OBITUARIES

Leslie James Clark-Wilson

Former general practitioner
Luton, Bedfordshire (b 1915; q St Bartholomew’s Hospital, London, 1952), d 6 October 2010.
Leslie James Clark-Wilson joined the Palestine Police Force at the age of 19, achieving the rank of sergeant. He returned to England in 1946 and studied medicine at Barts. He was house surgeon at North Middlesex Hospital and house physician at Bedford General Hospital, and then settled in a single-handed practice in Luton. He later took a partner, retiring in 1975. A man of strong character, with a great sense of humour, he enjoyed croquet and golf, was an elder at St Ninian’s United Reformed Church, Luton, and was active in amateur dramatics. He leaves a wife, Patricia; four children; and nine grandchildren.
J A C Wilson
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John Mark Gibson

Former consultant neurologist
Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast City Hospital, and Altnagelvin Hospital (b 1953; q Trinity College Dublin, 1976; MD, FRCP, FRCP), d 25 September 2010.
After specialist training in England, John Mark Gibson (“Mark”) returned home to Belfast, being appointed consultant neurologist in 1988. He provided an expert general neurology service, and started an integrated specialist clinic for movement disorders. He also set up a laboratory to study eye movements in neurological diseases, his work being recognised worldwide, and coauthored a defining paper on the physiology of eye movements in Huntington’s disease and presymptomatic carriers. An enthusiastic and patient teacher, he was instrumental in developing postgraduate training in Belfast, and edited the Ulster Medical Journal for 10 years. For 25 years he was leader of the bass section of the Studio Symphony Orchestra. He leaves a wife, Frances, and two children.
Trevor Julian
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Catherine Margaret Hall

Consultant paediatric endocrinologist Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital, Manchester (b 1963; q St Andrews/Manchester, 1988; BSc, MD, FRCPCH), d 5 February 2010.
An outstanding student, Catherine Margaret Hall became a key member of the Manchester Paediatric Endocrinology team and a dedicated and enthusiastic clinician. She was particularly interested in aspects of behaviour in relation to virilisation and genotype in girls with congenital adrenal hyperplasia and childhood obesity. Chief investigator for the Metformin and Obesity in Adolescence (MOCA) trial, she was also the lead clinician for the Northern Congenital Hyperinsulinism (NorCHI) service, a National Commissioning Group service, from its inception in 2006. She worked tirelessly to establish the UK’s first 18Fluoro-DOPA PET-CT scanning service in Manchester, which will be launched later in 2011. She leaves a husband, John, and two children.
D L Kendall
Mars Skae
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Anthony Howard James

Former consultant in general medicine Hillingdon Hospital, Middlesex (b 1921; q Oxford/Toronto 1944; DM Oxon, FRCP), d 5 August 2010.
After qualifying, Anthony Howard James trained at St Mary’s, London. In 1952 he was senior lecturer in medicine in Cardiff, becoming reader in 1962. He came to Hillingdon in 1964, retiring in 1986. He rejoiced in being a general physician and enjoyed teaching. He was one of the first to apply computers to the automation of warfarin maintenance. His research interests were in gastroenterology. Latterly, he became interested in the causation of Crohn’s disease, hypothesising that it occurred in people with a genetic deficiency in the capacity to repair DNA. Predeceased by his first wife, Margaret, in 2001 and by his second, Tamara, in 2007, he leaves three children from his first marriage and six grandchildren.
Anthony Howard James
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Samarthji Lal

Professor of psychiatry McGill University, Montreal, Canada (b 1938; q Guy’s Hospital, London, 1962; FRCP(C), ABPN, FAPA), died from liver cancer on 1 November 2009.
Samarthji Lal (“Sam”) cofounded the Douglas Mental Health University Institute Research Centre in Montreal in 1979 and established Canada’s first brain bank there in 1980. He is credited with introducing apomorphine and clonidine as pharmacological probes of dopaminergic and alpha-2 adrenergic function in clinical research, and he showed that apomorphine induced penile erections in potent and impotent men. He carried out collaborative interdisciplinary basic science and clinical research in psychiatry with colleagues throughout McGill’s network of teaching hospitals, receiving numerous honours, including distinguished life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and two prestigious awards from the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology. He worked fulltime until his death. He leaves a wife, Maureen, and a son.
Maureen Kiely
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Ian Hayes Fyfe Murray

Former community health specialist for Cumbria (b 1926; q St Andrews 1954), d 26 October 2010.
Ian Hayes Fyfe Murray’s university career was interrupted by the second world war, during which he was an army captain in Palestine and Egypt. After qualifying, Ian pursued a career in community health medicine, his final post being district health officer for Cumbria, from which he retired in 1986. He was a highly respected doctor throughout this career, with many colleagues benefiting from his hard work, support, and counsel. His family were central to his life. He married Dr Agnes Ahern, and they had six children. Predeceased by her in 2009, he leaves four surviving children, a sister, and one granddaughter.
Mairi Murray
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