



The Royal Society of Medicine

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Dr Jonathan Secker-Walker FRCA	1942-	Mrs Rosalind Secker-Walker	
Dr Margaret Pauline Hughes-Ward MBBCH	1933-	Miss Victoria Ward	
Dr Richard John Ward MBBCH	1928-2007	Miss Victoria Ward	
Dr George A.M. Heydon MC FRACP	1882-1963	Dr Thomas Collingridge	
Sir Terence English FRCS	1932-	Lady English	
Mr Mohammed Malik Uddin	1939-2000	Dr M.A. Rahman	
Beani Bazar Cancer Hospital Bangladesh		Dr M.A. Rahman	
Dr K. Anji Reddy PhD		Dr Patrick Doyle	
Mr Babulal Sethia	1915-1974	Mr B. Sethia	
Mr J.N. (Ginger) Wilson OBE	1919-2006	Mr Mike Wilson	
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Professor Sir William Willis Dalziel Thomson FRCP		Mr James Kyle	
Professor Ricardo Sanchez-Jimenez FRCPATH (Spain)	1907-2010	Candida Sanchez	
Dr Victor Graham Selwyn MBBS	1944-	Dr Clive R. Selwyn and Miss Nicole R. Selwyn	
Mr Kishore Gupta FRCS	1947-	Dr Tarun Gupta and Shefali Gupta	
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Dr Sayyid Azizul Haq MBBS	1933-1994	Alexandra Mills	
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Dr O.A.N. Husain MDPATH	1924	Dr Gabrieja Kojan	
Dr John Christian Tracey Church MD	1931	Mr David Blundell	
Dr Bashira A. Amin-Taha MD (Iraq)		Mr Mamdouh M. Taha	
Mr Mamdouh M. Taha MD (Sudan)		Dr Bashira Amin-Taha	
Dr Edward Stephen Woodward MBChB		Dr Richard Woodward	
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Professor John Henry FRCP	1939-2007	Dr Gillian Park	
Professor James M. Tanner FRCPsych	1920-2010	Mrs Gunilla Tanner	
Dr Reza Ghanadian FRCPATH	1940-2009	Mrs Nazi Ghanadian	Read testimonial
Mr Alan Fuller FRCS	1929-2010	Dr Geraint Fuller	
Capt (Dr) Bernie Mapstone MBBCh	1914-2010	Captain James Mapstone	Read testimonial
Dr Arnold Elliott OBE	1921-2009	Dr Paul Elliott	
Professor Bruce Sayers FRS	1928-2008	Dr Boutros Pierre Mansourian	
Douglas Thomas Gordon MD	1927-2010	Mrs Louise Gordon	Read testimonial
Mr Adam Stacey-Clear FRCS	1952	Virginia Stacey-Clear	Read testimonial
Dr Daphne Scott MRCP FRCS	1919-2007	Dr Eric Eadie	
Dr Karen Su Ying Woo MBBS	1974-2010	Mr Paul Summerfield	
Dr George Mitchell OBE	1919	Dr Shonagh Mitchell	
Mr Edward Leslie Price MRCVS	1922	Dr Nigel Price	Read testimonial
Professor James P. Fletcher FDRSRCS	1928-2013	Mrs Judith Fletcher	
Dr Melissa Goddard BDS	1967	Kristy Cunningham	Read testimonial
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Mrs Betty C.M. Tsang PhD		Dr Janice Tsang	
Dr Janice Tsang FRCP			
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Mr Andrew Wall MA	1936-2017	Professor Annabelle Mark and Robert Kiernan	
Mr Joseph S. Pecorino	1934-2017	Dr Lauren Pecorino	

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Dr Neville Samuel Finzi FACR (Hon)	1881-1968
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Panel 19 - Testimonials

Professor Jens Pindborg

Jens Pindborg (1921-1995) was Professor of Oral Pathology at Copenhagen Dental School from 1959 to 1991. He was renowned internationally for his work on oral mucosal diseases (especially oral cancer and precancer and the oral manifestations of HIV infection), and on the pathology of teeth and odontogenic tumours. An engaging and enthusiastic lecturer, prolific author, and editor of a number of dental journals, he was honoured by many scientific societies, universities and colleges, including by the RSM. His work for WHO was highly regarded and he served as chairman of the Danish Medical Research Council. Many oral pathologists sought him out in order to learn from him or work with him. He gave them untiring support with good grace, warmth and humour.

By Professor Colin Smith (29 August 2011)

Corporal Mark Wright GC

Corporal Mark Wright ,27, a paratrooper with the third Battalion Parachute Regiment, stationed in Helmand Province, Southern Afghanistan was killed in action on September 6th 2006.

Mark entered a minefield in an extraordinary attempt to save the lives of other injured soldiers where he was critically injured. Mark, despite being aware of the fact that he too had life threatening injuries, bravely and selflessly issued orders which saved the lives of four of his fellow colleagues caught in the minefield. Mark lost his life in this mine field saving others.

He was awarded the George Cross, one of the highest awards in the United Kingdom of Great Britain for acts of gallantry and humanitarianism.

In his memory, his parents have established the 'Mark Wright Project', dedicated to providing support and services to help support ex-service men and woman in overcoming post-conflict issues. More information can be found at: www.themarkwrightproject.org.uk

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,"

By Dr Francesca Lee-Mason (23 September 2010)

Dr Roscoe Cadia PhD

I and members of our management team, agree that Dr R. Cadia is a highly effective person. He can offer people an opportunity on not only how to guide but how to reach their maximum potentials, and the opportunity to explore ourselves and our impact on others and to do so by taking advantage of his sincere profound knowledge. He is unique and wonderful person to work with.

By George Duncan (10 July 2011)

Professor Michael Lee FRSE

Michael Radcliffe Lee was born 21 November 1934 and attended Manchester Grammar School. He qualified with a BA (Oxon) in 1956; BM, BCh (Oxon) in 1959; MA (Oxon) and MRCP (London) in 1961; DPhil (Oxon) in 1965; DM (Oxon) in 1970; FRCP in 1977; FRCP (Edinburgh) in 1985; FRS (Edinburgh) in 1990; FLS (London) in 2008 and became a Fellow of The Royal Society of Medicine in 2009.

Professor Lee held the following positions: House Surgeon at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary in 1959 (where he met his wife to be); House Physician to Professor (later Sir) James Black in the Dept of Medicine at Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1960; Senior House Officer to the MRC Unit in Pneumoconiosis at Llandough

Hospital, Cardiff between 1960 and 1961; Junior Lecturer in Medicine at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford between 1961-1962; Beit Memorial Fellow at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford from 1962-1965; Lecturer in Medicine at the Radcliffe Infirmary from 1965 to 1969; British Heart Foundation Fellow at the NIH, Maryland, USA from 1967-1968; Lecturer in Medicine at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London from 1969-1971; Medical Director and Managing Director at Weddel Pharmaceuticals Ltd, London from 1971 – 1973; Senior Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Leeds Medical School from 1973 to 1984; Between 1984 and 1995, Lee was Professor of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the University of Edinburgh. During the same period, he was an Honorary Consultant Physician at The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh between 1984-95.

Professor Lee is the author (or co-author) of almost 180 peer-reviewed papers on high blood pressure and renal disease; in 2003 his memoir *Stood on the Shoulders of Giants* was published by Stanhope. The 'giants' included his headmaster Eric James, George Pickering, Douglas Black and Archie Cochrane.

Professor Lee is married with one son and one daughter, he lives in Edinburgh and he supports Manchester United Football Club.

By anonymous (9 August 2013)

Panel 20 - Testimonials

Dr Phyllis Lewis MRCPSYCH

Phyllis was evacuated to a Welsh family in a mining town at an early age. On return to her parents, she attended Rochester Girls Grammar School where she got high distinction in the advanced level exams and did her medical course in University College Hospital. She married aged 21 and went into general practice with her husband until 1962 when they migrated to Melbourne, Australia while in advanced pregnancy with no relatives to welcome her. She continued her GP work with her husband and then undertook to do the psychiatry qualifications in spite of bias against women at that time, but she obtained brilliant results in her exam.

