

Obituaries

Cicely Pearl Blair (née Hopton)

Former consultant dermatologist Barking, Havering, and Brentwood hospitals (b Huddersfield 1926; q Royal Free Hospital, London, 1951; MRCP), d 14 February 2005.

Cicely worked in general practice for several years before gaining her MRCP and going into dermatology. As an active member of the Medical Art Society, her paintings were exhibited at the Royal Society of Medicine, the Royal College of Physicians, and the Mall Galleries. She became a talented silversmith, making the chain of office for the president of the College of Dermatologists, and received prizes for her miniature sculptures in silver and bronze. Her husband, Dr Henry Blair, predeceased her. [IDA LAWRENCE]

and became a general practitioner, continuing to teach anatomy part time. He leaves a wife, Vera; three children; and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will take place at 11 am on 19 March at Kegworth Parish Church. [CHRISTINE HOYTE]

Peter Hudgson



Consultant neurologist Newcastle upon Tyne 1975-2001 (b 1936; q Melbourne 1959; FRCP, FRACP), d 17 February 2005.

Peter came to work in the General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, as a senior house officer in 1963, soon being promoted to a registrarship, and subsequently holding a research appointment for work on muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases. He became a skilled electron microscopist and developed a major interest in skeletal muscle pathology. These interests continued after his appointment as a senior lecturer/consultant in the department of neurology of Newcastle University. He was a keen sportsman and he spent several years as a major in the Royal Army Medical Corps. [JOHN WALTON]

Anne Riches



Former general practitioner London (b London 1929; q Middlesex Hospital 1956), died from breast cancer on 8 February 2005.

Anne was an accident officer for eight years before settling in general practice in Pimlico, where she became the principal. She was a pioneer in the management of the menopause and was a founder of the menopause clinic at St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy. An enthusiastic sailor, in 1997 she became commodore of the Little Ship Club for four years. She was medical officer to the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry. In October 2004 she became president of the Medical Society of London and gave her presidential address on 10 January 2005, only a month before her death. Her marriage to the late Dr John Miles Thomas was dissolved and she had no children. [MICHAEL PUGH]

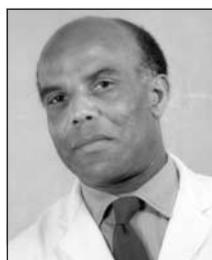
Brenda Diana Van Leuven



Consultant radiologist St Stephen's and St Mary Abbot's hospitals, London, 1964-83 (b Southend 1922; q London 1946; MD, FRCP, FRCR), died from ovarian cancer on 6 March 2004.

Brenda spent three years working at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at the Hammersmith Hospital, where she met and married a fellow physician. Her career was threatened when she developed pulmonary tuberculosis and spent months in a sanatorium (being one of the early recipients of isoniazid, which induced peripheral neuropathy). Having been advised to take up a less demanding post, she retrained in radiology. After retirement Brenda spent almost a year working in Australia, and travel became a passion. She leaves a daughter. [MELANIE DAVIES]

David Augustus Noel ("Dan") Hoyte



Professor of anatomy University of the West Indies, Jamaica, 1964-74; senior lecturer, then reader, human morphology department, Nottingham, 1974-2003; general practitioner Kegworth 1974-93 (b St Lucia, West Indies, 1923; q Manchester 1946), died from multiple system atrophy on 23 August 2004.

After spending 1947-9 in the Royal Army Medical Corps, David joined the department of anatomy in Manchester, rising from demonstrator to lecturer. For his MD thesis he studied the growth of the skull in small mammals. He continued to research this area for the rest of his life. His demonstration of the mechanisms of craniofacial growth was important to practitioners in many fields, enabling the development of treatment techniques. In 1960 he joined the newly created University College (later University) of the West Indies in Jamaica, becoming professor of anatomy in 1964. In 1974 he returned to the United Kingdom

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