

# Fun in the sun

Celebrations at the **DPAS** 15th birthday party went with a bang. *Private Dentistry* reports from the festivities



Quentin Skinner regales the audience with a history of DPAS



The birthday celebrations took a summer garden party theme



No birthday party is complete without cake

Patient payment plan company DPAS marked its 15th birthday earlier this year and celebrated in style with a quintessentially English garden party.

The festivities took place at DPAS headquarters – the stunning grounds of Place Farm Courtyard, deep in the Wiltshire countryside. And the lovingly restored 14th century farm buildings and barns that DPAS calls home were a fitting venue for the party, which basked in the July sun as guests celebrated 15 years of the company – and looked forward to the next 15.

A giant marquee (decked out with flowers and bunting that would not have looked out of place at a summer country wedding) added the final touch to the picturesque surroundings.

The guest list saw commercial partners of DPAS rubbing shoulders with its customers – dentists who, in the words of chairman Quentin Skinner, 'have been with us since the beginning – who helped us get where we are today.'

The Cosmic Bangers – an irreverent but talented four-piece band –

provided a lively backdrop to the afternoon. The off-the-wall quartet entertained the crowd by playing requests that ranged from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to Britney Spears.

The mood was upbeat as everyone sat down to eat, drink and be merry. And as the champagne was opened (but before the cake was cut, naturally) Quentin – introduced by company director Andrew Warren – said a few words on the history of the company.

He described the company's growth from small beginnings, bringing a laugh from the crowd when he described the shock of the local postal service on seeing the increased traffic to DPAS offices when the 2006 NHS reforms came in.

With a final nod to the DPAS team and the many loyal customers who have helped make the business a success, he thanked everyone who had contributed to 15 years of the company.

'Here's to the next 15,' he said – raising an appreciative glass to his equally appreciative audience. **PD**



The Cosmic Bangers in full flow

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