Phyllis specialised in childhood and adolescence psychiatry at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne and at the Austin Hospital, also in Melbourne, where she also did teaching and private practice, later adding medico-legal and analytic psychotherapy to her strengths. Instead of following an academic career as others at her same standard did, she preferred to concentrate on her family, friends and patients.

Phyllis was at the height of her career when she was struck down with myelodysplasia and in spite of treatment died peacefully in hospital in 1997. Her friends and family still miss her practical and caring advice freely given.

By anonymous

Dr J.S. Morley Hutchinson PhD

Dr J.S.M. Hutchinson (1932-2010), Morley to his family and friends, was an academic scientist with a particular interest in endocrinology and reproduction and was an inspirational university teacher. Described in his memoriam as a scholar and a gentleman, Morley lives on the hearts and minds of all who know him.

Morley was a good friend for many years. An academic who also had an endearing childlike quality and cheery disposition - we miss him.

By Alistair and Pat Brown (11 December 2010)

They don't make them like Morley anymore. He will be sadly missed by colleagues and ex-students.

By Professor Paul Fowler (13 December 2010)

Morley was a fine scientist, researcher and charismatic teacher of mammalian endocrinology and reproduction. His enthusiasm was infectious. Most notably he was a champion for the welfare of his students who will always remember him affectionately for helping them to launch their careers in science and medicine.

By Dr Ian Murray (18 December 2010)

Always smiling, always ready to listen to and to help his students, Morley was a real inspiration to anyone wanting to learn more about science. Students will remember him with the greatest of respect, admiration and affection. He was a fountain of knowledge and had the most remarkable gift of being able to convey the subject matter in the clearest of images. We will not see the likes again and he is sorely missed.

By Dr Barrie Seddon (21 December 2010)

I first met Morley in 1973 when I started at St Thomas' as a new clinical scientist. Morley's warmth, enthusiasm and love for his research made an immediate impact on me and encouraged me in my own work. It was a privilege to work with him again some 35 years later. He hadn't changed; still the same energetic Morley. Scientists like him are very precious and he will be sorely missed.

By Dr Mike Wheeler (23 December 2010)

Morley spent a sabbatical leave at Harvard Medical School in the laboratory of the then Dean of Dental Medicine, Dr Roy O. Greep. Morley was a valued resource for the entire laboratory for reproductive information. He was a wonderful friend and known to his colleagues as a gentleman. Morley shared a motor trip across the USA with my family and we were able to view the country through his eyes. Morley was much more than a guest in the USA and will be missed by all who knew him.

By Gordon J. Macdonald, PhD (23 December 2010)

I was staring at my computer screen through my tears as I was writing this message about Morley, a rare creature, who touched the lives of all who met him. Like all great people, he is difficult to define, but we his numerous students throughout the world, have fond memories of his enthusiasm, intellect, sense of humour, and genuine modesty. Morley was so important in my life, and I find it increasingly difficult to cope with his loss. Morley is the boss (as I used to call him) who introduced me and hundreds of others to the wonderful world of reproductive physiology. And for that we shall be ever grateful.

By Dr Majid Ibrahim (26 December 2010)

I was privileged to spend two years with Morley at Harvard Medical School. Morley's insights into reproductive endocrinology, both current and historic, aided many of us in our research efforts. Morley's sense of humour and warmth were an additional asset to our having him with us. In subsequent years, I visited with him once in the UK and once in the USA and regret my trip to Scotland didn't materialise.

We will miss Morley as both a first-rate scientist and a warm, caring individual.

By Theodore M. Jackanicz, Ph.D. (26 December 2010)

When Helen broke this news to me I just stared at my computer screen. All those years spent in Aberdeen as a student of Morley came alive. My eyes got wet as they are now while I am writing these lines. It was not only his knowledge in the field of reproductive endocrinology but also his kind and friendly nature which I always admired. His closeness with his students both intellectual and social is a rarity. My special family circumstances brought our families even closer. I will always remember him as my mentor and a friend.

By Sheikh Abdul Saeed, PhD (26 January 2011)

I was a PhD student of Morley in Aberdeen. His enthusiasm and willingness to teach and to help students were very rare. He was not just a supervisor to all overseas students in the department, he was a friend, he was a father, he was a very good listener. I remember how he made life easier for me especially during the first year of my stay in Aberdeen. His memories on almost all early experiments in reproductive physiology contributed a lot to his all students across the world. We now teach your teaching, Morley. We all miss you. Sleep in peace.

By Professor Mehmet Kuran (28 January 2011)

I was an undergraduate at the University of Aberdeen and was fortunate enough to be a student in Morley's reproductive physiology course and to be supervised by Morley for my final year project. Morley had a very special gift for lecturing and teaching. I still recall the moment when I sat in one of his lectures, utterly spell-bound, and realised what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Morley supported me in my search for a PhD and also to join the Society for Reproduction and Fertility as an undergraduate. He was an inspirational and wonderful teacher and is sorely missed. I regret not getting in touch earlier to thank him.

By Dr Suzannah Williams (9 February 2011)

Morley was part of the endocrine establishment at St Thomas' Hospital when I joined the Department of Medicine in 1971. George Prunty was head of the department of Chemical Pathology with David London (who later moved to Birmingham) as his Senior Lecturer. Morley ran the laboratory doing bio-assays for endocrine hormones (it was the very early days of immunoassays). I, like most of London, thought St Thomas' as an arrogant, self-opinionated establishment but this was before I joined the place from 'North of the river'. In fact, it was a lovely place to work and Morely was one of the people who welcomed me into my new job and made me rapidly feel 'part of the team'. A lovely sense of humour with a broad grin that was infectious. His animal laboratory was adjacent to the small endocrine/metabolic ward and the hub of the clinical unit. Sister's office was the site of much socialising and Morley was strategically placed to enjoy this. Happy days!

By Professor Peter Sonksen MD FRCP FFSEM(UK) (24 May 2011)

Morley taught me as an undergraduate in the days when Aberdeen still had a department of Developmental Biology and I remember his infectious enthusiasm for his subject. Several years later, I was delighted to become a member of staff in the Agriculture Department and found that Morley was a colleague. I felt that here was someone I could trust and learn from. His words of advice were invaluable and I only wish I had known him better. I will never forget a discussion I had about ELISA with him - he was an inspiration. Tea breaks were much more fun when he was around and I usually learnt more, be about endocrinology, the history of Old Aberdeen or other topics. But most of all, you came away knowing that you were with a thinking and honourable man. Goodbye Morley, lost but not forgotten.

Dr Eunice Allan-Atkins (5 June 2011)

Dr Reginald S. Churchward MBCHB

I have honoured my uncle, Dr Reg Churchward, mainly because of his unselfish and devoted practice as a medical missionary in Kerala, South India, and subsequently as a GP in Poole and Grimsby. This work was carried out with great humility, and in a way that demonstrated practically his deep Christian faith.

He was an inspiring role model to me as a young medical student, and in 1971, when I did my elective at the Tiruvalla Medical Mission, which he helped establish, I was astounded at what he had achieved, with practically no resources other than his own drive and initiative.

In later years after his return to the UK in 1960, I sought and valued his wise, calm and considered advice on several occasions. He is remembered fondly, not only by his large extended family, but also by his colleagues and patients all over south India and in England.

By Dr W.S. Hislop FRCP (11 January 2011)

Reg Churchward grew up in Falkirk, Scotland, moving to Edinburgh shortly after his father died in 1917. He was educated at John Watson's school, and after the 1922 Empire Settlement Act was passed, he went, aged just 15, along with many other boys from the UK, to New Zealand to seek a new life there working on a farm.

It was while on his second farm job that he had a deeply religious experience, and felt the call to work in India as a doctor. He returned to Scotland in 1931, where he sat the entrance exams, matriculated and entered Edinburgh University to study medicine. After graduation in 1937, he worked in hospitals in Edinburgh and the London area, where he learned about a small hospital at Tiruvalla, in Travencore, South India, that needed a doctor to take over and expand it as a Mission Hospital.

