Obituaries

Peter John Andrew

Former general practitioner New Mills, Derbyshire (b Bramhall, Cheshire, 1925; q Cambridge/Manchester 1948; MBE), died from coronary artery disease on 19 February 2000 while out walking. He had intended to pursue a career in surgery, but he had to take over his father's practice in 1951. Suburban general practice was not to his taste and he moved to New Mills where he stayed until he retired. He steered major improvements in New Mills, including moving to purpose built premises. He remained enthusiastic throughout his career, enjoying minor surgical procedures and the benefits of long knowledge of patients. At university Peter was a keen oarsman and after coming to New Mills his interest turned to mountain rescue. He was involved in forming the local rescue team in 1959, and after a disaster in 1964 when three scouts died of hypothermia he helped to set up the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation. He was chairman in 1967 and subsequently chairman and president of the national Mountain Rescue Council. Peter trained rescue teams and was involved in negotiations about equipment, insurance, and other matters. He continued to walk regularly until his death, despite osteoarthritis and a coronary artery bypass graft in 1985. He leaves a wife, Gaynor (an anaesthetist); three sons (two of whom are doctors); and seven grandchildren. [Glynne Andrew]

Basil Ivor Eames



Former general practitioner (b north Wales 1917; q Manchester 1941; DLO), died from heart disease on 29 February 2000. He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps in India and Germany and then studied laryngology and otology at the Royal Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital in London. He was appointed chief assistant in ear, nose, and throat at Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1952 and then entered full time general

practice in the early 1980s. He loved his work and had a wonderful sense of humour. His other great love was music, and he played the piano and the organ. He was a member of the Halle Concerts Society from 1953. He leaves a wife, Eileen, and a son. [Richard Eames]

Duncan Macaulay



Former consultant paediatrician Duchess of York, Withington, and Wythenshawe Hospitals, Manchester (b Scotland 1918; q Glasgow 1940; MD, FRCP), died from cardiac failure on 18 April 2000. After serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps in India and Burma in the second world war he trained as a paediatrician, spending a year as a research fellow in Philadelphia. Here he worked on the measurement of extracellular fluid volume, which formed the subject of his MD thesis. He developed an excellent district service in Manchester and was president of the Manchester Paediatric Club in 1972. He was interested in renal disease before the subspecialty of paediatric nephrology had crystallised and in 1967 published a study of hypernatraemia in infants as a cause of brain damage. He was visiting professor in Agra in India for a year and led the British paediatric team in Saigon just before the Tet offensive. His experiences abroad left him with a zest for travel which remained till late in life. Predeceased by his first wife, Joyce, he leaves his second wife, Elisabeth. [Anthony Robinson, Martin BARRATT]

Edmund Robinson

Former general practitioner Chislehurst, Kent (*b* 1917; *q* Guy's Hospital 1941), died after a long period of ill health on 1 March 2000. After qualifying he served as surgeon lieutenant in *HMS Montrose* during the second world war, and after a period as

an orthopaedic registrar he entered general practice. For most of his 25 years in Chislehurst he worked singlehandedly, and on retirement he moved to Holsworthy in Devon. Predeceased by his wife, Ethel ("Andy"), he leaves two daughters; a son; and eight grandchildren. [DAVID ROBINSON]

Robert George Troup

Former general practitioner Hornchurch, Essex, 1955-77 (b Rhynie, Aberdeenshire, 1927; q Aberdeen 1949; FRCGP), died from carcinoma of the colon on 17 April 2000. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1950 to 1955 and when he entered general practice he worked singlehandedly from 1956 to 1975. He was active in local professional organisations and was secretary of the North East London Local Medical Committee. After he retired from general practice he worked for the Department of Health and Social Security for 11 years, ending as senior medical officer at DHSS headquarters. He served on the editorial board of the Prescribers Journal and on the working party which produced PACT, a document of individual practice prescribing data. Believing that providing data alone would not necessarily influence prescribing, he visited practices to discuss the data directly with doctors. On retirement he took an interest in family and local history, golf, gardening, and travel. In 1988 he published Walking Backwards in Rhynie, his much loved home village. He leaves a wife, Pat; two sons; a daughter; and four grandchildren. [DAVID F Troup]

David Weiner

Former general practitioner Coventry, 1949-80 (b Leeds 1919; q Leeds 1943 (honours)), d 20 April 2000. [Jon Weiner, Judy Burns]

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