

**Minutes for the Annual General Meeting Oral Surgery Club of Great Britain. Thursday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 18.00 hours Purbeck Suite, Highcliffe Marriott Hotel, Bournemouth**

President John Hawkesford in the chair. 28 members were present.

Apologies for absence

A Babajews P Banks P Bramley A Brown J Cawood M Corrigan G Cheney S Dover P Earl P Egyedi G Emerson B Evans S Fisher J Gorman J Hamlyn I Heslop R Juniper C Kerawala P Leopard Peter J Lowry P McAndrew M McGurk D McGowan A McLennan M Morton L Newman H Obwegeser S Olley D Koppel D Patton T Quant P Ramsey Baggs N Renny J Rowson C Rowse H Sailor M Wake J Williams P Weller B Woodward

Announcements

The President announced the death of members Ben Fickling, Tony Sear and Peter Clark.

John Bradley drew attention to the obituary of Ben Fickling, written in the British Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, BJOMFS 45 (2007) 351-352, written by Mark McGurk. He said that Ben Fickling was the most senior member of the club. He was elected in 1953 and was President in 1973/74. John described him as a grand old man of Oral Surgery and reported that he had been examined by Ben in the FDS examination; he was a gentleman and scrupulously fair. He was a kind and generous colleague and could be the life and soul of a dinner party. We had been most fortunate to have him as a member of the club.

Ken Lavery gave a short appreciation of Tony Sear. He had fond memories of him when he had been a Dental student. He had encouraged him to take up Oral & Maxillofacial surgery at the beginning of his career. Lawrence Oldham spoke warmly of Tony Sear in the later stages of his life.

The President acknowledged the obituary of Peter Clark in the British Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery written by Peter Banks BJOMFS 45 (2007) 263-264. Nick Renny who was unable to attend the meeting wrote:

*It is with regret we record the death of Peter Clarke in February this year following a short illness at the age of 79 yrs. Peter was a long standing and influential member of the Oral Surgery Club and did much to foster international relations and education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He grew up in the West Midlands, except when sent to boarding school during World War I, and qualified first in Dentistry and then Medicine at Birmingham. He was called to national service in 1952 and maintained a life-long interest in the armed forces as a member of the TA, receiving a TD and eventually becoming Honorary Colonel to 252 Highland Field Ambulance Medical Corps on his eventual retirement.*

*He initially trained in London and became Senior Registrar at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead before taking up the sole Consultant Post in Oral Surgery in Aberdeen in 1961 at the age of 33. He developed a formidable reputation as clinician and medical politician, holding a variety of additional regional and national appointments. He is remembered particularly for developing postgraduate education in Oral surgery at a time when postgraduate education was in its infancy. There are still dentists who remember seeing virtuoso performances of lingual split removal of wisdom teeth performed by Peter in his heyday. Peter's courses were also fondly remembered for more than this however, such as mandatory visits to Aberdeen fish market at 4am followed by a run and swim in the North Sea before breakfast. He was awarded the OBE in 1980 for his services to Dental Education.*

*He is also remembered for promoting the Sagittal Split mandibular osteotomy in the UK, at a time when it was considered by some to be dangerous, after meeting Hugo Obwegeser in the 1960s, with whom he formed a life-long friendship. They shared a common love of shooting and in the days before bleeps/mobile phones ghillies would be posted on the hill to wave white flags from miles away if Peter was summoned to work. Peter would*

*always proudly display his latest hunting trophy in photographs at every opportunity and word has it that his dining room wall had to be specifically structurally engineered to support the enormous weight of shooting trophies, complete with a moose head 9 feet across. Peter not only played hard but worked hard and rose to become President of BAOMS and held numerous other appointments. He retired in 1990 and continued to live in the country just outside Aberdeen with his partner Mabel, enjoying shooting and other country activities and regularly continuing to visit the maxillofacial department socially, often dispensing sage advice, before a short illness ended his full life. He is survived by his 3 children.”*

## Minutes of last meeting: Newcastle 16th November 2006

The minutes of the last meeting were read; there were no matters arising.

### Hon Treasurer's Report & appointment of two Auditors.

The Hon. Treasurer spoke to his report which was distributed. He reported that last years meetings were exceptional but that the club was now short of finances and that we had been overdrawn for a short period. We were now back in balance but only of £1500. This was insufficient to make an advance to incoming Presidents for expensed incurred in advance of their meetings.

A decision was made to increase the annual subscription to active members to £35 and that there would be a surcharge of 10% to those attending meetings to increase the reserve. David Barnard in his capacity as the Honorary members' representative on the committee was to write to Honorary members to ask if they would be prepared to make a one-off donation to the club of up to £50.

### Hon Secretary's Report

*We now have 48 active and 61 honorary members of the club.*

*54 members and 18 accompanying partners attended the meeting in Newcastle on Tyne, hosted by John Hawkesford, on the 16th and 17th November 2006.*

*On Thursday after the annual general meeting members and partners attended an informal dinner in an elegant room in the hotel.*

*On Friday morning, 17th November, after breakfast a coach transported members to the Tomlinson Teaching Centre at the Newcastle General Hospital for the Scientific Meeting.*

*After the introduction, John introduced a series of his colleagues who were mostly personal friends who demonstrated Newcastle to be at the forefront of medical research and clinical excellence.*

*Following the scientific meeting, Professor Thomas Kreuzsch gave a short presentation introducing Hamburg and his Department, where he would be hosting John's overseas meeting from 2nd May to 5th May in 2007. Thomas hoped we would attend and that this would lead to further exchange visits.*

*During the scientific meeting the ladies enjoyed a comprehensive tour of Newcastle and the Northumberland countryside.*