After Prime Minister Chamberlain declared “peace in our time”, Reg set out for India with his new wife, Sylvia, in January 1939. He worked temporarily at a Leprosy Hospital near Bombay for 15 months before moving south to Tiruvalla. Here he took over the hospital and land donated by the founder, and set about designing and building extensions to the hospital to increase the bed compliment from 16 to 60.

Despite wartime constraints, particularly after the Japanese attack on nearby Ceylon in 1942, he worked without any fixed salary, expanding TMM (Tiruvalla Medical Mission), and opening three branch hospitals each of about 30 beds, over the ensuing six years. A nursing school was started soon after he took over, together with teaching of pharmacists, and technicians in basic pathology in order to start a small laboratory. He also developed expertise in treatment of snake bite, the commonest medical emergency, which met a great local need. The hospitals became known as centres of clinical excellence, attracting patients from well outside the immediate vicinity.

He had a furlough in UK in mid 1948 before returning to Tiruvalla in 1950 to continue his excellent work. Modern X-Ray machines were added soon after he returned from Britain. He remained at the hospital until April 1960, when he returned to the UK for family reasons. By this time the hospital had 200 beds, and a very professional staff.

The hospital was the first in the state of Kerala (formerly Travencore) to have an Intensive Care Unit, opened in October 1978 by the Minister of Health. When Reg and his wife returned to Tiruvalla for that occasion, nearly 20 years since he left, they were mobbed by well-wishers.

To this day the hospital is still known locally as the “Sahib’s hospital”. It is now staffed by Indian trained surgeons and physicians, and boasts 300 beds. Nurses are trained to B.Sc. with a new M.Sc. block opening soon.

On return to UK in 1960, after a period covering locum work around Dorset, Reg joined Dr James Scott in partnership in General Practice in Grimsby in January 1961. Both men originated from Scotland, and also shared a deep Christian faith, that was a vital part of their partnership. He remained in general practice in Grimsby for the remainder of his working life, continuing single handed after the death of his partner in 1968.

He was well respected by his peers and by local consultants for the accuracy of his diagnoses and the high standard of his referrals for specialist intervention and advice.

He finally retired from medical practice at the end of 1977 to live in Devon, where he enjoyed his lifelong passion for gardening to the full.

By Peter Churchward, Mary Hirst, Judy Gracey and Susan Ensor (13 January 2011)

Professor Corrado Frati MD

Dear beloved Dad, you are always in my mind, into my heart. I always pray for you and I always keep your eyes into my eyes, your voice into my voice and your breath into my breath. With love, Riccardo.

By Riccardo Frati (10 March 2011)

Dr Reza Ghanadian FRCPATH

We will all miss Reza for his generous nature, his courage, his leadership, his decisiveness, and most of all his love and kindness to everyone. You will always be in my heart. The gap you have left behind will remain with us for the rest of our times.

By Ali Ghazinoori (1 February 2011)

I love you so much dad, best friend and will always stay that way.

By Cyrus Reza Ghanadian (1 February 2011)

There is no word to justify the huge loss of our beloved Reza. We will always cherish seconds and moments we were granted to come so close to such great man who touched our hearts with his precious qualities. He will be in our hearts, always.

By Shahnaz Tidy (2 February 2011)

Capt (Dr) Bernie Mapstone MBBCH

Bridget Bernadette (Bernie) Mapstone née Noone MBBCh BAO – Physician and General Surgeon.

Born 10 February 1914 in Ahascragh, Co Galway, Ireland. Educated at the village school and Taylor’s Hill Convent, Galway, she was awarded a scholarship to study medicine at Galway College at the National University of Ireland, where she qualified in 1940 as MBBCh BAO. Unable to accept the offer of specialist surgical training due to the death of her mother (she needed to help her family of four sisters and a disabled brother), she joined Galway Centre Hospital as resident obstetrical officer, followed by a year as senior house physician and surgeon in 1941.

In 1942 she moved to England as assistant in a coal mining area practice and in 1944 to a family practice in Middlesex.

Being basically adventurous and wishing to see the world, she joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1946, finding herself the only woman in training at the Corps Depot, Aldershot. After nine months examining men posted abroad, she volunteered for service overseas and was posted to the Suez Canal Zone and then to Tripolitania. Her posting order omitted the “Miss” after her rank, and she was posted to 1st Guards Brigade as M.O. of the Brigade Field Artillery Regiment. This caused consternation as there was no female accommodation, so she moved to Base Military Hospital, Tripoli, and was put in charge of the Area Casualty Station at the Grenadier Guards Barracks. As the only female service medical officer in North Africa, she faced many difficulties and some embarrassment but overcame these with her strength of character and pleasant disposition.

She completed her short service commission as Captain in 1949 and spent 1950 as assistant in general practice until a young Royal Engineers officer, who had met her in Tripoli, proposed to her and they married in 1951. Bernie worked as assistant schools’ medical officer in Coventry until the birth of her daughter in 1954, and then part-time for Essex County Council until the birth of her son in 1956.

Her husband, a water engineer, joined the Colonial Service and the family moved to Nairobi at the end of 1956, where Bernie became Assistant City Medical Officer until 1958, when her husband was posted to Nakuru, Kenya’s third city. Just after arrival in Nakuru, the City Medical Officer of Health died suddenly and Bernie was asked to take over the post temporarily. She was responsible for all health-related duties in the city, including running a local maternity hospital, which she carried out until the family was posted back to

England in 1960.

Nakuru was located on the edge of a shallow hot brackish lake which was the breeding ground of large mosquitos, and which contained no fish. Bernie tackled the mosquito plague by collecting a tank full of fish from a hot soda lake 200 miles to the south and introducing them carefully into Lake Nakuru. There they thrived and cleared the lake of mosquito larvae within two and a half years.

The family drove to Cape Town and sailed back to the UK, where they stayed in Anglesey, with Bernie concentrating on her children and just doing occasional surgeries until her husband obtained a post with the South African Government in 1963.

Bernie obtained a post at the joint Casualty Surgery at the Transvaal Provincial Hospital where the repair of stab wounds was a major task. Female medical officers were very rare in South Africa at the time, and she became the first woman to be appointed as a District Surgeon. As one of six District Surgeons covering the Pretoria area, she shared responsibility for all aspects of government medical interests, including investigation of all aspects of crime, supervision of all statutory examinations, medical care to the police and giving expert evidence in court on behalf of the government, where local lawyers found that to query her evidence was usually counterproductive. Although entitled to the issue of a gun, she preferred to travel unarmed, accompanied by her faithful Labrador Retriever.

She thoroughly enjoyed this work and life in South Africa but her children left for the UK in 1973, her daughter to university and her son to 6th form college. As she felt unhappy at being 6,000 miles apart from her children, she returned to the UK in 1974 where she became a Clinical Medical Officer with Surrey Area Health Authority until being compulsorily retired in 1979. She became voluntary medical advisor to SSAFA/ Forces Help until reaching 90 years of age in 2004. In 2006 she developed breast cancer, had problems with treatment, and age-related dementia attacked her in 2008. She died in January 2010.

By Captain James Mapstone (10 October 2011)

Douglas Thomas Gordon MD

Dad your medical acumen was unsurpassed and you had an unshakeable ethical approach to your patients. You also had a special sense of humour which I miss a lot!

By Anna Bizo (7 November 2011)

Mr Adam Stacey-Clear FRCS

Adam is married to my godmother Virginia, so I have known him as a kind and generous man for some time but I also know him as a brilliant surgeon. Adam operated on me when I was eight years old and suffering from appendicitis. As far as I am concerned, Adam saved my life, and I now have what must be one of the most invisible, tiny appendectomy scars in existence. He was calm, reassuring and fantastic at his job, and I will always be very grateful to him.

