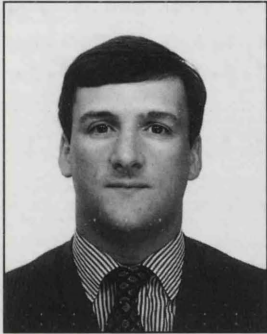


NEWS & NOTES

New Appointments Consultant Physician



Dr Colin Brown has been appointed as consultant physician with an interest in gastroenterology and started on 1st April 1996.

Dr Brown originates from Runcorn, Cheshire and went to Helsby County Grammar School for Boys before reading medicine at the University of Liverpool. He qualified in 1985 and trained initially at Whiston and St. Helens hospitals, Merseyside (house officer and first year SHO), before moving to Hope and Salford Royal hospitals in 1987.

He gained the MRCP (UK) diploma in 1988 and became medical registrar at Hope Hospital, benefiting from a broad training in general medicine and gastroenterology. He developed a keen interest and expertise in diagnostic and therapeutic gastrointestinal endoscopy, including colonoscopy and ERCP.

In 1991 Dr Brown took up a Wellcome Trust clinical research fellowship in the department of medicine, University of Manchester. He performed experiments on healthy volunteers investigating bicarbonate secretion by the human oesophagus; a putative mucosal defence mechanism which resists acid-mediated injury. These studies led to the publication of four original papers and he was awarded his MD by the University of Liverpool in 1994.

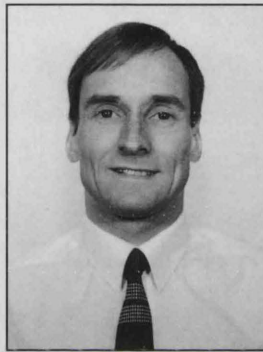
Dr Brown took up senior registrar posts at Broadgreen and the Royal Liverpool University hospitals in 1994, before moving to Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. He had experience of a highly effective, nationally recognised district gastroenterology service, with a 17-year pedigree of open access endoscopy. Dr Brown received further training in advanced endoscopy and also worked with a chest physician and two cardiologists, further developing his general experience. He gained expertise in service developments including a district dyspepsia policy, endoscopy information technology, a dedicated "bleed unit" with 24-hour endoscopy cover and provision of an acute medical admissions unit.

Dr Brown was formerly involved in the Scout Association from the ages of 8 to 21, eventually gaining the Queen Scout Award. His other main interests involve team sports, particularly rugby union. Until recently he played inside centre for Stroud 2nd XV, remaining a true amateur. He was renowned for his all-too-subtle change of pace and deft Australian sidestep! Dr Brown has been married to Sarah (formerly a district nursing sister) for nearly 10 years and they have two children, Stuart age five and Helen age three.

Dr Brown is delighted to return to the North West and is looking forward to consolidating and further developing the gastroenterology services at Lancaster and Kendal. He would

like to foster close links with physician, surgical and primary care colleagues and to develop a cohesive GI service sufficient to meet local needs into the next century. Local strategies for district-wide management of dyspepsia, inflammatory bowel disease and earlier detection of colorectal cancer are some areas for potential development.

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon



Mr Paul Marshall has been appointed as a consultant orthopaedic surgeon and will be taking up his post in May 1996.

Mr Marshall trained at Sheffield Medical School and undertook his pre-registration house officer posts at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield. He subsequently undertook his basic surgical training in the Manchester region, working at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Withington Hospital and Stepping Hill Hospital. His higher surgical training in orthopaedics was undertaken at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield and subsequently Cardiff Royal Infirmary, before his return to the northwest as a senior registrar in May 1993. He has worked at North Manchester General, Trafford General, Royal Preston, Booth Hall and Pendlebury Children's hospitals.

Mr Marshall's particular interests within orthopaedic surgery are paediatric orthopaedics and trauma and he has recently returned from a twelve-month fellowship in this speciality spent at the Royal Children's Hospital, in Melbourne, Australia. On taking up his new post a specialist outpatient clinic dealing with children's orthopaedic problems will be started in the new children's outpatient department in Centenary Building.

Mr Marshall's other main orthopaedic interest is the management of sports injuries and he would like to develop this interest further when he begins work in Lancaster and Kendal.

