

Obituaries

Ronald Canney

Consultant surgeon Kent and Canterbury, and Thanet hospitals 1947-81 (*b* 1916; *q* Cambridge/London 1940; MChir, FRCS, FICS), *d* 5 November 2000. Before going up to Cambridge, he spent a year at Würzburg University in Germany studying anatomy, where he was reprimanded for his anti-Nazi views. During the second world war he served in the Royal Navy as surgeon lieutenant, escorting convoys in the north Atlantic on *HMS Maplin*, a converted merchant ship which catapulted Hurricanes into combat. He was also medical officer at the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth when it was bombed, and helped in the Plymouth Blitz. At Kent and Canterbury, he prided himself on his neat scars, and took the same trouble when operating on archbishops or criminals alike. He once spent many hours repairing the neck of a stabbing victim. Some months later he received a letter from the doctor in attendance at Maidstone prison. The letter informed him that this patient had been hanged—the last at Maidstone—and added that he would be interested to know that his stitches had held. He helped set up the post-graduate centre and the private Chaucer Hospital in Canterbury. He had a deep love of the countryside, and was a keen shot in his youth, but his main skills lay in fly-fishing. He leaves a wife, Judy; two children; and four grandchildren. [RICHARD E C COLLINS]

John (Jack) Douglas Davies

Consultant histopathologist and former senior lecturer Bristol, then Merthyr Tydfil (*b* Kew 1936; *q* St Bartholomew's 1961; MD, FRCPath), died from renal complications of diabetes on 10 July 2000. He followed two generations of his family at Barts. Jack was appointed senior lecturer in Bristol in 1972, having held a senior registrar post at Barts. He became an internationally renowned gastrointestinal and breast pathologist and

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wrote over 300 papers and more than 22 chapters. He was vice president of the Association of Clinical Pathologists, serving on national committees related to breast disease, and was an inspiring teacher. He moved to Southmead Hospital in 1989, after disappointment at Bristol Royal Infirmary, to establish the South West regional breast pathology unit (managed by his wife). This unit became popular with visitors from other countries, a number of whom became consultants in Britain. Jack "retired" to his second home in Wales in 1988, but was delighted to be asked to work part time in diagnostic histopathology at Merthyr Tydfil. He enjoyed good wine, was a conservationist, and was interested in etymology, helping with references for the new *Oxford English Dictionary*. He leaves a wife, Maureen; four children; and eight grandchildren. [ADRIAN PADFIELD, BRYAN F WARREN]

Edward Mervyn Evans



Former consultant orthopaedic surgeon Swansea (*b* 1913; *q* Cambridge/Middlesex Hospital 1937; FRCS), *d* 23 December 2000. He won a classics scholarship to Cambridge, but the sudden death of his father freed him from the pressure to follow his father's wishes to have an academic career, and he switched to medicine. When war broke out he joined the surgical team as registrar at the Middlesex, where he was one of three surgeons working through every night on victims of the Blitz. He was subsequently drafted out to Burma to set up a surgical hospital. During the journey he was diverted to the Middle East where he served as a surgeon in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He speculated that, had the timing been different, he would have ended up on the Burma railway. After the war he completed his orthopaedic training at the Middlesex, spent time acquiring plastic surgical skills, and was appointed to lead one of the three trauma teams at the Birmingham Accident Hospital. In 1950 he was appointed one of

the only two orthopaedic surgeons west of Cardiff, based in Morriston Hospital, Swansea, where he worked for the rest of his career. He wrote notable papers on hand injuries and forearm fractures. Latterly he was co-author in the first description of particulate fragment sensitivity due to chromocobalt following total hip replacement. He was also an inspirational surgical trainer. His wife, Muriel, to whom he was married for 62 years, died one week before he did. He leaves two children. [DAVID EVANS]

Colin McLaren Maddox

Consultant surgeon Scunthorpe 1972-79 (*b* London 1934; *q* Cambridge and Guy's 1959; FRCS), died from a Pancoast tumour on 5 January 2001. In 1979 he had a partial gastrectomy for benign gastric ulcers, followed by post gastrectomy anaemia. This responded well to standard treatment, but the Yorkshire region offered to fund retraining in what was hoped to be a less stressful specialty. He moved to Leeds and trained in radiotherapy at the regional centre in Cookridge. Unfortunately he failed to pass the FRCR exam and he happily returned to surgery. He did several interregnum locums in the west of Scotland and Northamptonshire, and developed his interest in breast surgery and colonic cancer. Colin had a happy family life and shared their love of hill walking in Arran and the Lake District. He enjoyed sailing on Ullswater with his sons. He was a competent squash player at club level, and enjoyed his golf. He leaves a wife, Carola, and two sons. [COLIN MADDOX]

Ernst Philipp



General practitioner Wellington, New Zealand (*b* Cologne 1909; *q* Bristol 1936; MD; FRNZCGP), *d* 23 June 2000. Ernst undertook his pre-clinical studies at Freiburg, Kiel, Frankfurt, and Berne. In 1933 he

reached Britain as a refugee. While training he earned money as the foreign voice in radio plays and from checking English translations of German medical papers. After gaining British nationality he entered general practice in Bristol. In 1939, he emigrated with his first wife, Eileen, to New Zealand, and in 1957 he started the research group of the Wellington Faculty, Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, becoming its secretary for the next 20 years. In 1988, he became an adviser to the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Promotion and Ecology, University of Bristol. A stroke at 83 years forced him to stop clinical work. He then learned to use a computer, published his autobiography, and continued his research interests. A lifelong humanist, environmentalist and writer, Ernst was when he died helping to develop a new WHO programme, AESOHP (A European Sense of Healthy Place and Purpose). He leaves his second wife, Binnie; three children; and six grandchildren. [ROBIN PHILIPP]