By Miss Camilla Clark (18 October 2012)

A message from Eve. We will never forget your kindness and support during a cancer scare. Your thoughtfulness and sensitivity shone through. Your professionalism was comforting and reassuring. In a modern hospital world these qualities set you apart. We will always be grateful to you but more importantly we are proud to call you a special friend.

By Julia Cuthbert (18 October 2012)

I can't thank you enough for your kindness, generosity and your superb surgical skills. You really went out of your way for me, and my family and I really appreciate everything you have done. With best wishes.

By Melissa Fegan (19 October 2012)

You are a true gentleman and your confident and calm manner was a great reassurance during my treatment. Where would I be today without you. Thank you.

By Fiona Boxall (19 October 2012)

Quite simply "The Best". Adam Stacey-Clear saved my life, he is a lovely, caring man and a brilliant surgeon. I am proud and delighted to be able to comment on the special occasion.

By Ann Wright (19 October 2012)

Mr Adam Stacey-Clear saved my life in January 2010, and for that I will be eternally grateful. I think about him all the time, and we talk about him often in admiration. Not only is he an amazing surgeon, he is also kind, considerate, caring and thoughtful. I doubt if I will ever be able to repay him - however I do hold him in extremely high regard as my hero and idol.

By Helen Parker (19 October 2012)

I have known Adam Stacey-Clear for over fifteen years and during all of that time he has been extremely kind, thoughtful and caring. Apart from being a brilliant surgeon, for which I am hugely grateful, he has been a great support to me and I count myself really fortunate to have been looked after by him - and he always makes me laugh!

By Jenny McMullen (19 October 2012)

Adam Stacey-Clear is an exceptional doctor; a kind and gentle man who inspires total confidence, for which I have been very grateful.

By Lorraine Hodgson (19 October 2012)

Not only is Mr Stacey-Clear an outstandingly remarkable surgeon, he is also an extremely warm, caring and compassionate human being. He is a man in a million.

By Joy Spittles (20 October 2012)

When your world collapses and fear sets in, Adam was there to give me strength with his wonderful warm approach, simple explanations of surgery and treatment and follow up. Adam is so special because he cares about every patient and time with him is not a problem and you know he is on your side and there for you, — also it's great to talk about French and fishing! Thank you Adam.

By Pat Hewett (22 October 2012)

I feel lucky to have been referred to Mr Stacey-Clear for my surgery earlier this year. His gentle, considerate manner inspires trust and I have benefited greatly from his skilled and professional care.

By Liz Nissan (23 October 2012)

I cannot begin to describe my admiration of and gratitude to Mr. Stacey-Clear. His highly regarded reputation was known to me, so when I was diagnosed with breast cancer I was so relieved to be referred to him. He proved to be everything I had heard but more so. A superb skilled surgeon with a sincere caring bedside manner. A real gentleman. I cannot praise him enough. I remain eternally grateful to him. P.S. He always laughs at my Ken Dodd jokes!!

By Diane Morgan (23 October 2012)

I am very grateful to Mr Stacey-Clear for the care and support he has given me since I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001. He is an excellent surgeon! My scars are barely noticeable! He is always caring and considerate. I consider myself extremely lucky to have been under his care, without him I probably wouldn't be alive to write this!

By Pat Ryder (26 October 2012)

Being diagnosed with breast cancer at 28 turned my world upside down. Mr Stacey-Clear made me feel like an individual, he genuinely cared. His skills were highly apparent as medical staff often commented on how neat and concise my scarring was. Thanks to Mr Stacey-Clear, 11 years later I remain clear of cancer and have three beautiful children. I can't thank him enough.

By Tina Devlin (28 October 2012)

Like so many others I owe my life to Adam Stacey-Clear. I cherish the years that I have been able to spend with my family thanks to this brilliant surgeon. Few people can say that they save lives every day that they go to work yet Adam Stacey-Clear does just that in a quiet, unassuming and modest way and his gentleness, compassion and skill shines throughout. He is also a true gentleman, unfailingly courteous and devoted to putting patients at ease. I am so lucky to have been referred to him. Thank you!!

By Kathryn Hibbert (29 October 2012)

Just a few words of thanks to Adam Stacey-Clear for his help during my illness. His kindness along with his skill and considerate caring manner is so very much appreciated. With thanks and best wishes from Denise Uphill and all my family.

By Denise & Paul Uphill (29 October 2012)

I would not be here today to write this comment had it not been for the knowledge and brilliance of Mr Stacey Clear. Five years ago, he worked tirelessly to find the cause of my medical problems, which he admitted was 'a bit of a challenge. His care and concern for me was paramount and his skill and professionalism is second to none. How do you thank a modest man for saving your life? I can only hope that he is aware of my profound gratitude and that of my family. Mr Stacey Clear, thank you for everything.

By Gill Sadler (29 October 2012)

I met Adam Stacey-Clear during a period of high stress and anxiety. Whilst giving clear and concise information he tempered this with his easy manner and great compassion. His skills as a surgeon have given me far horizons. Thank you.

By Jan Burton (30 October 2012)

It is extremely difficult, if not impossible to explain the qualities of Mr Stacey-Clear, he is quite unique and indeed without equal. We have both been fortunate to have been placed in his care and there is no doubt that the fact we are able to pay tribute to him is entirely down to his professional skills and on-going support he has given us.

When our 'world fell apart' first with my diagnosis and then with Shirley's, Mr Stacey-Clear was there to reassure us, provide explanation of treatment and gave us both the necessary confidence to overcome what were 'very dark days'.

We cannot thank you enough; you are a brilliant surgeon, a real gentleman and friend.

By David & Shirley Pelham (30 October 2012)

My yearly appointment seems rather like a meeting with an old friend. Mr Stacey-Clear is a most charming gentleman whom I have complete trust and confidence in.

By Ann Westers (30 October 2012)

I would like to thank you for your dedication to your profession and the wellbeing of your patients. You have the gift of being able to look at the 'whole picture' and treat each person accordingly, with compassion and great care. I hold you in great respect, not just for your abilities as a surgeon but also for the very reassuring, courteous manner in which you conduct your consultations. Congratulations and best wishes.

By Brenda Koppers (31 October 2012)

I have known Mr Stacey-Clear now for some years, and as a very nervous patient I can't thank him enough for his kindness and compassion. He always has time for a little chat and put me at ease. He is a true gentleman.

By Linda Strbac (31 October 2012)

Mr Stacey-Clear is an excellent surgeon and a wonderful human being. In the very difficult moments of my illnesses, he was reassuring, very positive and very kind. I have no doubt that the difficult paths I went through was made much easier with his help. Both my husband and I have established a very good rapport with him over the last 15 years we have known him and it has been a privilege to have met him.

By Martita Manrique (31 October 2012)

Mr Stacey-Clear is an 'extraordinary' surgeon and gentleman in the true sense of the word. He always no matter how busy he must be gives 'extra' time, kindness and understanding. He inspires confidence and trust, and I feel that he probably has no idea of the difference that he makes in so many lives, not only his patients, but the knock-on effect for their families too! I am truly grateful for all that he is and does, and always with a smile. Thank you!

By Barbara McNaughton Khattri (1 November 2012)

It is a great privilege to be given the opportunity to say a very big thank you to Mr Adam Stacey-Clear for saving my life 12 years ago. He treated me with compassion, kindness and reassurance throughout a very traumatic time in my life. He is a true gentleman.

By Gwyneth Hyett (1 November 2012)

Mr Stacey-Clear is patient, kind, understanding and an example to all consultants. He is incredibly professional. I have been many times now to see him and he always reassures me. He has given me peace of mind and honesty during times of concern. Thank you.

By Suzanne Hammerton (1 November 2012)

Mr Stacey-Clear is an amazing surgeon and I feel very privileged to have known him. He was a perfect gentleman who showed great care throughout my treatment and beyond. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to a very lovely man.

By Marjie Forbes (1 November 2012)

I am delighted to have this opportunity to express my gratitude to and admiration for Mr Adam Stacey-Clear on the occasion of his 60th birthday. He is one of the kindest, most empathetic men I know. His calm reassurance, professional confidence and expertise helped me greatly through my treatment for breast cancer in 2010 and he thoroughly deserves the praise and thanks recorded on this wall of honour. Many happy returns!