Outside work Mr Marshall enjoys playing team squash and he hopes that he will have the opportunity to play for the Lancaster hospitals' team in the Northern Counties league.

Mr Marshall particularly wanted to come to this area because, besides providing excellent clinical opportunities, the proximity to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales will allow him to pursue his weekend interests of hill-walking and sailing.

Miscellanea

Recent publication

All in Lancaster with a few or more grey hairs will have heard of the late Professor Patrick Sarsfield Byrne.

He was a larger than life figure who, after a career in Milnthorpe, became the first English Professor of General Practice in Manchester and then the President of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

He had a legendary skill talking money out of politicians and probably more than anyone gained funding to implement a programme of GP training that has been running for the last two decades and which many other disciplines are now copying.

He was a founder member of the Postgraduate Medical Centre Committee, a past President of the Lancaster Medical Book Club and was known in the district as a character, a raconteur and a pioneer.

His biography has been very ably written by Dr John Findlater and is now in the PGMC library and will fascinate all who knew him.

The Life of Professor PS Byrne
J Findlater
Royal College of General Practitioners 1996

Of interest . . .

Dr John Frankland, the course organiser for the Lancaster GP VT scheme for 24 years, will be retiring from the position this year. **Dr Peter Nightingale**, who practises in Bentham, has been appointed to the post and will formally take over in September.

Wednesday, 26th June 1996 at 6.30 pm
"Forensic dentistry – teeth as weapons and witness"

Dr D Whittaker, Reader in Oral Biology and Forensic Dentistry, University of Wales College of Medicine Biological Sciences Building, Lancaster University
Further details from Dr T McMillan (01524 594486)

The New Department of Anaesthesia



Dr Miles Rucklidge and Professor Cedric Prys-Roberts at the unveiling ceremony

With the opening of the Centenary building, the department of anaesthesia has moved from its 'attic' in the old part of the infirmary to new purpose-built accommodation immediately adjacent to the new theatres and the new intensive care unit. The new department has office space for the ten consultants, two secretaries and the business manager. There is also a seminar room with the department library and other educational aids for teaching the ten trainee members of the department. The new department was formally opened on 22nd March 1996 by Professor Cedric Prys-Roberts, President of the Royal College of Anaesthetists. Guests at the opening included consultants from other specialties, trust managers from Lancaster and Kendal, operating department assistants, other anaesthetists from the region and Mrs Gill Allen. In his speech the President paid particular tribute to the work of Dr Phil Allen. The Otonelli picture of Lancaster given by his colleagues in remembrance of Dr Allen was unveiled. Visitors to the new department are always welcome.

Library Matters

What's new . . .

FRCS, MRCP, MRCOG, MRCGP et al

The library now has a lot of resources to help with the Royal College exams. Book titles include:

FRCS MCQ Revision Book in Applied Basic Sciences
Case Presentations in Paediatrics
MRCOG Survival Guide

A Guide to the MRCP Part 2 Written Paper
Clinical Surgery in General – FRCS Course Manual
Notes for the MRCGP

and MCQs for the MRCP in microbiology, dermatology, cardiology, paediatrics, optics and refraction and rheumatology to name but a few.

We have also recently purchased 30 videos in the **MRCP Part II Postgraduate Training Series** produced by the University of Wales. These cover a wide range of clinical subjects for short and long cases, interpretation of x-rays, spot diagnosis and helpful hints on different parts of the exam. A full list of titles is available on request. The videos are for reference only and can be viewed in the library.

Service of Thanksgiving

A service of thanksgiving was held in Lancaster Priory on 24th March 1996, to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Lancaster Infirmary. The Vicar of Lancaster, the Reverend Canon Maurice Bartlett, welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Sir Simon Towneley, and Lady Towneley, and many existing and past members of staff in the congregation.

The Old Testament lesson was read by Dr William Hay and the New Testament lesson by Dr Wendy Dodds.

Prayers were led by the Reverend Michael Wearing, Chairman of the North Lancashire District of the Methodist Church. The sermon was preached by the Right Reverend John Brewer, Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster.

The blessing was pronounced by the Right Reverend Richard Garrard, Bishop of Penrith.