Jacob Shapiro

Former general practitioner Glasgow 1951-89 (*b* 1919; *q* Glasgow 1944), died from a stroke after emergency repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm on 8 December 2000. After qualifying, he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and the Jewish Brigade in northern Italy. Additional hospital experience and an assistantship in general practice followed, before he became a single handed practitioner in the south side of Glasgow. His patients' notes were meticulous and consultants were always grateful for his informative referral letters. In retirement he lived life to the full. His hobbies included gardening and walking, and he was especially proud of joining the select band of those who have successfully completed the Great Outdoors Challenge of 10 200-mile crossings of the Scottish highlands. He was a member of the Council of Christians and Jews and enjoyed giving talks to both school and adult groups. At the age of 81, Crohn's disease was diagnosed, the aneurysm being an incidental finding. Despite this, his zest for living continued. Indeed, his boots were ready at the door on the morning of his final admission to hospital. He leaves a wife, Esmée, and three children. [LEONIE M SHAPIRO]

Eric Charles Till

Former general practitioner Stamford, Lincolnshire (*b* Chigwell, Essex, 1904; *q* Guy's 1927; MRCS, OBE), *d* 14 November 2000. Straight after jobs at Guy's, Jack, as he was affectionately known, joined a three man partnership in general practice in Stamford. He took on the midwifery using Stamford Infirmary as the cottage hospital until the

birth of the NHS in 1948. The practice was partly panel, partly private. Additional partners were brought in to cope with the extra NHS work. He demanded much of his colleagues to the extent of having a reputation of being something of a tartar, but he was always just and fair and he commanded great affection and respect. After retiring in 1966, he devoted great energy and enthusiasm to researching furniture history, particularly that of Burleigh House through his contacts with the Cecil family. His book, *A Family Affair*, about the Cecils was published in 1990. He was an authority on the history of Stamford and he lectured locally about the town. Devoted to his wife, Dorothea, he never settled happily after her early death in 1978 and buried himself in his researches. He was an active and knowledgeable gardener and he remained a highly competitive bridge player and an excellent raconteur of amusing medical reminiscences. He leaves two children. [JOHN RICKETT]

Leon J Warsaw



Occupational physician (*b* New York 1917; *q* Columbia 1942; FACP), *d* 3 January 2001. Leon was a New Yorker to his finger tips; he worked his way through college by playing the trumpet. After 11 years of internal medicine and cardiology, he opted for a career in occupational medicine. He advised numerous corporations, including Paramount Pictures, the American Broadcasting Company, the World Bank, United Artists, and the Equitable Life Assurance Company. In 1978, on secondment to the mayor's office, he advised on the reorganisation of New York City's health services. In 1980 he founded the NY Business Group on Health to control the escalating costs of medical services to commerce. He contributed more than 300 articles to international medical journals and published *The Heart in Industry* in 1960 and *Managing Stress* in 1979. Leon knew everybody in occupational medicine and was always a popular visitor to the UK, where he advised BUPA, Nuffield Hospitals, London Underground, Ciba Geigy, and numerous occupational physicians. He was the purveyor of dreadful jokes on the internet. He died at his desk, putting the finishing touches to an article for a New Zealand journal. He leaves a wife and two sons. [WILLIAM M DIXON]

Arthur Whitewright



Former general practitioner Bolton, Lancashire (*b* Lanarkshire 1915; *q* Edinburgh 1938; FRCGP), *d* 26 December 2000. He survived a succession of near misses during wartime naval service to become a prime mover in the development of post 1948 general practice in Bolton. He was a founder member of Bolton medical institute, the first GP trainer in Bolton, and ex-chairman of the local medical committee. He was a man of few, but always apposite, words, and his opinions were sought long after his committee days were over. His views were underpinned by his strong Christian beliefs. In later years osteoporotic fractures severely restricted his mobility, but he retained an interest in medicine to the end and read his *BMJ* until two weeks before he died. He leaves a wife, Marjorie, to whom he was married for 60 years; four children; and seven grandchildren. [STUART SHAW]

Stanley Fausst Yolles

Director of the United States National Institute of Mental Health 1964-70 (*b* New York City 1919; *q* New York University 1950), died from emphysema on 12 January 2001. In testimony before Congress, he argued as a psychiatrist that strict laws against addiction failed as deterrents, and advocated giving judges greater leeway in dealing with drug abusers, especially first-time offenders. These views, in conflict with the Nixon administration, led to his resignation just before his dismissal. During his service at the National Institute, he saw the establishment of at least 200 community mental health centres by 1970, replacing some large mental institutions. After he left the government, he created the department of psychiatry at the State University of New York School of Medicine. He was department chairman until 1981, and then professor emeritus the next year. He was also director of the Long Island Research Institute which conducted psychiatric studies from 1974 to 1981. Predeceased by his wife, Tamarath, he leaves two daughters. [FRED CHARATAN]

Correction

In the obituary of John Woolley (17 February), Dr Woolley's wife, Alma, was wrongly named as Mary. We apologise for this error.