

Philip Vivian Best



Former senior lecturer in pathology University of Aberdeen, honorary consultant Grampian Health Board (b 1929; q Birmingham 1951; FRCPATH), died from prostate cancer on 30 March 2012.

Philip Vivian Best spent 30 years as a consultant pathologist to the Aberdeen hospitals. His particular interest was in neuropathology and the cerebral pathology of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. After retirement, he moved to Reading, where he maintained his interest in pathology by attending meetings at the Reading Pathological Society and grand rounds at the Royal Berkshire and Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals. His main outside interests were walking in the Cairngorms and music. He leaves two brothers.

AJ Kitching

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Hemraj Bodasing



Former general practitioner Edinburgh (b 1929; q Calcutta Medical College 1957; FRCP, DTM&H), died from complications of multiple myeloma on 7 May 2012.

Hemraj ("Bobby") Bodasing was born in South Africa but trained as a doctor in India. At Calcutta Medical College he met Anila Mehta, a fellow medical student and his future wife. The couple settled in Edinburgh, and Hemraj worked as a medical registrar in hospital before opting for a career in general practice. He was a visiting physician to Corstorphine and Beechmount Hospitals and later opened a branch practice, where he was joined by Anila as a partner. After

his retirement he had coronary artery bypass surgery and was introduced to tai chi during his rehabilitation. He qualified as an instructor, and continued to teach cardiac rehabilitation patients and others until his final illness. He leaves Anila, two children, and four grandchildren.

Neena Bodasing

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Neil Lessels Dallas

Former consultant eye surgeon Bristol Eye Hospital (b 1926; q Cambridge/St Thomas' Hospital 1951; FRCS), d 29 April 2012.

During his national service, Neil Lessels Dallas served as a major in the Royal Army Medical Corps. His ophthalmic training was at Moorfields Hospital, after which he became consultant eye surgeon at the Bristol Eye and Frenchay Hospitals, one of a team of six consultants who became renowned for practical eye surgery teaching. His most important contribution to eye surgery was as a pioneer in lens implant surgery after cataract removal. Originally decried as unsafe, the procedure is now standard worldwide, and millions of patients benefit from the natural restoration of their vision after cataract surgery. Dallas demonstrated the surgery at Moorfields Hospital in the mid-1970s and helped establish it. He leaves his wife, Gillian; two sons, James and Tim; and their families.

William Jory

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Joanna Jones



Former psychiatry specialist registrar (b 1970; q 1993; MRCP, MRCPsych), died from glioblastoma multiforme on 15 March 2012.

Joanna Jones graduated from Aberdeen University with the Anderson Prize Medal for medicine. After house jobs in Aberdeen and Perth, she completed a medical rotation in

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, passing her MRCP within 18 months. After short spells in geriatrics and general practice, her ultimate career choice was psychiatry. She trained initially in Cornhill Hospital, Aberdeen, where she was president of the junior doctors' committee, then in Shelton Hospital, West Midlands, where she was working when her illness presented.

She moved back up to her native Scotland to be near family and friends, but she was never well enough to work again. She leaves a husband, Graham, and two young children.

Jill Hepburn

Angela Beattie

Sally Martin

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David Murray



Former general practitioner and overseas doctor (b 1918, q St Andrews 1951), d 29 May 2012.

David Murray studied engineering in Glasgow before serving in the second world war as a captain in the Royal Artillery, in Iceland and the Far East. On his return to the UK, he felt a calling to do medicine. After several GP assistantships, he and his wife worked in Ghana and later Uganda. The bagpipes was a lifelong hobby that resulted in a summons to play for a state banquet (General Idi Amin was not one to be refused). The difficult political situation and family needs prompted a move back to Scotland, and David's later years were as a singlehanded GP in Methven, from 1975 until 1989. He retired at the age of 71. Predeceased by his wife, Moira, he leaves four children, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandson.

John S G Blair

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Denis Claude Pointereau

Former general practitioner and prison doctor (b 1955; q Tours 1985), d 10 April 2012.

Denis Claude Pointereau was born in Paris. In his more than 25 years of general medicine, he worked in France, Canada, and the UK. He completed further medical education and training in psychiatry, allergology, orthopaedic medicine, and ultrasound, with additional training in substance misuse and environmental medicine. In 2005 he discovered prison medicine, which had become his passion by the end of his life. At the time of his death Denis was working with the Med Team agency at HMP Wakefield. He took his own life in Peru. Denis leaves his wife, Patti; his parents; and his brothers.

Patricia Pointereau

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John Robin Pyne

Former ophthalmic surgeon (b 1939; q 1965; FRCS, FRCOphth), died from bowel cancer on 20 May 2012.

John R Pyne spent the first seven years of his life in India, where his father was stationed in the army. The family returned to the UK, and John was educated at Felsted boarding school in Essex. He trained at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London before moving to Norwich in the mid-1970s, where he worked at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, the West Norwich Hospital, and the Bupa Hospital at Colney. After retiring as a surgeon, he continued to work as a locum, conducting eye examinations for opticians. He also undertook voluntary work with the Samaritans in Norwich and also for the Fight for Sight charity in Africa. With his first wife, Judith Wheaton, he had three children. He married his second wife, Marcelle Chapman, in 1997.

Michael Pyne

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