistry on a daily basis," he said.

### InShort

Cottingham dentist Chris Branfield is hoping to make a difference to lives of the Berber Tribe in north-east Morocco.

"But we wanted to go on an adventure, make a difference and change people's lives abroad.

"We are going over to Spain first and to trek for a while in Morocco as well.

"There is a concern that the Berber Tribe is going to lose its culture because roads are being built for tourism in that unspoilt part of Morocco.

"There's only one doctor for 50,000 people in that area.

"I'm excited and I've never done anything like it before."

Chris said the team has enough dental equipment, as well as toothbrushes, to treat about 130 people.

However, they are also fundraising to try to take more and are funding the cost of the trip themselves.

Chris, who has been a dentist for almost 18 years, said: "Gingivitis and gum disease is a major problem there.

"I think it will be quite a humbling experience and I'm keen to get over there.

"I've heard it's a beautiful place and the Berber Tribe is really welcoming.

"I think if we turn up and can help somebody, and have an adventure at the same time, it will be great."



**HUMBLING EXPERIENCE:** Chris Branfield at Castle Park Dental Care in Cottingham.

Chris, who will return to the UK on October 1, said he has the backing of his wife, Frances, 38, and children Edward, 14, and Harriet, 11.

He said: "My family are really supportive.

"I told them it was something I wanted to do and they were great."

Anyone who would like to make a donation towards the cost of equipment can visit [www.berbertribe2010.org](http://www.berbertribe2010.org) or [www.castleparkdental.co.uk](http://www.castleparkdental.co.uk). Alternatively, call 01482 848428.

### Berbers are scattered throughout Africa

The Berber Tribe has lived in Africa since the earliest recorded time and references date back to 3000BC.

There are many scattered tribes of Berber across Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt, and 40 per cent of the Moroccan

population is Berber.

Berber is derived from the Roman term for barbarians and Berbers tend to live in rural areas.

They usually live in clay huts or tents made out of goat hair, but houses are made of stone in larger villages.

## Centre to recognise achievements of visitors

**WITHERNSEA:** A community resource centre in the seaside town is holding a presentation evening to celebrate the achievements of visitors.

The event will be held at the Shores Centre in Seaside Road, Withernsea, on Friday, September 17, from 7pm to 9pm.

There will be six categories.

These include The Back To Work award, which recognises the barriers and the journey a Shores client has taken to enter work and the Getting Qualified Award, which recognises the barriers and the journey a Shores

learner has taken to achieve a qualification

Other categories includes Progression, Service Stars, Volunteer and Young Person Champion (for under-25s).

The Shores centre has served the community for five years, offering services to residents in the South

Holderness area.

For more information about the awards, write to Chief Executive Officer, SHoRes Centre, 29-31 Seaside Road, Withernsea, East Yorkshire, HU19 2DL.

You can also e-mail Jayne Nendick at [jnendick@shores.org.uk](mailto:jnendick@shores.org.uk)



**AWARDS:** The Shores Centre.

# Family Announcements

To place your notices telephone: 0844 4060921

**Births**

**It's a Boy!**

**BUTTON (NEE NOBLE)**  
Simon & Karen

Congratulations on the birth of your son  
Jack  
Love From  
**Mum and Rog**  
xxx

**It's a Girl!**

**JENKINS/FLINTOFF**  
Louise & James

Congratulations on the birth of Liberty Marian born 9/9/2010 7lb7oz in Bristol.  
Love to you all

**Helen, Allen, Muz & Cags**

**It's a Girl!**

**MOORE/COOK**  
Lucy & Carl

Congratulations on the birth of your daughter:  
Rubie Ellen Angel  
6lb 7oz on 08/09/10

First grandchild for Sharon and Mike and lovely niece for David and Adam.  
xxx

**It's a Girl!**

**MOORE**  
Lucy

Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful daughter.

Love Auntie Audrey and Uncle Paul, Ryan and Xabier.

First Goddaughter for Luke and Michelle.  
xxx

**Birthday Greetings**

**18th**

**Lottie JACKSON**

Happy 18th birthday to a beautiful young lady.  
So very proud of you.  
Love you millions,  
Mam, Dad, Ellie and Maisie xx  
All our love on your 18th birthday Lottie. May all your dreams come true.  
Love always,  
Gran and Gramps,  
John, Deb and Tom xx  
-xxxxx-

**80th**

**Pete SCHOLES**

Happy birthday to a special husband, dad, grandad and great-grandad.  
Have a wonderful day with lots of love from all your family.  
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**18th**

**LUKE WALLACE**

'GOTCHA'  
Happy 18th birthday Luke.  
Lots of love.  
Mam, Nick and Steven.  
-xxx-

**Congratulations**

**Congratulations PRESTON Christopher**

Congratulations! Chris on your next big adventure on life in the army, we are all so proud of you. Go live your dream, only seems yesterday your first day at school.... where have those years gone. We all love and going to miss your smiling face  
Love always  
Mum, Nan, Lisa, Jamie, Paul and Jo  
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**Exam & Graduation Honours**

**YOU'RE A STAR!**

**LOREN SHAFFI**  
Passed first time. Safe driving but have fun.  
Thank you Vicky Bramley  
Love - Mam, Dad and Eden  
xxx

**First Day at School**

**Jessica Ream**  
Happy school days Jessica  
Lots of love Grandma Carol, Grandad Rob, Auntie Jo-Jo, Uncle Glen and cousins Ryan, Aidan and Liam

**First Day at School**

**Matthew WINDUSS**  
Hope you enjoy your first day at school. Lots of love, hugs n kisses  
Mummy, Daddy, Leah, Grandma, Grandad xxxc

**First Day at School**

**Billy Jay TAYLOR**  
My darling Billy, I wish you every happiness at school. Enjoy yourself darling, have lots of fun.  
I love you with all my heart and miss you every minute of every day. Be happy sweetheart. Lots of love always and forever  
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Nanna Shell

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