

James Noel Curran

Former psychiatrist Prestwich Hospital, Manchester (b 1915; University College Dublin 1939; DPM), d 2 November 2010. After graduating, James Noel Curran gained a diploma in psychological medicine in 1940. He was a psychiatrist at Prestwich Hospital, Manchester from 1946 to 1980, in the later years as consultant for the North West Regional Drug Treatment Centre. A devout Catholic, he was a member of the Catholic Doctors Society. He was also very interested in philosophy and mathematics, and a founder member of the British Society for Phenomenology. He had two books published: *The Logical Universe* (1994) and *The Philosophy of Mathematics and Natural Laws* (1997). Predeceased by Moya, his wife of 58 years, in 2005, he leaves four children and three grandchildren.

Mary Curran

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Aitolia English (née Georgiadis)



Former principal physician for child health Worcestershire (b 1915; q University College Hospital, London, 1940; DCH), d 18 September 2010. Born in the Greek island of Syros, Aitolia English (née Georgiadis) (“Tolia”) came to London after her father died in the 1918 flu pandemic because her mother wanted a better education for her daughters. After qualifying in 1940, Tolia worked first at UCH in obstetrics, and her call-up to the Royal Army Medical Corps was deferred until she gained her DCH at Birmingham Children’s Hospital. After the war and marriage she worked in child health in Cheshire while bringing up three children. She moved to Alvechurch in 1969, specialising in child development. After retirement she helped to establish the Scott Atkinson Development Unit in

Redditch for children with disabilities. She leaves a husband, Wilfrid; three children; and six grandchildren.

Gill Haggie

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Michael Giblin



General practitioner Brixham, South Devon (b 1955; q Birmingham 1978), died on 19 June 2010 from a subarachnoid haemorrhage. Michael Giblin (“Mike”) was the fourth of eight children. After qualifying, he was proud to get the professorial medical house job at Birmingham General Hospital, although Professor Malin insisted he get his hair cut first. He then worked at Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, and Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, where he was president of the doctors’ mess, before moving to Devon to train in general practice. He became a partner in 1985 in a two-man practice in Brixham. He brought enormous energy and character to the practice and was inspirational. Never half-hearted about anything he became absorbed in, Mike was a passionate cook, a creative gardener, an amateur astronomer, and a keen fisherman. He leaves a wife, Myfanwy (“Vanny”); and four children.

Myfanwy Giblin

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Anthony Mark Barrington Golding

Former consultant in public health medicine King’s College Hospital, London (b 1928; q Cambridge//Middlesex Hospital, London, 1952; FFCM, FRIPHH, FFPH), died from congestive cardiomyopathy on 9 October 2009. Anthony Mark Barrington Golding joined King’s College District as community health physician in 1974. He became district medical officer at Camberwell Health Authority (1982-6), then senior consultant in community medicine (1986-8) before becoming

honorary consultant. He was also honorary senior lecturer at King’s College Hospital Medical School (from 1977). Founder member and active in the Faculty of Public Health, Anthony was also very active in the Royal Institute of Public Health and instrumental in forming and ensuring the success of today’s Royal Society of Public Health. He helped many organisations and charities, and recently wrote a book on the work of social reformers. He leaves a wife, Valery; four children; and 11 grandchildren.

Catriona Richardson

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John Richard Humphrey Humphreys



Former general practitioner Norwich (b 1929; q St Thomas’ Hospital, London, 1955), died from heart disease on 16 October 2009.

John was different. He was witty and wise; a huge spirit in a small frame who radiated benevolence. He was a ship’s medical officer in the 1950s, and spent the 1960s as a colonial medical officer in Borneo and Hong Kong, before returning to work in Norwich as a general practitioner. John retired in 1989 to Mattishall, where he helped restore the village pageant. He encouraged others by holding exhibitions of art and sculpture in his house and gardens, volunteering as a guide in the Sainsbury Centre, and co-founding Breckland Artists. He sang in his church choir for 40 years. He leaves a wife, Alison, and three children.

Peter Warren, Alison Humphreys, Patrick Richmond, Michael Johnson Veronika Sekules, Roger Gamble

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Douglas Ewen Walker

Former senior regional medical officer Edinburgh (b 1920; q Aberdeen 1943; DPH), died from acute myeloid leukaemia on 6 October 2010.

After graduation Douglas Ewen Walker worked in Stracathro Hospital before service in the Royal Army Medical Corps in Africa and Egypt. On demobilisation he entered general practice in Buckie, Moray, before joining the Regional Medical Service in 1954, working first in Glasgow, Aberdeen, and finally Edinburgh. Many doctors were grateful for his advice and ability to defuse conflicts in general practices with consummate skill. He enjoyed walking and travel (especially France and French food) and died just short of his 90th birthday after a contented productive life, which he happily reflected on in his last days. He leaves a wife, Moira; three children; and six grandchildren.

William Todd, Alex Spence

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Albert Dennis Wardle

Former general practitioner central Birmingham (b 1930; q Birmingham 1953), died from myeloma on 19 March 2010.

Having grown up through the Blitz in Coventry, Albert Dennis Wardle (“Dennis”) qualified from Birmingham, learning to sail and swim as a student. After national service in Korea, he completed his general practice training in Derby and returned to Birmingham, where he practised until retirement. He also worked part-time at the university health centre and supported the medical school. After retiring he worked as a medical assessor until he was 70. Despite an initially heavy commitment to on-call rotas and home deliveries, Dennis became a competent violinist, for many years leading the local medical orchestra. He was also a proficient wood turner and cabinet maker and latterly, with his wife, Margaret, undertook prize-winning beekeeping. He leaves Margaret and two daughters.

Rosalind M Wardle

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John North Redfern

In this obituary for John North Redfern by Rachel Gummery and Lucy Carrie (*BMJ* 2010;341:c5351, print 2 October, p 733), we should have said that Dr Redfern leaves four children (not three). Our apologies.