

# Obituaries

## David James Ieuan Bennett



*General practitioner Gloucester (b 1966; q Cambridge/St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1991; MRCGP, DCH RCP), died from intracerebral haemorrhage on 21 May 2006.*

David completed training for general practice in Gloucestershire and then spent a year working with VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) in Nigeria at a rural mission hospital helping to expand the hospital and community child welfare clinics for local immunisation programmes. On his return David pursued a career in paediatrics, but then switched to general practice, enjoying the diversity and the longer term relationships with his patients. He maintained an interest in paediatrics, doing weekly sessions in Cheltenham as a community paediatrician with a special interest in immunisation. He had a fine tenor voice, singing oratorio and light opera with the Cotswold Savoyards and other local music groups, where he met his wife, Kate. He leaves her and two children. [JUSTINE FOSTER, SUE YOUNG] P+

## David Edward Brown

*Former consultant anaesthetist Leicester Hospitals (b 1925; q Middlesex Hospital 1949; FFARCS, DA, DCH), died from a stroke on 24 February 2006.*

After posts in The London Hospital, London Chest Hospital, and Queen's Square David was appointed the first specialist consultant cardiothoracic anaesthetist in Leicester in 1959. He later developed an interest in pain relief and set up an obstetric epidural service at Leicester General Hospital. In 1980 he started a pain unit at Leicester Royal Infirmary. After retiring in 1990 he became chairman of the local Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund. His interests were many and varied: he walked many of the long distance footpaths in England and

was an accomplished pianist, photographer, and gardener. He leaves a wife, Josephine; two sons; and five grandchildren. [WILLIAM D TURNER]

## Edward ("Eddie") James Mac Flynn



*Former general practitioner Dungiven, County Derry (b 1914; q Dublin 1939; BAO, DPH, JP), d 7 April 2006.*

After studies in Dublin and Belfast and periods working in the north of England, Edward James Mac Flynn ("Eddie") returned to his native County Derry in 1944. He served the people of Dungiven for over 35 years, carrying out his extensive obstetric duties in the Roe Valley Hospital, Limavady. He continued working in the school medical clinics and retired finally to Limavady in 1985. Eddie was deeply involved in the community and served as chairman of the rural district council and as a member of Londonderry County Council. He was BMA chairman for County Derry in the 1970s, served as deputy coroner, and became a justice of the peace in 1969. He leaves a wife, Claire; four children; and 10 grandchildren. [R L CARSON] P+

## Sidney Gerrish Hamilton

*Former general practitioner south London (b 1911; q Cambridge/The London Hospital 1937; RNVF, FRCGP), d 10 July 2006.*

Sidney Hamilton served with distinction on the ill fated *HMS Repulse*, saving many lives on the day it was sunk by the Japanese in 1941. He entered general practice in Woolacombe, enthusiastically supported the new NHS, and later moved to Sanderstead. He caught a flu-like illness during the 1953 polio epidemic and recovered, but his wife, Anne, also a general practitioner, became a



wheelchair user until her death in 1978. Sidney cared for her and his patients devotedly. He was a founder member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and a pioneer trainer. Before retirement he was medical officer to the British High Commission in Delhi. He was a firm Christian, austere but witty, and a scholar, traveller, and naturalist. He leaves four children and 13 grandchildren. [V P SMITH]

## James Gordon Hill



*Former consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (b 1931; q Glasgow 1955; FRCS, FRCOG), died from a heart attack on 21 June 2006.*

After qualifying Gordon Hill did his national service in the Royal Air Force in Cyprus, where he met and formed a famous partnership with his wife, Nancy. As a consultant in a district general hospital he was exceptionally committed to teaching and research. He successfully applied conceptual research to clinical problems, publishing work on breech deliveries, recurrent miscarriages, heparin prophylaxis, and tumour resistance in ovarian cancer. This led to a succession of MD projects by

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research registrars at Pembury. He worked with his college as regional adviser and with the training of overseas doctors. His adrenaline addiction led to the discovery of sailing and skiing in retirement. He leaves Nancy, two children, and two grandchildren. [GRAHAM THOMAS]

### Peter Gratton Parry

*Former general practitioner Porthmadog, Gwynedd (b 1935; q Guy's Hospital, London, 1958), died from metastatic prostate cancer on 1 September 2006.*

