

Annual General Meeting of Oral Surgery Club of Great Britain
Old Thorns Hotel, Liphook, Hampshire
5th November 2015

1. Apologies were received from 35 club members.
2. President welcomed two new members who were in attendance for their first meeting: Manolis Heliotis, Mahesh Kumar.
3. Minutes of last meeting Lattimer Place, Bucks 6th November 2004. There were no errors of fact.
4. Matters arising: there were no matters arising.
5. Announcements:
 - a) Deaths: Barrie Evans, John Gorman
 - b) Resignations from OSCGB: Mark McGurk, Loz Newman, Keith Webster.
 - c) Retirements from active NHS practice: Malcolm Bailey, Nick Baker, Mike Davidson, John Rowson.
 - d) It was reported that there were seven available places for active members in the club and the committee recommended that the following persons be invited to join: Malcolm Cameron, Jamie Coombes, Mark Devlin, Chetan Katre, Doug Kennedy, Neil Mackenzie, Steven Walsh. This was accepted by the meeting and the secretary will write to invite them to become members.
6. OSCGB Rules: The Honorary Treasurer asked the AGM to formally agree that there would be 55 active members within the club. He also requested that the AGM agree that the accounting year would begin in the future from the 1st October. The AGM agreed unanimously.
7. Honorary Treasurer Report: The Honorary Treasurer projected the Oral Surgery Club Accounts, which were healthy. He reported the club was in a good financial state. He was particularly pleased to note that President (Mick Gilhooly) had secured significant sponsorship for his home meeting at Latimer House.
8. Honorary Secretary Report: The Honorary Secretary reported that there were 48 active members at the time of this AGM with seven new members to be invited to join. There were 73 honorary members of the Oral Surgery Club. He reminded members to inform him of any change of address, email, and of retirement from active practice in the NHS. Jon Hayter would begin his duties as Honorary Secretary following this meeting.

9. Honorary Members Report: David Patton reported that he had received no communications from any of the honorary members with any specific problems in the last year.
10. It was noted that it had previously been agreed that Iain McVicar would be president in 2016/17 and Stuart Hislop would be president in 2017/18.
11. Committee 2015/16: The Committee would be as follows Tim Mellor President, John Hayter Secretary, Andy Brown Treasurer, David Patton Hon. Members Representative, Iain McVicar President Elect, Mick Gilhooly Immediate Past President, Andrew Sadler Archivist, Peter Ramsay-Baggs and Steward Hislop.
12. New President Mick Gilhooly handed the Semmelweis Medal to Tim Mellor and he was inaugurated as the new President for 2015/2016.
13. Future Meetings: Tim Mellor announced the meeting that the overseas meeting next year would be in Madrid on the 5th and 6th May 2016. Professor Julio Acero had kindly agreed and was honoured to be selected, as the host for the overseas meeting in 2016.

Iain McVicar will be holding the home meeting in Nottingham on the 10th and 11th November 2016. At the present time his overseas visit is to travel to Dharwad, India in 2017.

14. Any other business: There was no AOB.

Barrie Evans.

It is a great personal honour to pay tribute to Barrie Evans, having known him for over 30 years as a colleague, and more importantly, a friend.

Barrie was born into a family of celebrated Australian jockeys in India in 1946. He qualified in dentistry from the University of Sydney in 1970, but after two years working in practice, he travelled to the UK to join the Oral Surgery Department in Cardiff. After ingratiating himself with the locals, he was accepted into medicine and graduated from the Welsh National School of Medicine in 1981. After Senior Registrar posts at Southampton, Odstock, St. George's and the Royal Dental Hospital, and a 6-month period in Sri Lanka honing his surgical skills, he was appointed as a Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in Southampton in 1986.

Barrie's greatest contribution to our specialty came from his expertise in the anatomy and surgery of the skull base and orbital skeleton. He was a founder member of the British Association of Skull Base Surgery in 1992, and established a co-ordinated skull base and craniofacial service within the Wessex Neurological Centre. He published and lectured throughout the world, and developed seminal protocols for the management of craniofacial injuries with his maxillofacial and neurosurgical colleagues. His legacy in Southampton and for Maxillofacial Surgery in the UK endures to this day.

Barrie made an enormous contribution to our specialty, culminating in an extremely successful presidency of our National Association in 2009.

We all know of Barrie's great surgical prowess, but he was so much more than this. He was a man who dedicated himself to his patients. He was a surgical trailblazer; an innovator; an inspirational leader; a medical author, but above all, Barrie excelled as a surgical trainer and as a teacher, and the number of people to have benefited from Barrie's time and expertise bears testimony to this. I sat through many of Barrie's presentations and lectures, witnessing him first-hand performing in an area in which he had no peers.

Barrie was funny and entertaining, but never failed to be informative and insightful. He was always happy to spend long hours helping and coaching trainees at whatever stage in their training, inspiring them in the furtherance of their surgical careers. There are many people here today who owe much to Barrie for their subsequent achievements.

Barrie made work fun, dodging NHS bureaucracy and internal politics with consummate ease, doing what he did best: treating patients. He said to me numerous times that he never went to work, he was just having fun with his mates.

