

## Mano Ranjan Das-Gupta



**General practitioner east London (b 1920; q Calcutta, India, 1948; DObst RCOG), d 20 December 2013.**

Born in Burma, Mano Ranjan Das-Gupta became a medical student in Calcutta during the second world war. After qualifying he worked in various centres in India before returning to Rangoon as civil surgeon. During the military coup d'état in 1963 he and his family were smuggled out of Burma via Delhi, with a ticket to England. They arrived in London, penniless and confused, living first in digs in Russell Square, central London, and then in east London. They later bought a house in Redbridge, which remains the family home to this day. Das-Gupta maintained his position as a respected general practitioner in east London. He leaves his wife, two sons, and four grandchildren.

**Rana Das-Gupta**

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## Kathleen Mary Duncan



**Former resident clinical pathologist, Manchester Royal Infirmary (b 1925; q Manchester 1949), died from autoimmune liver disease on 7 August 2013.**

Kathleen Mary Duncan (née Lord) followed a year on the house at the Manchester Royal Infirmary with a year in the laboratory. It was as a student in Manchester that she met and married one of the registrars, Peter Duncan, and moved with him on his appointment as consultant physician to Blackpool Victoria Hospital. She then devoted herself to supporting him and bringing up their

four children. Later she worked on disability benefit unit appeals. She was a prominent member of the Medical Women's Federation and treasurer of the local Baptist Missionary Society. She leaves Peter; four children; 14 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

**John Duncan**

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## James Edwards



**General practitioner Sturminster Newton, Dorset (b 1963; q London 1988), died from a ruptured thoracic aortic aneurysm on 3 June 2013.**

After completing his vocational training in York and paediatrics in New Zealand, James Edwards ("Jim") joined Sturminster Newton and Marnhull practice in 1994. He had extraordinary skills of compassion and empathy, and he was an insightful and intuitive GP. Jim was a natural leader, and his combination of common sense and legendary humour meant that his colleagues and friends respected and valued his support. He had many interests clinically—including prescribing, substance misuse, and child protection—but his main interest was in patients as people. Jim enjoyed tennis, golf, cricket, music, and his beautiful garden. He leaves his wife, Sarah, and their two children.

**Matthew Cripps, Rob Childs**

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## Stephen Vincent Lees

**Former consultant anaesthetist Trafford General Hospital (b 1944; q Manchester 1969; FFARCS), d 4 December 2013.**

Stephen Vincent Lees was educated at Bolton School. His three passions in life were medicine, motor sport, and music. Stephen chose a career in anaesthesiology, and when he started his consultant post he participated enthusiastically in the planning and commissioning of the intensive and

coronary care units at Trafford General Hospital, Greater Manchester. He retained an interest in intensive care throughout his career. He used all his powers of persuasion to achieve both accommodation and a secretary for the department. In his leisure time he competed in sprints, hill climbs, and historic sports car racing. Sadly, Parkinson's disease led to Stephen's early retirement. He moved to west Cornwall with his second wife but spent his last few years in a nursing home. He leaves two children and two brothers.

**Jennifer Hill**

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## Anne Millar



**Former general practitioner (b 1927; q University College Hospital, London, 1951), d 21 October 2013.**

Anne Millar was one of two women in her year at UCH and gained a distinction. She married Andrew Millar, a fellow student, and proceeded to house jobs in Hitchin. In 1953 the couple moved to Benson, Oxfordshire, where they built a house with a surgery on the same site. She started working in the practice as an assistant in the mid-1960s, and in 1970 Anne and Andrew became practice partners. When he died in 1982, she continued to practise for a further eight years. After retiring she continued briefly as the medical director of the Wallingford Community Hospital. Her strength was her ability to identify needs within her community, both social and physical, and she was remarkably effective in ensuring these needs were addressed. Anne leaves three children and eight grandchildren.

**Peter Rose, Tim Huins**

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## Ian Robertson

**General practitioner and senior partner Station View Medical Centre, Bishop Auckland, County Durham (b 1951; q Newcastle**

**University Medical School 1978; MRCP), died from a grade IV glioblastoma on 8 August 2013.**

Ian Robertson married Vivien in 1975, while still a medical student, and completed his vocational training on the Northumbria vocational training scheme, working in Newcastle and Northumberland. In 1982, now with three daughters, the family moved from Newcastle to Bishop Auckland, when Ian took up a partnership. He developed the in-house diabetes clinic and set a high standard of care. He kept records of all the results and progress of his patients and pre-empted the national quality schemes by many years. Retirement in 2008 allowed him to pursue the hobbies he never had time to properly do before: travelling, walking, gardening, crosswords, and Open University courses, among others. He leaves Vivien, three daughters, and a grandson.

**Gordon M Bolton**

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## Mohammed Awadallah Salih

**Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, professor of medical education (b 1937; q Khartoum 1961; MRCOG, MHPE), died from cardiac and respiratory failure resulting from septicaemia of unknown origin on 10 October 2013.**

Mohammed Awadallah Salih worked all over Sudan before moving to the UK with his wife, on a fellowship with her. After his return to his native country, he worked in various locations before moving to Medani Regional Hospital and taking to academia by joining the faculty of medicine at the University of Gezira. He gained a World Health Organization scholarship and studied at Illinois University in 1979-82. After his return he planned and established a WHO collaborating centre in Gezira. Salih emigrated to Saudi Arabia for economic and political reasons in 1986 and spent the rest of his life there. He leaves his wife, Nemat; four daughters; and two sons.

**Bashir Hamad**

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