

Dentaid's recent discovery!

Dentaid gets donated items constantly; however some of the items we receive cannot be sent overseas and in fact cannot at all be used as dental equipment simply because it's too old. After a recent sort out of the donated equipment we stumbled across a few items that would have not been out of place in a 19th century dentist surgery (if there was such a thing!)

We thought this would be a perfect project for our work experience student. After Egor did a bit of digging, he found out that some of the antique instruments dated back to 1850!

We have already put one of the items up on EBay, which resulted in getting some interest from a journalist, who wrote about one of our findings on Dentistry.co.uk. We have also contacted the BDA wondering if they would be interested in taking a look at some of the items or even add them to their museum!

Some of the items we have found are:



A Pedal Drill

This mechanism dates back to 1910. It was used for dental treatment of patients at Ballarat Hospital for the Insane, Victoria, Australia. Also used by the US army during the World War 2 due to the shortage of dental equipment.

Air Compressor

Made in 1916, Baden, Germany by the Ritter Factory founded by Frank Ritter in the late 1880s. This is a rare piece of equipment and to our big surprise, it is still functional and in perfect condition.