Outside of work, Barrie was dedicated to Christine and their family. He loved pacing the common with his dogs. He kept himself fit by running and swimming. He read widely and had a great knowledge of many obscure areas ranging from his love of history to an encyclopaedic knowledge of horse racing.

Who will ever forget his smiling face, the multi-coloured bow ties—hand tied, of course—the small round glasses he loved so much, a remarkable ability to have no money when queuing at Costa, an abysmal sense of direction, an uncanny talent to lose his keys or telephone with repetitive ease, a unique taste in music and, of course, a memorable lack of political correctness.

Barrie's life ended suddenly, and while his life was foreshortened, he died at a time when he was happy and fulfilled. Barrie's death will leave a huge void in all of our lives, but the memory of his triumphs and successes as a world renowned maxillofacial surgeon is the legacy that he leaves behind.

Nick Baker

Barrie was born to Australian parents, in India, in 1946. He went to school in India but was the wrong size to follow the career of his father and both his grandfathers. They had been both been jockeys. There seemed little doubt at first that the young Barrie would follow in the family tradition, but he was judged to be too big and his professional life would have to take a different direction

His family was one of the small number, which had dominated racing in Australia since the 19th century, one grandfather William (Bill) Evans rode the winner of the Melbourne cup in 1907, on a horse named apologue. I looked up the meaning of apologue. Not surprisingly, as similar to parable, the apologue is a tool of rhetorical argument used to convince or persuade.

Does that remind you of Barrie's wit and powers of persuasion? It is perfect that his Grandfather's horse should have this name.

I should explain about the Melbourne cup to those who don't know. This is Australia's major annual race - very much like our Grand National, only on the flat. The whole nation stops for Melbourne cup day. The race is worth about 1 million to the winning connections. So for his family to have such a close connection is a very high accolade in Australian sporting life.

Horse racing was a connection that Barrie and I had in common. We would meet from time on the lawns of Goodwood, him as always wearing his flamboyant bow ties of course. I have had a share in several racehorses over the years. One called Aaimtoprosper and the best horse I have ever owned, excited Barrie when I told him Aaim had an early entry in the Melbourne cup. He never got as far as the final declarations but Barrie and I have a very physical connection over Aaim – he tells me I broke his ribs with a Mellor hug!! We were in Lubijana, Slovenia of all places in 2010. Barrie was a delegate on a facial aesthetic dissection course, which I was teaching on. That of course sums up Barrie again – during his professional life he never stopped wanting to learn new techniques and seeking new knowledge.

But to return to my horse - Aaimtoprosper was running at Newmarket in the Cesarewitch handicap – a famous British race worth about £80,000 to the winner that year. I was devastated not to be in Newmarket and searched the internet for TV coverage of the race in Slovenia, to no avail. So picture the scene if you will – Barrie and I are listening into the commentary together in my hotel room, on my phone. The reception was hardly good, I wasn't sure my horse had won but when Barrie confirmed what I thought I had heard I apparently hugged him so hard that his ribs hurt for days. We then went for a celebratory dinner on the Adriatic coast that evening, about a 100 mile drive from Lubijana.

Following early years in England, India, Hong Kong and Australia, he qualified in dentistry from the University of Sydney in 1970. After 2 1/2 years in general dental practice he travelled to UK to join the Oral Surgery Department in Cardiff. He graduated from Cardiff in 1981. Another connection I have in common with Barrie. Senior registrar posts followed at Southampton, Salisbury, St George's and the Royal Dental Hospitals with 6 months spent in Sri Lanka. Barrie was appointed consultant oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Southampton in 1988.

A gifted clinician and surgeon, a diligent researcher, he was a sought after teacher and Trainer. Barrie always had time for anybody at any level. His juniors absolutely loved him and Barrie never lost the joy and fulfilment in helping in their development. He knew everyone at the General from the porters to the chief exec and they all looked upon Barrie as a gentleman to emulate.

Barrie's special contribution to OMFS came from his expertise in the anatomy and surgery of the skull base and orbital skeleton. His passion for anatomy is demonstrated by his love of the sphenoid bone. He has been heard to say in a lecture that "if there was a bone to make love to it would be the sphenoid bone".

Barrie Evans made an enormous contribution to his profession. He was an outstanding ambassador for our speciality at home but especially abroad and he really made a difference

to the way we all look after our patients. This success has been underpinned by his boundless enthusiasm, his charismatic personality and perhaps in no small way, the great support of his wife Christine, whom he first met when she was a theatre sister in Cardiff in 1974.

Outside his profession he had a passionate interest and knowledge of the history of horse racing, bloodstock and breeding as you have heard. He was a member of the Australian Jockey Club. I and several of you here today, spent a very enjoyable evening with Barrie at the Jockey Club in Newmarket, learning about the history of British horse racing. If you were to choose a man to be castaway with, on a desert island, it would be Barrie. Life would not be dull.