By Andrea Thomas (1 November 2012)

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all of your care and compassion that you have shown us over the past eight years. For your surgical skill I am truly grateful but your gentle approach to each consultation has helped us through the early traumatic days to the now reassuring yearly appointments. We both send out thanks and our very best wishes to you.

By Susan and Peter Worth (1 November 2012)

Mr Adam Stacey-Clear is a very kind, gentle, considerate and caring man.

By Penny Jennings (1 November 2012)

This is the man who has made an impact on so many people's lives, "Simply the best" fits here. Adam you saved my life in 1994, you are a wonderful surgeon, impeccable manners, your bedside manner is second to none. I am proud to know you and you will always be my friend.

By June Kelly (1 November 2012)

It is indeed an honour for me to say thank you Mr Stacey-Clear for my treatment for the past eight years. Your kind, calm, understanding and confident manner has always given me confidence too that everything would turn out well. I feel I have been a very lucky lady to be introduced and then treated by you. Thank you.

By Carole Walker (1 November 2012)

Not only did you save my life you did so with great professionalism, and humour! You made me feel that you really cared for my future recovery and that indeed I WOULD recover and for that I will always be grateful. You are one of life's true gentlemen and a great surgeon - you also have a wicked collection of ties! Have a wonderful 60th and thank you from us both.

By Marianne and Bill Tarbuck (2 November 2012)

I am so lucky to have been treated by you. Your calm and confident manner has always made me feel that all will be well. My last operation has made a world of difference to me so I am more than happy to have this opportunity to say a very big thank you.

By Christine Harding (2 November 2012)

When we first met, Mr Stacey-Clear's patience and empathy helped to ease the panic of early diagnosis and I felt complete confidence in his skill and integrity. When my mother was later referred to him, I know that she felt exactly the same confidence. I have trusted him absolutely throughout our acquaintance and have come to regard him as an old friend.

Many congratulations on the significant birthday and on this well-deserved honour.

By Liz Fogarty (3 November 2012)

Mr Stacey-Clear is a genuinely kind and caring gentleman as well as a brilliant surgeon and an outstanding consultant. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be under his care and it's great to have this opportunity to say a massive 'thank you so much' for helping me get through. Thank you.

By Natalie Kinnear (4 November 2012)

I have known Mr Adam Stacey-Clear for eight years as patient and he has also inspired me in my own career to diversify to working with those that experience hair loss. I would like to thank him for his professionalism and for his kind caring manner which instilled a belief to recover and gave me so much strength. He was always willing to answer my questions or worries and fears, no matter how silly they seemed at the time.

By Anne Price (4 November 2012)

Well, where do I start to say how much I owe to you! Since being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006, you have been there for me and my family every step of the way. You have had the pleasure of operating on me several times now and I can never thank you enough for the four hours you took to make sure I had the best cosmetic result possible following my mastectomy in 2010 (after the nasty stuff as you call it returned). I also remember how you 'stalked' round the hospital looking for the best tape so when my stitches came out, it wouldn't hurt. You are a truly lovely, kind man - without you, my children would have lost their mother at a young age. You have always treated me with dignity and given me the strength to carry on. Please do not retire!!! You are a star.

By Sue Dabrowski (4 November 2012)

Well, all I can say is thank you, you were a great comfort to me at a very hard time in my life. As you say to me every time we meet, you will never forget me, likewise I will never forget you. Thanks again.

By Ynne McCaffrey (5 November 2012)

I have known Mr Adam Stacey-Clear for eight years as patient and he also inspired me in my own career to diversify to working with those that experience hair loss. I would like to thank him for his professionalism and for his kind caring manner which instilled a belief to recover and gave me so much strength. He was always willing to answer my questions or worries and fears, no matter how silly they seemed at the time.

By Anne Price (5 November 2012)

When I was referred to Mr Stacey-Clear eight years ago his calm and reassuring manner eased a lot of my panic after a sudden diagnosis of breast cancer. His clear explanation of surgery and follow up was great and had to be patiently repeated many times! He is a lovely man to return to each year. Thank you.

By Sheila Surgeoner (5 November 2012)

My first meeting with Mr Stacey Clear was stressful especially when he told me I had a lump. The atmosphere changed when I replied "Well you found it, now you get rid of it" which made him smile. From that point we have had a great positive relationship, which helped me back to health. I will always be thankful for his help and skills.

By Mrs Rene Neal (5 November 2012)

What a great pleasure to send best wishes and a happy birthday to Mr Stacey-Clear. Thank you for all the help and understanding you gave me during my treatment 11 years ago.

By Christine Harvey (5 November 2012)

11 years ago, I faced a diagnosis of breast cancer. Mr Stacey-Clear was most reassuring: "You will live to see your grandchildren" he said. I am so happy to tell him that just last week my little grandson Theo was born! It is Mr Stacey-Clear's skill and care that have kept me here and I do so thank him for it.

By Susan Newman (5 November 2012)

I was not exactly delighted to be diagnosed with breast cancer (obviously!) but then I would not have met the delightful Adam Stacey-Clear. Not only a skilful surgeon, but a kind, compassionate gentleman who has supported me through every step of the journey helping me to remain positive throughout. Every cloud does have a silver lining! So thank you.

By Dr Helen Dorrell (6 November 2012)

I have thought of many comments to write something flippant about how young we were when we first met, how well we have survived the ravages of the years and how the years have flown by. With the constant reassuring support, you have given me each year since we first met, I soon realised that they all had something in common - time and this is what you have given me. Time to spend with my brilliant beautiful family for which I shall remain eternally grateful. Thank you.

By Helen Sheridan (6 November 2012)

I have known and worked with you as your Breast Care Nurse for the last 15 years and it has been a real privilege. Your stitching skills are second to none! Professionalism, kindness and compassion are synonymous with your name which is reflected in the confidence patients have, knowing they will benefit from your expertise and receive the highest standard of care. There is no finer person to work with.

By Carole Hughes (6 November 2012)

Words cannot express how I feel. I just would like to say 'Thank You' for the last eight years of my life that you saved.

By Annette Rainbird (6 November 2012)

I would like to take this opportunity not only to say what an outstanding surgeon and consultant Mr Stacey-Clear is but that he is a real credit to his profession. Mr Stacey-Clear is also one of the kindest, patient and most compassionate of gentlemen (one in a million), to whom I am extremely grateful for all his help and understanding. He is a shining example to all consultants. Once again, a very BIG THANK YOU.

By Marion Wilson (6 November 2012)

I would like to thank Mr Stacey-Clear for his extraordinary surgical skill and genuine kindness and calm manner. He has left me feeling like a woman still. Thank you and Happy 60th birthday. It is an honour to be able to thank you here!

By Maxine Hamilton (11 November 2012)

It is wonderful to acknowledge Mr Stacey-Clear who I first met 13 years ago when my sister was your patient. For the last 10 years you have looked after me and I have always known and felt you were determined to ensure my nieces Olivia and Claudia have their auntie around as they grow up. They are now 14 and 16. I feel you have a unique quality in making me feel that you truly care, you never rush, really listen to any concerns and always make sure I am reassured. You know how I feel and you know my fear. You have made such a difference to my life and I thank you. Wishing a Happy 60th birthday. You deserve to be honoured.

By Sheila Beesley (18 November 2012)

17 years ago, almost to the day Mr Stacey-Clear operated on me for breast cancer. The fact I am now on a 3-month gap time working for a charity in India, and having the time of my life, is totally down to this wonderful man, being the consummate professional, but also being the most wonderfully caring and gently supportive surgeon. Over the last 17 years I have popped back to the UK each year for a check-up, but mainly to reaffirm our bond. He is just utterly lovely and brilliant.

