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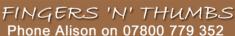
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FOOTNOTE

My feet are really sore.

This is the most common reason people give when I ask why they have contacted me for help. The most common causes of soreness turn out to be hard skin or corns or, more usually a combination of



the two. Hard skin is the body's way of protecting the foot from pressure and friction. Unfortunately, when too much skin is produced it actually makes the problem worse by increasing the pressure on the affected area until a tiny piece of skin is under so much pressure that the blood supply is cut off and it dies. This is when it becomes a corn and becomes very painful. The body then decides to produce more hard skin to protect you from the pain and from then on it's just a nasty vicious circle.

The only way to give relief from corn pain is by removing the excess dead skin to relieve the pressure on the corn and, if possible, allowing healthy skin to re-grow. Maintenance from then on depends on the site of the corn and can be padding or silicon protectors. The reality is that in most cases they will need periodic treatment to keep them under control unless we can take away the cause of the pressure which, I'm sad to say, is often difficult or impossible in the case of long standing problems. However, the good news is that regular care can keep you comfortable, and many people are kept totally pain free between treatments.

Take care. Peter Waugh (Amber Feet)