Obituaries

Sidney Pappworth

Former consultant orthopaedic surgeon Northern General Hospital, Sheffield (b Liverpool 1911; q Liverpool 1933; MCh Orth), d 30 November 2000. He was born Sidney Paperovitch, the eighth of nine children of Jewish immigrants. His eldest brother, who became a barrister, supported the younger children through school and university. Sidney trained as an orthopaedic surgeon, studying under the acknowledged founder of modern orthopaedic surgery, Sir Robert Jones. During the second world war, Sidney enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps, having survived the bombing of the Northern Hospital in Liverpool. He was operating at the time, and the two surgeons with whom he was working were both killed, but he escaped with minor injuries. He also survived a shipwreck on the river Mersey. After the war, he went to Sheffield, where he remained for the rest of his career. He was an acute observer of the effects of social change on the injuries he treated and he often pointed out a dramatic decline in the number of hip fractures he saw. Postwar prosperity meant that most people could afford bathrooms and consequently elderly people did not run the nightly risk of falling on an icy surface as they made trips to an outside loo during winter. He was able to enjoy retirement despite major surgery for colon cancer. He survived for almost a quarter of a century with a stoma. He lost his sight in 1996 through macular degeneration, and in his last years also suffered from diabetes, asthma, and thyroid problems. Fittingly the ward of the Northern General in which he died was on the site of the former operating theatre in which he had worked. Predeceased by his wife, Margaret, he leaves three children and eight grandchildren. [PHILIP GRANT]

Thomas Gilchrist Smillie

Former general practitioner Sheffield (*b* Coatbridge, Scotland, 1921; *q* Glasgow 1944; MRCP), *d* 17 January 2001. After house jobs came war service in the Royal Navy, and then postgraduate education for ex-service medical officers in Oxford. Following medical registrar posts in Southampton and Newmarket, he was appointed senior registrar at Sheffield's Royal Hospital. From there he moved into general practice until he retired in 1983. He continued with medical boards until compulsory retirement at age 70 allowed time for leisure pursuits. Joining Sheffield University of the Third

Age, he made new friends and enjoyed walking, bowling, and art studies. He leaves a wife, Marjorie, three children, and five grandchildren. [MARJORIE SMILLIE]

Owen Daniel (Dan) Smith



Specialist registrar in otolaryngology South West Deanery (b 1969; q Manchester 1993; FRCS, FRCS (oto)), died on 29 November 2000 from a head injury following an assault. After house officer posts at Hope Hospital, Salford, Dan maintained close links with Manchester. He continued his general professional training in surgery at John Radcliffe, Oxford, and at Cardiff. He then specialised in otolaryngology, and made a promising start to his registrar training in posts at Taunton and latterly Exeter. Outside work he was a highly competent diver and enjoyed many outdoor pursuits such as fell walking and skiing. He played the French horn and was a former member of the Clwyd and the North Wales Youth Orchestras. His friends and colleagues will miss his humour, conscientiousness, and sartorial elegance. He leaves his parents and two brothers. [JENNY MacDowall, Conor Marnane]

Anthony Storr



Former consultant psychotherapist Oxfordshire Health Authority, clinical lecturer University of Oxford, and fellow Green College (b 1920; q Cambridge/Westminster 1944; FRCP, FRCPsych), d 17 March 2001. He was

a talented psychotherapist, an authority on Jung, and an inspiring teacher. He championed liberal causes and the rights of mentally ill people, and fought against injustice. In his books and broadcasts he presented complex ideas about the mind in a clear and compelling way, and contributed greatly to the public understanding of psychiatry. He wrote his first three books, The Integrity of Personality (1960), Sexual Deviation (1964), and Human Aggression (1968), while he combined hospital and private practice in London. In 1974, he moved to Oxford to teach psychotherapy. He wrote two influential books on Jung's thought, a primer on Freud, and The Art of Psychotherapy (1979). Throughout his life he suffered repeated and at times life threatening attacks of asthma, and in 1984 he retired from practice, though he continued to write. His lifelong interest in music led to the highly acclaimed Music and the Mind in which he sought to understand why music has such a powerful emotional effect. In all he published 12 books, an achievement that was recognised by election as a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. He had a piano lesson on his last day, and collapsed and died while making an after dinner speech. He leaves his second wife, Catherine, and three children by his first marriage. [MICHAEL GELDER]

Michael Newton Whitelaw

Geriatrician and medical director Riverside Community Health Care NHS Trust, London, since 1998 (b 1953; q UCH, London, 1976; MSc. MBA, MRCP), died on 13 September 2000, after a long struggle with depressive illness. In 1985 he became consultant and senior lecturer in geriatric medicine at St George's. He helped develop the school's first undergraduate clinical course in geriatric medicine, published research on strength and functional ability, and advised on the seminal Agewell project of the Health Education Authority and Age Concern. Sadly in the early 90s serious illness took Michael through a roller coaster of mood swings, and his career faltered. On recovery, he bravely embarked on new challenges. After returning to clinical medicine, at Riverside, he developed the local health improvement programme, and was seconded to work on the National Service Framework for Older People. He leaves his ex-wife, Lindsey, and two children. [Peter BERMAN, FINBARR MARTIN]