

Jack Brodie



General practitioner Hartlepool (b 1920; q Glasgow 1944), d 24 September 2013.

Jack Brodie spent two years in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR). In 1948 he married Joyce and started his career as a general practitioner in Hartlepool. In the early years he was on call every other night and every other weekend, sharing duty with his GP partner. There were no practice nurses so they had to do everything themselves. No measles vaccine existed, so measles epidemics were frequent, requiring up to 20 visits per day to sick children with chest infections and ear infections. In later years Jack formed a rota with a neighbouring practice so he had more family life. He retired in 1987 and enjoyed gardening, golfing, walking, and family holidays. He died one week after his 65th wedding anniversary (when the photo was taken). He leaves Joyce, a son, three daughters, and 12 grandchildren.

Graham Brodie

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Peffers Watson Brown



Former consultant surgeon, Borders General Hospital, Melrose (b 1933; q University of Edinburgh 1957; FRCS) d 28 Aug 2013.

After preregistration posts in Edinburgh and at Peel Hospital in Galashiels, Peffers Watson Brown ("Peff") joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, serving with the Scots Guards and in a field medical unit. After postgraduate training he was appointed consultant general surgeon at the former Peel Hospital, Galashiels,

and was instrumental in the planning of the new Borders General Hospital in Melrose, where he worked for four years. Peff was an excellent sportsman and after moving to the Borders he became associated with Melrose Rugby Club, and, before the advent of remunerated club doctors and physiotherapists, he provided medical cover for most home games. He leaves his wife, Ruth; two daughters; two sons in law; and four grandchildren.

Alasdair Geddes

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John Clement Charlton



Former general practitioner Derby (b 1922; q 1946), d 10 July 2013.

The childhood of John Clement Charlton ("Jack") in Northern Ireland was punctuated by an empyema drained by his GP on the kitchen table. When Jack settled in Mickleover, Derby, in 1950, he emulated this skill and courage in an extensive GP obstetric practice. He led the move from a converted house to a purpose built medical centre, the senior of five GPs. His career, dedicated to his patients round the clock and in occupational health, was followed by a retirement doing locums in the Hebrides and Hampton-in-Arden. He was a dedicated churchman and elder. He and his wife, Maureen, shared their diamond wedding and a Buckingham Palace garden party to celebrate Jack's, and the NHS's, 50 years. He leaves three sons, a niece, and a granddaughter.

Rodger Charlton

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Ian Gordon Johnston

Ophthalmic surgeon (b 1925; q Guy's 1950; MSc, DO Eng, FRCP Ed), d 27 August 2012.

Ian Gordon Johnston joined the Royal Army Medical Corps as an ophthalmic surgeon and served in Woolwich, Tripoli, Benghazi, Cyprus,

Catterick, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tidworth. He met Jean, a nursing sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps in Singapore, and they married in 1967. Their only child, Jamie, died tragically young in 1994. His travels allowed Ian to follow his interests in archaeology, sailing, and botany. Jean and Ian retired to Ramsbury in Wiltshire. Even when impaired by Alzheimer's disease, Ian remained a gentleman to the end. Ian leaves Jean, his widow.

Jean Johnston. Pru Allington-Smith

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John Kelly

Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist (b 1931; q Glasgow 1956; FRCS, FRCOG, OBE, Hon MD), died from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis on 2 August 2013.



John Kelly first observed the devastating and preventable condition of obstetric fistula during a sabbatical in Nigeria in 1967. In 1969 he joined a team at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, where he continued to help out during his annual leave every year. His legacy to the developing world is treatment programmes for fistula in 13 countries in Africa and south Asia. He operated on more than 12 000 fistula patients and trained many local surgeons. He also leaves a large academic legacy on the subject and acted as an adviser to several governmental and non-governmental agencies. For services to impoverished and outcast women throughout the world, Kelly was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 2005, and he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Birmingham in 2007. Predeceased by his wife, Christine, he leaves four children.

Mairead Kelly, Shane Duffy

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Izzildeen Shkara



Consultant neurologist (b 1929; q Baghdad University, Iraq, 1947; FRCP Ed), d 15 September 2013.

Izzildeen Shkara came to the UK in the 1960s and passed his membership exams for the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow, then Edinburgh in 1964. He returned to Iraq and was appointed clinical teacher at Mosul University, pursuing his interest in neurology. In addition to his clinical skills and knowledge, Izzildeen Shkara was known for his organisational and management skills. He introduced a consultants' clinic to serve patients after hours and established a coronary care unit, a diabetes clinic, a renal diseases clinic, and a physiotherapy clinic. He also published numerous papers. Forced to retire by the previous regime, he concentrated on his private work. He was married to Anisa Shkara, a retired paediatrician and professor of paediatrics at Baghdad Medical School, Iraq. He leaves three daughters and two sons.

Moyaed Aziz

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