

Obituaries

Mobin Asghar

Virologist (*b* Lahore, Pakistan, 1966; *q* Lahore 1989), died from a brain haemorrhage on 8 December 2000. He came to Britain in 1993 to do a master's course in virology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine before returning to Pakistan to become an assistant professor in pathology in Lahore. He came back to Britain in 1996 and registered for a PhD in Edinburgh, where he worked on the pathogenesis of and immunotherapy for Epstein-Barr virus-associated tumours. In January 2000 he moved to Salisbury to take up a postdoctoral scientist post at the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research. He submitted his PhD thesis in October, but died a few days before his PhD oral examination. Shortly before his death he had decided to return to medical virology, and had obtained a specialist registrar rotation training post in the West Midlands. [DOROTHY CRAWFORD]

Sarah Jayne Clarke (née Cook)



Retainee GP Devon (*b* 1965; *q* 1988 St George's, London), died from breast cancer on 9 October 2000. Her GP training was interrupted by pregnancy and frequent moves, because she chose to follow her husband in his postings as a naval medical officer. Wherever she found herself, from Scotland to Gibraltar to Hong Kong, she always enjoyed the challenge of creating a home and the opportunities that these different experiences presented. Her work ranged just as widely, including medical officer to an international assistance company, clinical assistant in health care for the elderly, contributing to *GP* magazine and locum GP work. She had a knack of making everyone she met feel important and she had a great capacity for healing, which will remain unfulfilled. Sarah was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997, underwent several operations and chemotherapy, but

she never changed her approach to life or allowed this illness to affect her faith and belief. She also found time, particularly after her diagnosis, to develop her love of painting, exhibiting and selling her work. She leaves a husband, John, and three children. [J CLARKE, H CRAMP]

Arthur Hamilton Cook

Former general practitioner Glasgow (*b* Glasgow 1919; *q* Glasgow 1943), died from a myocardial infarction on 8 January 2001. After graduation he worked as a resident house officer in Lanarkshire before serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps in Kenya. When he was demobilised in 1946 he joined his father's practice in which his wife was already an assistant. He also served on medical boards and was active in the local medical committee. He devoted much of his spare time and energy to the church, in which he was an elder for 49 years. A quiet and gentle man, he leaves a wife, Jane; four children; and six grandchildren. [IAN MACGILLIVRAY]

Leslie Dunbar



General practitioner Dunblane 1952-87 (*b* Glasgow 1922; *q* Aberdeen 1948), died from lymphoma on 27 July 2000. The second world war interrupted his medical studies. After his elder brother was killed fighting in the Royal Air Force, Leslie, despite his reserved occupation, confounded officialdom and joined the Royal Navy fleet air arm where, in the most dangerous of professions, he flew in attack aircraft, from aircraft carriers. He entered practice in Dunblane as one of the first trainee general practitioners, and he and his trainer, Neil Fairley, later his partner, pioneered the scheme that is now the mandatory mainstay of training for general practice in the United Kingdom. He served on the Scottish General Medical Services Committee from 1968 to 1987, and was its

vice chairman, as well as chairman of his BMA division. In retirement, he was a member of the Mental Welfare Commission for four years. His interests included golf, curling, and sailing. He leaves a wife, Kate; two children; and two grandchildren. [ALAN WATSON]

Douglas George Arnott Eadie



Former consultant general and vascular surgeon Royal London Hospital (*b* 1931; *q* London 1955; FRCS, MS), died from a heart attack on 5 December 2000. In the Royal Army Medical Corps he served in Hong Kong as a junior specialist in surgery, scoring a century in cricket for the army, which included a shot into a tram window, counted as six. He returned to the London as registrar and came to the attention of Hermon Taylor, who was then pioneering arterial surgery. In 1962 he was an exchange fellow to Presbyterian St Luke's Hospital in Chicago, whose department of vascular surgery was pre-eminent: he was hooked. On return to the London he became senior registrar and then senior lecturer, and his research on transplantation of the thyroid shed light on the enigma of Riedel's thyroiditis. He was appointed to King Edward VII, the Royal Masonic, and Osborne House. He served the council of the Medical Protection Society as chairman and treasurer, and the General Medical Council from 1983 to 1988. He was master of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries in 1990. In 1974 towards the end of a long aortic reconstruction he felt some indigestion: it was the first of a succession of cardiac infarcts. Over the next three decades he underwent bypass surgery and repeated invasive investigations but always seemed to bounce back: privately he admitted it was injury time. He enjoyed fishing, shooting, and his garden, and latterly took up painting. He leaves a wife, Gillian; four children; and five grandchildren. [JOHN BLANDY]