By Jacqueline Desvaux de Marigny (21 November 2012)

You are without doubt the most caring, understanding and supporting gentleman we have ever had the pleasure to meet even though it was under difficult and trying circumstances. From our first meeting your reassurance and extreme kindness has made this whole experience bearable. Your help referring us on to an excellent oncologist was, and is, very much appreciated. You are a truly talented individual and we will always be eternally grateful to you.

By Samantha and Duncan Waters (22 November 2012)

I met Mr Adam Stacey-Clear in September 2000 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I cannot thank him enough for saving my life. I am always a little anxious when I have my yearly check-up but thank God, I am still 'clear' with Mr. Stacey-Clear. Thanks a million. Happy 60th Birthday.

By Val Halton (24 November 2012)

I first met Mr Stacey-Clear 10 years when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. His reassurance and calmness was indeed very comforting during a very stressful time. As a surgeon his skills are marvellous the scar is barely visible. I saw him only a week ago, he always greets you as a friend rather than a patient. I feel very fortunate to be looked after by such a considerate, caring person.

By Osalie Maitland (27 November 2012)

What an amazing and thoughtful sixtieth birthday present you have just been given. It is so apt that beneficiaries of your skill, kindness and empathy to sympathise with others' troubles, have had the opportunity to write their thanks and feelings. I am truly grateful for all you have done for me in the last seven to eight years. Thank you so much.

By Jean Clark (1 December 2012)

Thank you Mr Stacey-Clear for your brilliant skill as a surgeon and your wonderful, reassuring manner. It is a privilege to have been treated by you and I will always be grateful. Thank you.

By Judy Wright (24 December 2012)

It was my good fortune to be referred to you in 1995 when it quickly became obvious that I was in the hands of a talented, skilled surgeon but above all a warm, kind and caring human being. My family and I owe you a huge debt of gratitude for the care and reassurance you have shown over the past 17 years. Many congratulations and best wishes.

By Eileen Stone (29 December 2012)

This is a wonderful opportunity to thank Mr Stacey-Clear from the bottom of my heart for his wonderfully caring and reassuring expertise in treating my breast cancer. He promised me he would "do a good job" on my scar, and sure enough he did! He has been so supportive and has always made me feel that I have not been a bother with my many questions. I thank him sincerely.

By Sue Melton (12 January 2013)

Mr Stacey-Clear has a unique gift; since a successful breast cancer operation 10 years ago, through his gentle kindness and compassion he has always reassured me. My whole family and I are so grateful, merci.

By Renee J. Cowling (19 February 2013)

The term 'Your life in the hands' has become synonymous with the medical profession in recent years. In the case of Mr. Adam Stacey-Clear I can say from my heart that there are no safer hands in which to place your life and he has my eternal gratitude for saving mine. Thank you so much.

By Rosemary Northcott (21 March 2013)

My wife (also a healthcare professional) told me how fortunate I was to be referred to Mr Stacey-Clear, and as always, she was absolutely right. Throughout my care - I was diagnosed with a growth, later confirmed as a tumour on my thyroid - he was kind, courteous and thoroughly professional. He also did a bloody good job removing the offending growth and setting me on the path to recovery. A gentleman and a scholar, thank you.

By David Schofield (14 October 2014)

I was honoured to be referred to Mr Stacey-Clear. His surgical skills are without doubt exemplary, my successful operation and small scar are testament to that after he removed a growth the size of a cooking apple. But as with so many comments listed here, it is his personality that makes the difference. In a very large and somewhat overwhelming sea of health care, Adam is a very large but most of all caring fish. Keep up the good work, save lives, continue to inspire your patients, and keep on landing those big fish Adam!

By Graham Hall (21 October 2014)

I had breast cancer many years ago. I still visit Mr Stacey-Clear once a year, just to keep an eye on me. He is the most softly spoken gentle man you could probably wish for to take care of you. On my last visit he said to me “your glass is always half full” and to be honest if it wasn’t for him my glass would have been totally empty 14 years ago. So as far as I am concerned, he is a very special man and I was very lucky to be referred to him when I needed comfort and reassurance as well as surgery because with Mr Stacey-Clear you get the full package.

By Linda Whiteley (6 February 2015)

I was lucky enough to be referred to Mr Stacey-Clear when I spotted a tiny dimple under my right breast in the spring of 2013. Nothing whatever showed up on a mammogram, nor on an ultrasound. However, a tiny anomaly showed on an MRI scan. It proved to be a cancer. His kindness and thorough care are the reason I’m still here to enjoy my three grandchildren. I go back annually for a check-up, to be met with his cheerful person every time. The epitome of a brilliant surgeon.

By Ann Heaps (24 October 2017)

I first met Mr Stacey-Clear in 2005 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I was immediately reassured by his calm, efficient manner and had surgery within a few days. I still see him for an annual check-up and both my husband and I are met with a smile and a handshake. Mr Stacey-Clear has that rare gift of treating us as if we are the only people who matter and I am not ‘just another patient in the clinic’. ‘Thank you’ seems so inadequate to say to a skilled surgeon and caring gentleman but it is the only means I have of showing my gratitude - thank you Mr Stacey-Clear.

By Ms Angela Bramhill (31 October 2017)

I originally had breast cancer in 2009; Mr Stacey-Clear performed a lumpectomy. I had a course of radiotherapy and went back to him annually for check-ups. All was well until earlier this year when it was discovered that I had a recurrence; this time it was invasive, and after all that time, it came as something of a shock. I really appreciated the fact that Mr Stacey-Clear took the time to call me at home as soon as the results were through. He was calm, reassuring and cheerful and his manner inspired confidence.

This time a more radical approach was necessary, involving a mastectomy and LD flap reconstruction; he understood the need for information and discussion before surgery commenced, and the partnership between himself and the breast care nurse meant that I felt fully prepared and ready for what was ahead. His experience and professionalism is clear from all of the above comments; what enhances this though is his personal and empathic approach. It makes for a winning combination!

By Ms Hilary Bush (31 October 2017)

Mr Adam Stacey-Clear has removed two breast lumps for me - firstly in 2011 and more recently this year. On both occasions he has put me entirely at ease about the procedure and I have felt that I have been in the best hands possible. It is so reassuring to be seen by a consultant who has so much knowledge, experience and expertise. He has such a lovely manner and has never at any time made me feel I am wasting his time,

despite me once mistaking my rib for a breast lump! He has a wonderful empathy with patients which I think is reflected in all the comments on this wall.

By Ms Fay Burns (31 October 2017)

10 years ago, I was referred to Mr Stacey-Clear - how lucky was I! I fell into the low percentages as I was young, there was no family history and it hurt so the likelihood was that the breast lump was nothing. Yet Mr Stacey-Clear ensured I underwent all the necessary testing and said he would call me with the results the following day at 6pm. I wasn't going to hold him to the 6pm but at that very time the phone rang. "It's naughty" said Mr Stacey-Clear in his calm and caring manner "and I can operate tomorrow". But I was going on holiday the next day and really wasn't mentally prepared for an operation (I'd never had one before). Mr Stacey-Clear completely understood and told me to go on holiday, rest up and come back fit and strong for the time ahead - a positive mental attitude would be far more beneficial.

Mr Stacey-Clear removed the lump and referred me to the top man, Professor Ian Smith, at The Marsden for chemo and radiotherapy treatment. I was diagnosed with Triple Negative breast cancer and 10 years later I'm still here!

I go along with my husband to see Mr Stacey-Clear every year. My husband has a chat with Mr Stacey-Clear about cricket and I undergo my examination. I never feel apprehensive going to see Mr Stacey-Clear as whatever he might tell me I know he'll be honest and make sure he does the right thing by me. Then oddly I was lucky a second time.... I noticed a lump in one half of my thyroid. Guess who was the best person to remove it? Mr Stacey-Clear! Thank you Mr Stacey-Clear for being so good at taking care of me, and my husband.

By Mascha Rorison (31 October 2017)

I found a lump in my left breast in August 2016. I was referred to Mr Stacey-Clear and after tests he confirmed my suspicions as breast cancer. This is news that is horrifying for anyone to hear and I'm sure horrible to tell anyone too. Mr Stacey-Clear broke the news in such a way that I felt total trust in him and that I was in safe hands.

