

Edward Fletcher Battersby



Former consultant paediatric anaesthetist Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London (b 1932; q Otago 1955; FRCA), d 20 February 2010. After qualifying, Edward Fletcher Battersby (“Ted”) was a houseman in Christchurch, New Zealand, before working his passage to England as a ship’s doctor. After junior posts at Barts and Great Ormond Street, he went back to New Zealand in 1962 before settling permanently in England in 1964. At Great Ormond Street he took a particular interest in cardiac anaesthesia, and his contributions to the hospital included leading the commissioning of the current cardiac wing, and being assistant medical director for several years. An active member of the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists, he contributed to several standard texts on paediatric anaesthesia. He leaves a wife, Margaret; four children; and 10 grandchildren.

John Battersby
Margaret Battersby

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Thomas John Stuart Merrington Black



Former general practitioner and hospital practitioner (geriatrics) Wokingham (b 1932; q Trinity College Dublin 1961; DObstRCOG), d 19 December 2009. In 1952 Thomas John Stuart Merrington Black (“John”) was

commissioned for two years of national service and was involved in peace keeping in the Far East. After two years as a junior hospital doctor in Swindon, he joined Tudor House Surgery and Wokingham Community Hospital, retiring in 1994. John founded Wokingham Youth Counselling Service and introduced marriage guidance counsellors to his surgery. He was chairman of the BMA’s West Berkshire division and president of Reading Pathological Society. He was also the first president of Wokingham Council of Churches, and founder member and president of Easthampstead Rotary Club. Predeceased by a son, he leaves a wife, Joan; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Joan Black
John Black
Andrew Black

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John Hope Henderson



Former WHO adviser on mental health for South East Asia, then Europe (b 1929; q Aberdeen 1954; FRCPsych), d 4 January 2010.

A pioneer of social psychiatry, John Hope Henderson became physician superintendent of Elgin Hospital aged 33 before heading Bangour Village Hospital, East Lothian, and becoming principal medical officer in mental health for the Scottish Office. At the WHO he used his energy, vision, and diplomacy to persuade sceptical governments with negligible resources of the importance of mental health. From the early 1980s he focused on mental health services for and human rights abuses of mentally ill people in Eastern Europe. John never retired, continuing his work with the regional council of the World Federation for Mental Health and later Mental Health Europe. He

leaves a wife, Toshie; four sons; and 10 grandchildren.

Peter Kennedy

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Wilfred Jack

Former general practitioner Shotley Bridge, County Durham (b 1922; q Durham 1945), d 3 May 2010. After qualification, Wilfred Jack (“Wilf”) did national service in the Royal Army Medical Corps, becoming a major and serving in Palestine and Greece. He returned to Newcastle upon Tyne to train in pathology and won a prize but then became a general practitioner in his home town of Consett for over 40 years. He was also police surgeon for the local constabulary and worked at Shotley Bridge General Hospital on the medical wards. A keen footballer in his youth, he captained his university and regimental teams. He joined Consett Golf Club aged 14 and was also a member of Brancepeth Castle Golf Club, captaining both clubs. Predeceased by his wife, Joyce, in 2004, he leaves four children and eight grandchildren.

Munro Jack

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Donald Gavin Jamieson



Former consultant neurologist West Midlands (b 1936; q Aberdeen 1958; FRCP, FRCPEd), d 26 March 2010. Donald Gavin Jamieson (“Gavin”) trained in general medicine in Aberdeen before three years as neurology registrar at the Midland Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery in Birmingham. He was senior registrar and lecturer in neurology in Dundee, before becoming consultant neurologist in the West Midlands in 1967 for 37 years. His workload was immense: six outpatient clinics weekly in up to eight hospitals around

the Midlands, and he worked in four hospitals in Birmingham. A first class clinical neurologist, with an unusual ability to elicit obscure physical signs and to make diagnoses, he was mentor to many of the current consultant neurologists in the West Midlands. He leaves a wife, Ros; three children; and one grandson.

Milne Anderson
Alasdair Geddes

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Brian Arthur Sides



Former general practitioner Swinton and Worsley, Manchester (b 1936, q Manchester 1959; DObstRCOG; FRCGP), d 6 October 2009. Brian Arthur Sides was born in Swinton. After qualifying, he was house surgeon at Manchester Royal Infirmary and then house physician at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester. He entered general practice in 1962, as well as being medical officer to Swinton Hospital. He was also examiner for the Red Cross and doctor to Swinton Rugby League Club for many years. He loved sport and was the president of Ellesmere Golf Club in 2000. He was also very active in Worsley Road United Reformed Church. Predeceased by a daughter, he leaves a wife, Annette; four children; and six grandchildren.

J A C Wilson

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CORRECTION

In last week’s *BMJ* there were two errors in John Havard’s obituary (*BMJ* 2010;340:1361)). In the second sentence of the seventh paragraph, it should have read CMA (for Commonwealth Medical Association) rather than CWA. And the first word of the pull quote should, of course, have read “Havard” rather than “Howard.”