John Robinson Imrie



Former general practitioner Torquay (*b* Wormit-on-Tay 1914; *q* St Andrews 1937), *d* 5 December 2000. In 1938, he joined the *SS Pyrrhus* as ship's surgeon. He then worked at Torbay Hospital until joining the Royal Army Medical Corps at the start of the war, reaching the rank of major, acting colonel, and serving in India and the Middle East. After the war he joined a general practice in Torquay, and at the start of the NHS he worked in a singlehanded practice until he was joined in partnership in 1955. He retired in 1974. Before this he had started as a clinical assistant in the geriatric department at Paignton Hospital. After leaving general practice he extended this to Newton Abbot Hospital, continuing until 1983. He was medical officer to the Post Office and to the Territorial Army. He was a keen member of the Caravan Club and an avid sailor. He leaves his second wife, Sheila, and two children. [MICHAEL MASON]

Valentine Logue



Consultant neurosurgeon London (*b* Perth, Australia, 1913; *q* St George's Hospital 1936), *d* 28 December 2000. He came to England in 1922 and rose to become one of Britain's foremost neurosurgeons. He trained first in general surgery, joined Wylie McKissock in Atkinson Morley's Hospital, and, after war service in neurosurgery in the Far East and further training and travel in the United States, was appointed consultant neurosurgeon to Atkinson Morley's and the Maida Vale Hospitals in 1948. In 1957, he joined the Middlesex Hospital. His academic interests resulted in his appointment as director, later titular professor, in a new department of neurosurgical studies at the National Hospital, Queen Square. A university department followed in 1974, the first university chair in neurosurgery in England. Thoughtful publications on aneurysm surgery, syringomyelia,

and arteriovenous malformations of the spinal cord testified to his rigorous clinical and operative skills. Laboratory groups in cerebrovascular disease and neuro-oncology emphasised research in the training of young surgeons. He was president of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons from 1974 to 1976. He retired in 1977, and in 1993 was awarded one of the medals of honour of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. In retirement he spent much time in Cornwall, and pursued his interest in bird watching as far as Siberia and South America. Predeceased by a daughter, he leaves a wife, Anne, and one daughter. [LINDSAY SYMON]

Stanley Farrant Russell

Former consultant surgeon Orpington and Sevenoaks Hospital (*b* 1903; *q* St Bartholomew's 1929; FRCS, DTM&H), *d* 12 January 2001. He obtained his FRCS six months after qualifying. In 1930, he and his wife, Margaret, went out to Burma, Stanley as a medical missionary. He helped to build a small hospital there, installing all the electricity himself with parts imported from England. Margaret, and the baby they were expecting, died only 18 months after their arrival in Burma. In 1942, when the Japanese invaded Burma, Stanley's second wife, Muriel, and their children, were flown out to safety, while Stanley walked through the dreaded Naga Hills—the Nagas at that time were head hunters—to Assam. He served an enormous number of refugees on the terrible trail, as well as the party of 24 of which he was a member. After being reunited with his family in Assam, he was taken on as surgeon with the Welsh Mission (Presbyterian) Hospital. He returned to England in 1947, working in the Guy's unit at Orpington and Sevenoaks, first as registrar, then as consultant surgeon, continuing after Guy's returned to London until his retirement in 1968. Stanley's unshakeable Christian faith led him to be called on to speak in many parts of the country. He was a lay reader in Rochester Cathedral for 72 years. Predeceased by Muriel a year after their diamond wedding anniversary, he leaves six children and 12 grandchildren. [MARGARET GREEN]

Jenny Margaret Verinder (née Rudge)



Former general practitioner Sheffield (*b* 1943; *q* Sheffield 1968; DOBstRCOG), died from breast cancer on December 22 2000.

When her husband, David, became a consultant orthopaedic surgeon in Worksop, Jenny stopped practising, became a justice of the peace for the Nottingham Commission and was secretary to the League of Friends for Worksop and Retford hospitals. In 1994 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. David and Jenny moved to West Cumbria in 1996. She was passionate about her many hobbies: as a student she was a faithful supporter of the Medics rugby club, both from the touch line with her loud exhortations for hapless defenders to go for the legs as they faced an oncoming line of Lomu lookalikes, and also in the bar afterwards. Her garden in Cumbria was a joy to behold, with added distractions of chickens and a dovecote occupied by Birmingham Rollers. Jenny was an enthusiastic and skilled fly-fisherwoman, and she enjoyed beating for shoots and walking the dogs on the beach. She was an excellent cook and delighted in entertaining. She leaves David and two sons. [STEVE TOMLINSON]

Peter William Wells



Former general practitioner Portsmouth 1950-70 and regional medical officer Birmingham 1970-91 (*b* 1921; *q* St Bartholomew's 1946; MRCS, DOBstRCOG), died from pancreatic cancer on 2 May 1999. He entered general practice after serving in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and completing his hospital jobs. The increasing demands of urban practice prompted him to change career after 20 years, and he never regretted the decision. His hobbies on the south coast were deep-sea fishing, hockey, squash, and caravanning, and in the 1960s he started long-board surf-riding which he continued into his retirement. Also during his retirement, he became deeply involved in local village life in the Lickey Hills. He proved an enthusiastic chorister and server in the parish churches, and was a stickler for the traditions of the Church of England. He leaves a wife, Aldyth; three children; and five grandchildren. [RICHARD WELLS]

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