After house jobs in Bangor, Peter Gratton Parry entered general practice training in northeast England before returning to practise in Wales. He was a singlehanded practitioner for five years in Maerdy, a coal mining village, where he supervised over 120 home deliveries a year. He took over a practice in Porthmadog in 1970, consulting in English and Welsh. Because of the rural nature of the practice he set up his own radio communication system, equipped his car with green lights and foghorns, and was at the forefront of immediate care, known locally as the "flying doctor." He retired owing to ill health in 1984. He leaves a wife, Margaret; four children; and eight grandchildren. [DAVID GRATTON PARRY]

### Richard Francis Pearson

*Former pathologist and general practitioner North London (b 1920; q Cambridge/University College Hospital, London, 1947), d 5 July 2006.* Richard Pearson was registrar in pathology at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, from 1952 to 1954 and at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, from 1954 to 1956. After postgraduate studies he became a general practitioner, ending his career in a practice in Holloway Road, North London, in 1982. He leaves a wife, Mary, and three children. [MARY PEARSON]

### John Pinching

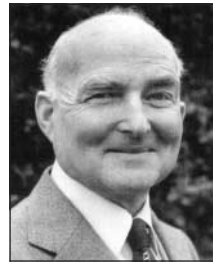


*Former general practitioner Wells, Somerset (b 1917; q Guy's Hospital 1943; MRCP), d 21 March 2006.*

John Pinching served as medical officer (or "morale officer," as he put it) to the 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Italy during the second world war and in Austria afterwards. He committed himself wholeheartedly to rural general practice in Wells from 1950 until his retirement, continuing to advocate for the local community hospital

until shortly before his death. Coming from a long line of doctors, he was passionate about equity and quality in the health service, and he was a fine role model as a caring, informed, and experienced clinician. He was a natural iconoclast. Predeceased by his first wife, Wilhelmina, and his elder son, he leaves his second wife, Sheila, and his younger son. [ANTHONY PINCHING]

### Leslie Gordon Scott



*Former consultant paediatrician Eastbourne and Hastings (b 1916; q Guy's Hospital, London, 1939; MD, MRCP, DCH), d 26 March 2006.*

Leslie Scott's first junior jobs were at Tunbridge Wells in 1940 treating survivors of Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain. He then joined the Royal Air Force and saw service in North Africa and Italy. In the 1940s Leslie represented junior doctors on a committee chaired by Sir Alexander Fleming to organise the equitable distribution of penicillin. In 1951 he was appointed consultant paediatrician to the Eastbourne and Hastings hospitals, where he remained until his retirement in 1981. He was associated with the Pilgrims' School at Seaford for over 40 years as medical officer and governor. Eastbourne District General Hospital opened a new paediatric unit in his name. Predeceased by his wife, Esme, in 1989, he leaves five children. [ANNIE BENNETT, ISSAC SULEMAN, JOHN SURTEES]

### John Joseph Waldron



*Former professor and head, department of psychiatry, and associate dean, Faculty of Medicine, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada (b 1931; q National University of Ireland, Galway, 1955; DPM, MRCPsych, MRCP(C)), died from heart failure on 30 May 2006.*

As an undergraduate John Waldron acted in the first run of Sean O'Casey's *The Bishop's Bonfire* in Dublin. Fearing an adverse effect on his medical career, he appeared as Aidan

Kerrigan only to be addressed as such in one of his final vivas. John started his lifelong career in psychiatry in England in 1958, publishing papers on resettlement of long stay patients and comparison of desipramine and imipramine. In 1965 he was appointed staff psychiatrist in Kingston Psychiatric Hospital, Ontario, Canada, and in 1968 as lecturer in psychiatry in Queen's University. He later published papers in medical education and the management of refractory depression. He leaves a wife, Eilish; four sons; and three grandchildren. [GERARD J WALDRON]

### Charles Kay Warrick



*Former head, academic department of radiology, University of Newcastle upon Tyne (b 1915; q St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1940; CBE, FRCS Ed, FRCR), d 18 June 2006.*

Charles initially trained in surgery but in 1946 became first assistant to the radiology department of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, where he remained for the rest of his career. He was appointed clinical teacher in 1949 at the Medical School of the University of Durham, later Newcastle upon Tyne, becoming lecturer and head of the academic department of radiology from its foundation in 1961 until his retirement in 1980. He was a founder member of the International Skeletal Society, and his many publications on a wide variety of topics led to an honorary FRCP. He undertook committee and advisory duties too numerous to mention, including for the Royal College of Radiologists. He never married. [PETER HACKING, PHIL OWEN]

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