Following my mastectomy which he performed I was in hospital for a few days and on one of his rounds I fell apart, but even confronted with what I can only imagine was an almost hysterical woman he remained so kind and reassuring and wasn't rushed at all. He has gone above and beyond for me when BUPA would not approve a scan, he spoke to them and sorted everything. In essence he took away all the stress of dealing with a difficult situation which was unbelievable.

To sum up, I would not have wanted to hear the news he had to give me from anyone else and his skills as a surgeon were wonderful. He made the most terrifying time as easy as he could and I would recommend him to anyone.

By Mrs A.J. Pilbeam (31 October 2017)

I was lucky to have been referred to Mr Stacey-Clear for my surgery earlier this year. His gentle, considerate manner inspires trust and I have benefited greatly from his skilled and professional care. I have been under his care three times now for surgery and for six months and then yearly checks. He really is such a gentleman so kind and understanding. I cannot praise him enough. Going to an appointment is always a worrying time but as soon as he takes my hand, I know I am in very safe hands. Thank you.

By Ms Linda Wright (31 October 2017)

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2013. To say I was terrified is an understatement. I was so lucky to have been under the care of Mr Stacey-Clear. Right from the start of my subsequent treatment, I could not have had a kinder, gentler and more caring person to be treated by. I found Mr Stacey-Clear to be utterly professional, and at the same time kindness itself. I cannot praise enough the absolute integrity and dedication of this wonderful consultant. I knew very little about breast cancer, and I was reassured and informed very kindly.

I am still under Mr Stacey-Clear's care, and I can honestly say I feel so fortunate to be in his care. In my opinion he is just brilliant! I am so glad I have had this opportunity to sing his praises, and to thank him from the bottom of my heart.

By Ms Jennifer Thomas (31 October 2017)

I underwent a surgical procedure in July 2017 in the care of Mr Stacey-Clear. I found the experience of care very professional, honest, respectful and was given clear and informative information throughout. Mr Stacey-Clear was very approachable in an extremely stressful period of my life, and managed my anxiety levels very sensitivity.

Following the surgery, I received a high level of care and on discharge I was very happy with the outcome. I have been left with an incision site where I had a tumour removed, the scar I have been left with is so tidy and neat. Thank you, I am sincerely grateful for the care I received.

By Mrs Caroline Brett (10 November 2017)

This year has been extremely difficult after being diagnosed with a rare cancer resulting in two operations within six weeks. Mr Stacey-Clear explained everything very clearly and answered my many questions. I can contact him at any time, knowing that nothing is too trivial.

He is an extremely kind and caring surgeon and consultant. He took the time to call me (even though he was away on a fishing trip) to deliver some very good news as he knew how worried I was. I am now in the clear and have a follow up appointment with him in the next couple of weeks which strangely I am looking forward to. It feels like I'm going to see a friend. Thank you so much for caring and understanding.

By Ms Julie Fryer (10 November 2017)

We were in deep, dark, uncharted waters last summer with an unimaginable breast cancer diagnosis. Terrified. Until we met Adam. Who confidently and calmly said he would make everything better. From that moment onwards I knew I was in good hands. He moved quickly. Like I was his only patient. No stone unturned. Surgery was faultless. The neat scare is fading fast. 16 months on I am recovering well. He fixed me, just like he said he would. For that I will be forever grateful. My husband and I enjoy seeing Adam for regular check-ups. Always caring, composed, knowledgeable full of reassurance and never without a jazzy tie.

By Ms Paula Goodburn (10 November 2017)

I would like to take this opportunity to say what an outstanding surgeon and a kind and compassionate man you are. It has been a great privilege to know you. All the best for the future and please never retire!

By Ms Dawn Heron (16 November 2017)

Adam's care has always been kind, caring, personal, totally professional and, in dark times, good humoured too - following all the careful discussion and excellent guidance over my treatment, I asked Adam if I would still be able to play racquet sports after surgery; Adam replied with appropriate gestures: "Pull ups could be tricky, and archery may be a no-no, but otherwise you'll be fine!"

This was the perfect encouragement for me, and in the hands of such a brilliant surgeon, I have been able to carry on with all my sporting hobbies, including now being Ladies Captain at our golf club with a single figure handicap, an ambition unexpectedly achieved. After two separate cancers in successive years, and now with nine years all-clear behind me, this is a long overdue and huge thank you to Adam, to whom I am eternally grateful.

By Mrs Tessa Wishart (23 January 2018)

At the end of a long journey of tests and scans, I was referred to Mr Stacey-Clear to have a parathyroid removed and hopefully cure my hyperparathyroidism. He was personable, knowledgeable and had a professional and relaxed manner that would put the most anxious patient at ease.

There were some minor complications with the surgery (it wasn't the parathyroid that the scans suggested) but Mr Stacey-Clear persisted and he successfully found and removed the offending gland, and I am now completely cured. His method of using titanium clips looks initially gruesome but five months later, the scar is barely noticeable.

By Mr Jeff Carr (31 January 2018)

When my whole world came crashing down in late September 2017 it was Adam Stacey Clear who held my hand and said: "Claire we will get through this". Mr Stacey Clear stepped in and organised urgent scans and more biopsies, sadly my diagnosis went from a lumpectomy for one tumour to mastectomy for three tumours and lymph nodes. My husband James and also my family will always be eternally grateful for not only his exemplary surgery but most importantly his compassion and support – even when he was on holiday fishing we received an updated telephone call. Mr Stacey Clear, thank you, that terrible day in clinic and then the day of surgery you helped James and myself, there are insufficient words to thank you and your team.

By Claire Powell (3 April 2018)

Mr Edward Leslie Price MRCVS

Mr Edward Price is possibly the only nonagenarian veterinary surgeon to join the ranks of the Fellows of the RSM. Having had a distinguished career as a large and small animal practitioner, he continues to carry out research and to correspond knowledgeably about a wide range of diseases in both animals and humans.

By Angela Konarzewski (3 March 2013)

An Edinburgh University graduate in Veterinary Medicine, Edward soon established a thriving country practice in Shropshire. However, the Foot and Mouth outbreak in the 1960's led him to upsticks and move to London where he became veterinary surgeon to the Hendon Police Training College as well as establishing a host of celebrities as clients.

Edward has enjoyed a lifelong thirst for knowledge with a particular fascination in the field of infectious diseases. He has written extensively on the risks of transmission of animal diseases to human beings especially in regard to wildlife.

By Dr Nigel Carsley Price (6 October 2013)

As a boy growing up in the countryside of Shropshire, I remember watching, with admiration and fascination, as my father performed operations including the removal of barbed wire lodged in the rumen of a cow and the caesarean section delivery of puppies in obstructed labour. In later life his continued interest in diseases communicable to humans from animals, particularly TB, has been impressive and inspiring.

By Dr Robert Carsley Price (8 October 2013)

Dr Melissa Goddard BDS

Melissa Goddard has consistently proved to be an exceptional committed dentist with outstanding skills and passion. One of her greatest achievements is the establishment of a multi-award-winning private practice where great emphasis is placed on the evolution of patient relationships, establishing rapport and engendering trust. She has made great strides in treating particularly anxious patients and has also spent time in Cambodia, treating orphans and street children who are HIV positive.

Her patients find her dedicated and ward, and we as a team have found her to be an inspiring leader, recruiting and developing our careers to become individual accolade winners in our own right. We have nominated Dr Goddard in order to highlight her “uniqueness” as a clinician and also to recognise her drive and dynamism, such as being the first dentist in the UK to achieve Fastbraces Master Affiliate Status.

By Kristy Cunningham (30 April 2013)

Dr Peter David Phelps FRCR

Born 22 May 1939, died 7 February 2002 (aged 62)

Former Director of Radiology at the Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital and Consultant Radiologist, Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry.