Jazz music was a passion of Barrie's. I learnt about his musical interest with Christine and my wife Lin when we spent a magical evening in the Greenwich village, New York at the famous jazz club called the Village Vanguard. Lin and Christine thought we were being taken for dinner at a plush New York club. But this was Jazz music in a basement, without the smoke of yesteryear, but with such life and volume. The star attraction was a trumpet player making his first return to play in public for about 10 years. He was obviously high on something illegal. This became very obvious when he managed to take his trumpet to pieces and drop it on the floor, as he was called to the stage, but he gave a virtuoso performance eventually!! I can also recall the laughter we had. as we taken on a taxi ride down 5th avenue in the early hours by a taxi driver who thought he was Lewis Hamilton.

Unfortunately, Barrie showed an unhealthy support of the Australian Cricket Team. I'm wearing my MCC tie today in deference to that association. Barrie, I am leaving here today to travel a few miles to the Ageas Bowl to watch the first one day international between our two countries. Barrie you will be in my thoughts, all day to today, as I watch those men wearing the baggy green, which you were so proud of.

Barrie we all miss you but will love your memory and cherish it forever. Rest in peace – but if you get any tips you can send down to me here.....

Tim Mellor

John Montgomery Gorman MDS, FDS, FFD 12th October 1929 – 18th November 2014

John Gorman was appointed as a Consultant in the Northern Ireland Plastic and Maxillofacial Service in June 1960. He had qualified in Dentistry from Queen's University, Belfast in 1953. This was then followed by House Surgeon appointments in Belfast and Brighton and registrar posts in Belfast and East Grinstead. During this time he completed his Master of Dental Surgery at Queen's University, along with Fellowships of the Royal Colleges of England and Ireland.

At the time of his appointment the unit was based at The Throne Hospital and there he joined Roy Whitlock who was to be his colleague for many years. They worked well together developing a regional service which still serves Northern Ireland. His passing marks the end of the era of the Consultant Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgeons who worked at The Throne Hospital. The unit moved to The Ulster Hospital, Dundonald in 1970 to be in a district general hospital with a greater range of services available. In addition to his time at The Throne and Ulster Hospitals John had clinics in the Waveney Hospital, Ballymena (latterly in

Antrim Area Hospital) for the Northern Board, Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry for the Southern Board and in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, where he also had an in-patient operating list. This meant a full and busy week with a lot of travelling, not helped by being on-call one in two for emergencies. The emergency work took in the time of the “Troubles” in Northern Ireland adding to an already busy workload. John had been in the Territorial Army for many years and so had an interest in ballistic injuries. He had fine surgical skills and enjoyed the challenges that trauma surgery presented. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than getting the result “just right” to give the patient the best outcome. He applied that principle to all his life, be it work, his recreation and especially for his family.

John went to school at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution where his interest in rowing started. At that time he was involved in scouting, enjoying camping in some of the many large estates found in Northern Ireland, and here he developed his love of the Ulster countryside. When he went to Queen’s he continued his rowing, being captain of the Rowing Club in 1950-51 and rowing bow the next season in the first Queen’s crew to win the Irish Senior Championships. No mean achievement.

1956 he married Jane and they had three children, Dermot, Lesley and Anne. They made a great family, doing many things together, but especially enjoying their holiday home in Whiterock, close to the shores of Strangford Lough where John could indulge his passion for sailing which was engendered by his friend and fellow surgeon, George Emerson. John loved racing his River class yacht and many colleagues including John McGimpsey, who later was a joint owner, joined the crew and marvelled at the competitive side of John’s nature on the water and enjoyed the after race craic. John and Jane made Whiterock their permanent home after his retirement in 1991, moving from their house in Belfast. Together they had developed the garden; selecting many plants which they enjoyed showing to their many friends when they visited, while pointing out the magnificent views over the Lough.

All through his working career John contributed to the training of many junior staff and followed their careers with a keen, personal interest. He was a supportive colleague, not only to fellow hospital consultants, but to many general practitioners and trainees for whom he was the man to go to for help. He also served as Dental Tutor for the Northern Ireland Postgraduate Council, BDA Central committee for Hospital Dental Services and on the Central Dental Advisory Committee to the Northern Ireland Department of Health. At The Ulster he took on the role of Lead Clinician for Maxillofacial Surgery after the retirement of Roy Whitlock in 1983 and in this made every effort to promote the unit.

John had a love of classical music and opera, not always shared by the theatre staff on a Friday, when Radio 3 replaced Radio 2! He would go to concerts locally and in England and with Jane particularly enjoyed Glyndebourne. He was widely read in both classical and military history, enjoyed art and had a fine collection of nautical scenes and maps adorning the walls of his home. Travel was another passion which was meticulously planned.

Jane sadly died in 2000 leaving him without his life companion. In true John Gorman style he carried on. His activities were restricted after major cardiac surgery in 2011 but he continued to be involved with and supporting his family and five granddaughters. He never lost interest in his friends, liked meeting them and asking them into his home for a glass of wine.

John Gorman was a gentleman to the end, not only in immaculate appearance, but in the way he treated everyone, be they family, friend, colleague or patient. Many, including this author who was a trainee, colleague and friend with John, have reasons to be grateful they knew him.

I should like to thank Dermot Gorman for his help in writing this obituary.

Richard Kendrick