*Following the meeting, members returned to the hotel by coach and in the evening were transported to the Jesmond Dean House Hotel for an excellent formal dinner in the grand dining room. The ladies accompanied Barbara and Julia Hawkesford to Amers Restaurant in Jesmond for an excellent meal.*

*On Saturday a group of 23 members and partners had a tour around Newcastle. We then proceeded to John's home in Stocksfield, where we were treated to an excellent buffet lunch, returning afterwards to the hotel.*

*27 members and 12 accompanying persons attended the meeting in Hamburg. Most arrived in the afternoon or evening of Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> when a small reception was organised in the hotel and we were greeted by our President John Hawkesford and our host Professor Thomas Kreuzsch.*

*The following morning we were collected from the Hotel by coach and taken to the Asklepios Klinik Nord/Heidelberg where we were divided into groups according to our interests and were invited to join Thomas and his colleagues in the operating theatres where we were able to witness a variety of clinical cases.*

*In the morning the accompanying persons were met by Evelyn Kreusch and taken on a comprehensive city bus tour.*

*Following our day at the clinic we returned to the hotel by coach and in the evening were entertained by Thomas and his colleagues to dinner in a large glass walled elliptical room at the top of the Tower at our Hotel with views across the city.*

*After dinner we set off for a tour of the adjacent Reeperbahn led by two guides. Later we were escorted around the streets by a young lady stopping at places where there used to be buildings which contained clubs where the Beatles had once performed in the 1960s. She was very knowledgeable about the exact dates on which they played and where and we all enthusiastically celebrated this pivot period of Germanic-British cultural history by singing Beatles songs in the street accompanied by her ukulele.*

*On the morning of Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> we again travelled to the clinic by coach from our hotel and were able to watch some more surgery in the operating theatres.*

*Finally Thomas Kreusch treated us to an inspirational talk about his Cleft work at Padhar Hospital in India. While we were at the Clinic Evelyn took the accompanying persons on a very informative talk on tea-tasting in the warehouse district, with the opportunity to taste a variety of teas.*

*In the late afternoon we all went on a boat tour on the Elbe leaving from the Pier just below our Hotel.*

*The meeting finished with our entertaining our hosts in the evening with a grand dinner at the Atlantic Hotel in Hamburg. Most members left on the Saturday but some of us prolonged our stay for a day and a party of eleven joined Thomas and his family at a concert on the Saturday evening at the Laeitz Music Hall where we listened to the Albert Schweitzer Youth Orchestra play Dvorak, Ibert and Haydn.*

## History of the Club

Members were informed that John Bradley's 'History of the Club' has been updated by John and Tony Markus had had the original re typed and the images re scanned. The history had been put on to compact discs which had been circulated to members attending the meeting.

## Web site.

It was agreed that the club should have a web site. This would be a convenient reference for members about dates for forthcoming meetings, minutes and reports on previous meetings and a home for the History of the Club. The site would not be registered with any search engines or linked to other sites so would only be accessible to those who knew the domain name which was to be: [www.oralsurgeryclub.co.uk](http://www.oralsurgeryclub.co.uk)

## President-Elect for 2010

Ken Lavery was elected as the President elect for 2010/11

## Retirements New Members .

There was a discussion about the importance of appointing of new members. It was agreed that we would ask active members who were at the end of their careers and moving to part time work if they would relinquish active membership to allow more new members to be appointed.

It was decided to ask Steve Layton, Stuart Hislop, Steve Langton and Douglas Bryant if they would like to become members.

### Election of Professor Thomas Kreusch as Honorary Member.

Professor Thomas Kreusch was elected as an Honorary member. The secretary is to write to invite him.

### Inauguration of New President

Outgoing President John Hawkesford thanked the Hon Sec. for his help during the year and gave particular thanks for the support he had been given from Alex Babajews and Ken Lavery. He then inaugurated Tony Markus as the new President and he took over the chair.

Tony thanked John for the two outstanding meetings of the previous year. He thanked John Bradley for updating his History of the Club and invited all members present to collect an envelope at the reception with the CD containing John's History.

### Committee for 2007/2008

Tony Markus President  
Graham Wood President Elect  
John Hawkesford Immediate past President  
Andrew Sadler Hon. Secretary 2006-2008  
Ken Lavery Hon. Treasurer 2006 - 2010  
John Bradley Hon Archivist  
David Barnard Honorary members' representative. 2006-2008  
Ian Martin 2007-2009  
Peter Ramsay Baggs  
Nick Baker 2008-10  
David Adlam 2008-10

### Overseas Meeting: Milan 15/16 May 2008

The President gave a presentation about his away meeting in Milan on Thursday & Friday 15th & 16th May 2008 (arrive Wed. 14th leave Sat. 17th). The meeting will be to visit Roberto Brusati's department at the Ospedale San Paolo, Milan. Members will visit the hospital from 8.30 to approximately 2.30 each day. On Thursday we will see some cleft work and on Friday we hope to see some treatment of facial palsy with flaps. There will be a visit to Pavia organised for accompanying persons.

For Thursday afternoon a boat has been chartered to take us on Lake Como where we will visit an Island for dinner returning in the late evening. Friday afternoon will be free. Among the many things to see in Milan is Santa Maria delle Grazie where you can see Da Vinci's Last Supper. There will be a dinner on Friday evening.

### Meetings 2009/2010

President elect Graham Wood advised that his home meeting would be at the Beardmore Hotel and conference centre, Glasgow on 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November. His away meeting will probably be in Houston Texas in May 2009, the exact date yet to be finalised.

### Any other business

There was no other business.

Date time and place of next meeting.

November 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Glasgow