Peter Phelps qualified as a doctor in 1962 at Charing Cross Hospital and began training as an ear nose and throat surgeon in Oxford. Having gained his surgical qualification he discovered that his hearing was deteriorating rapidly and he was forced to retrain in radiology, where his interest in ENT (which originated from his family’s business manufacturing surgical instruments) continued. He studied ENT Radiology with Dr Glyn Lloyd at the Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital, the start of a long association which continued after his move to Coventry in 1974 to take up a consultant post at the Walsgrave Hospital. He eventually took over as Director of Radiology at the Royal National, as well as being an honorary consultant at Great Ormond Street, until ill-health forced his reluctant retirement in 2000.

Peter became an international authority in his field and lectured widely. He was the author of two books and numerous chapters in textbooks, and his output of scientific papers was prodigious; his research included the identification of a new form of genetically linked deafness. Difficult cases from all over the country were sent to him since it was recognised that nobody else had his unique knowledge derived from both surgery and radiology.

During his adult life Peter had to cope with deafness and ill-health but he never let it interfere with his enthusiasm for his work and other pursuits. In 1997 he underwent a cochlear implant operation which restored some of his hearing and was of great benefit to him. Since he was a specialist in imaging for cochlear implants, he was unique in both receiving and providing this type of treatment, and took enormous pride in being a member of both the cochlear implant “users” and “doers” groups.

His main interest outside his work was vintage cars for which he held a life-long passion; he owned and maintained three at the time of his death and regularly competed in hill climbs and rallies, believing strongly that the cars should not be merely museum pieces. At weekends he cut a somewhat eccentric figure in his oily overalls and few of his fellow vintage car enthusiasts were aware of his eminence in the sphere

of medicine. Peter's achievements were recognised by the posthumous award of the Walter Jobson Horne Prize for his services to ENT Radiology.

He is survived by his wife (a general practitioner) and his daughter and son.

By Jean Butler, secretary at the Radiology Department at the Horton (1963 to 2015)

I acted as his secretary when he attended for half day screening sessions at The Horton General Hospital in Banbury during his training as a radiologist at The Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford, until he took up his first Consultant post in Coventry.

He had a system set up in his office with two phones, one which I would answer and repeat the conversation to Dr Phelps who would lip read, and then he would answer the caller through the other phone. Although he could not hear them, he liked to speak to people directly, especially when ordering spare parts for his cars! As you can imagine this led to some hilarious conversations on occasions!

His huge passion for vintage cars was very much in evidence even in those early days. Often staff coming and seeking an opinion on an x-ray asking "Where is Peter?" inevitably were asked to wait whilst someone ran out into the car park to 'bring him back' from under the bonnet of his beloved car, or even on occasions under the car itself, with him returning to x-ray rubbing his hands on an oily rag and grinning from ear to ear; especially if he had made a 'motor diagnosis'. He was 'one of the boys' and was much loved and admired by all our hospital and departmental staff.

By Rosalind Phelps (23 September 2014)

Dr Arthur Morgan Spencer FRCPSYCH

Dr Arthur Spencer, a consultant psychiatrist, died at his home at Malvern on 11 May 1979. He was 71.

Arthur Morgan Spencer was born in 1907, the sixth of seven siblings in a working-class family, brought up in Port Talbot, South Wales. He qualified in pharmacy at Bath and later graduated BSc at Cardiff University while practising as a dispensing pharmacist. During this period, he was a very active Baptist, and was recognised as an accomplished preacher. He became attracted to medicine and while a medical student at Bristol University secured several prizes. He qualified in 1937, winning the gold medal for surgery.

He held resident posts at Bristol then specialised in psychiatry, training at Whitchurch, Cardiff, and Banstead. Later he was deputy medical superintendent of St David's Hospital, Carmarthen, for nine years before his appointment as Medical Superintendent of Powick Hospital, near Worcester, in 1950. Even by the standards of the day, the 1000-bedded asylum was in a bad state, run down and impoverished, with a defunct heating system.

Arthur Spencer was a pioneer and innovator in numerous ways. During his period of office at Powick, he transformed the hospital from the old-fashioned type of locked doors and restraint to the modern conception. At his instigation, the high brick wall around the sprawling hospital was knocked down and men and women patients were integrated where appropriate. He was particularly interested in psychiatric rehabilitation and, being mechanically minded, he devised a number of labour-saving devices for use in the units he created. These developed into the St Anne's Orchard Rehabilitation Unit at Malvern, a satellite of Powick Hospital, where patients were trained to maintain themselves in the community.

The 1950's saw the first wave of neuroleptic pharmaceuticals capable of treating psychosis, such as chlorpromazine, with at times near miraculous effects on patients, enabling many long-term inmates to be discharged. A schizophrenic patient who had spent years in a catatonic stupor, standing for hours on end immobile in the hospital corridors, was treated and regained the faculty of speech. Asked by Dr Spencer what he had been thinking about through his long years of silence, he replied: "Nothing, absolutely nothing."

Dr Spencer's retained interest in pharmacy no doubt contributed to his development of a research unit for LSD therapy, opened in 1958, where he worked alongside Dr Ronald Sandison who was his deputy. The programme came to an abrupt halt in 1965 when concern about the unsupervised use of LSD by counterculture youth in America caused the manufacturer to pull the plug without warning on drug supplies.

He co-authored papers on LSD, and also published a paper on insulin coma therapy that contributed to the re-evaluation and disuse of that treatment. He wrote a popular nursing textbook on anatomy and physiology.

"In 1968 Powick Hospital featured in a controversial edition of "World in Action", a leading British television documentary series, showing [long stay] elderly patients of Ward F13 being left soaking in their own urine. The programme also featured other notorious examples of how the institution 'cared' for its [long stay] patients in overcrowded conditions without dignity or privacy in contrast to Dr Arthur Spencer's initiatives in updating and modernising the hospital. In the World in Action programme, Dr Spencer speaks of having to take the decision, as Medical Superintendent, to spend the limited funds available on acute rather than chronic care. The shocking revelations of the Ward F13 programme contributed to Powick being amongst the first wave of mental hospitals selected for closure in favour of community care developments. Acute admissions ceased in 1978 and the last patients were discharged in 1989." (From YouTube.)

The loss of the LSD programme, the local outcry of criticism that Ward F13 inflamed, together with personal scandals amongst Powick Hospital staff and the very great shortage of funds for patient care made his last years at Powick particularly challenging, although the results of his planning during his term of office were reflected in the opening of a psychogeriatric unit at Newtown Hospital, Worcester, which occurred after his retirement.

He was instrumental in starting the Samaritan movement in Worcester. He was a foundation fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and a president of the psychiatric section of the Birmingham Medical Institute. An active member of the BMA, he represented the division at the ARM and was chairman of the Worcester and Bromsgrove Division in 1967.

Dr Spencer retired in 1972 but continued in a part-time capacity as consultant psychiatrist to St Margaret's Hospital, Great Barr, and Coleshill Hall Hospital, near Birmingham, and he was visiting psychotherapist to HM Prison at Long Lartin, near Evesham. He also served in the National Hospital Advisory Service, specialising in assessing psychiatric hospitals. Although in failing health after a minor heart attack, his indomitable courage and his passionate interest in psychiatry enabled him to fulfil his wish to die in harness.

His main interest outside his work was classical music, and he made his own recordings, but he was also interested in the theatre and was one-time chairman of the Malvern Theatre Association. He had also held the presidency of the Malvern Welsh Society, which he regularly attended.

Dr Arthur Spencer was a man of determination, dedicated to his work. When he saw a need he persistently and firmly, but gently and courteously, pursued it until the objective was attained. He was a charismatic and popular man, even-tempered, pragmatic and wise, with an ever-present sense of humour and a warm presence.

He was a devoted family man and left a wife Joan, who died in 1987, and a son and daughter. His daughter, Jean Elizabeth Spencer, became a psychiatrist in her father's footsteps, retiring from an NHS consultant post in general adult psychiatry in 2010.

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Additional information is contributed by Dr Spencer's daughter, who enrolled her father in the RSM Wall of Honour.

By Dr Maya Spencer