

Clement David Edwards



Former house surgeon, Westminster Hospital, and house physician, Willesden General Hospital (b 1917; q Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff, 1943; MRCS Eng, DPH Eng, DIH), d 26 February 2013.

Clement David Edwards ("Clem") was attached to a unit that helped treat survivors in Belsen concentration camp, an experience about which he spoke to family and close friends only in later life. He witnessed the actual end of the war in Europe and was sent to Norway to help in the processing of surrendered German officers. In 1946 he took up a position as house physician in northwest London. From 1950 to 1960 he was medical officer at the Royal Ordnance Factory (ROF) at Glascoed in south Wales, a post to which he returned in 1970 and in which he remained until he retired in 1979. Clem Edwards leaves Marjorie, his wife of 67 years; two children; and four grandchildren.

Nick Buckley

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John William Garry

Consultant psychiatrist (b 1927; q University College, Dublin, 1952; FRCPsych), died from a fracture of the neck of the right femur after a fall in his home on 1 March 2013.

After house jobs in Ireland, John William Garry moved to the UK to train as a psychiatrist. He joined the British Army as a consultant psychiatrist, spending three years posted to northern Germany. On returning to the UK he gained forensic experience in Rampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire, before moving to Harmston Hall Hospital, near Lincoln, where he remained for the remaining 25 years of his service. He became medical director and eventually supervised the closure of the hospital, with the move of the patients into the community. He served on the mental health review tribunal well into

retirement, finally totally retiring at the age of 75. John leaves his wife, Mary; three children; and four grandchildren.

M W Fowles

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Catherine Ann Gibson



General practitioner (b 1974 q Queen's University, Belfast, 1999; MRCP, DRCOG), died from renal cell carcinoma on 21 November 2012.

Catherine Ann Gibson was born in the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald, and educated at Strathearn School, Belfast. After house jobs in the Ulster and Mater Infirmorum hospitals and the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, she worked in general practice in the North Down area. Catherine's warmth, charm, and zest for life left a lasting impression on everyone with whom she came in contact. She had a beautiful singing voice, loved to dance, and was the life and soul of any party. Catherine was working full time up until the day of her diagnosis. She faced her illness with courage and composure until her death, a mere 12 weeks later. She leaves her husband, Stephen Montgomery, three children, and her parents.

Patrina Bell

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Charles Anthony Higgins

General practitioner Rochdale (b 1924; q 1948; MRCS), d 20 January 2013.

Charles Anthony Higgins did his national service with the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1949-51 and then became a captain in the Territorial Army. In 1953 he moved to Stockport as assistant to a local general practitioner, Hugh Fay. He came to know the Fay family well and married the older daughter, Patricia ("Pat"), in 1956. After a move to Rochdale, he initially held his surgery at his home, but in 1973 the practice moved to

Rochdale's first purpose built health centre at Sudden. After retiring in 1988, Charles and Pat travelled, and he enjoyed walking in the Lake District and following rugby. In 1993 the couple moved to Buxton. Charles leaves Pat, five children, and nine grandchildren.

Caroline Higgins

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George Stewart Kilpatrick

David Davies professor of tuberculosis and chest diseases (b 1925; q Edinburgh 1947; MRCP UK, FRCP Lond, FRCP Edin, MD), d 7 March 2013.

George Stewart Kilpatrick was one of several Scottish physicians who influenced the development of the Welsh National School of Medicine in the 1970s and 1980s. He started at the school in 1962-3 as a senior lecturer in the department of tuberculosis and chest diseases and in the medical unit. He was dean in 1970-1 and became David Davies professor of tuberculosis and chest diseases in 1980. During his career he took on roles on external bodies, serving on the council of the British Tuberculosis Association, its research committee, and the advisory editorial board of its journal, *Tubercle*, to name a few. He was vice provost in 1987-8 and retired from the school of medicine in 1990-1.

Sarah Hatch

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Thomas Prior Riordan



Former consultant psychiatrist Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea (b 1913; q University College, Cork, 1936; DPM, FRCPsych), died from pneumonia on 16 April 2013.

Thomas Prior Riordan ("Tom") volunteered for the army in 1940 while training in psychiatry in Essex. He was posted as a staff psychiatrist to North Africa, treating post-traumatic

stress disorder behind the lines. When Tunis fell, he was posted to Malta as command psychiatrist serving army, navy, and air force, to deal with psychiatric casualties from the invasion of Sicily and submariners. After the war, in Goodmayes Hospital, Ilford, he progressed to deputy medical superintendent. In April 1958 he was appointed medical superintendent in Swansea and started a programme of modernisation at Cefn Coed Hospital. In 1962 he started, against local opposition, one of the first psychiatric day centres in the country. Predeceased by his wife and a son, he leaves three children and five grandchildren.

Anne West

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Alison Jane Woodward



General practitioner (b 1951; q Middlesex Hospital 1976), d 3 December 2012.

Before completing her vocational training scheme for general practice, Alison Jane Woodward accepted an opportunity to work in South Africa among the Zulu community. She stayed for eight years, working in challenging conditions in remote areas of the country and cultivating her surgical skills, particularly in obstetrics. She returned to the UK in 1989 with her two children and made an uneasy return to general practice in the NHS. In due course she became a partner at the Rothschild House Surgery in Tring, where she succeeded in maintaining the best of relationships with people but became increasingly disillusioned with the administration of primary care. She retired early, to make time to enjoy life. Her passion for music and literature remained undiminished until her sudden death, one month into her retirement. She leaves her two children and her partner, Andrew Dicker.

Andrew Dicker

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