

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Oral Surgery Club of Great Britain

held in the Clyde Room at the, Beardmore Conference Centre, Clyde Bank, Glasgow on the 13th November 2008

Apologies for absence: Alty Harry, Babajews Alex, Banks Peter, Baker Nick, Bryant Dougie, Dover Steve, Earl Phil, Egyedi Peter, Emerson George, Evans Barrie, Fisher Sheila, Gorman John, Gilhooly Mick, Gray Willie, Hall Timothy, Henderson Derek, Herold, Jim, Heslop Ian, Hislop Stuart, Howe Geoffrey L, Koppel David, Langton Steve, Leopard Peter, Lello Glen, Manning Geoff, McGurk Mark, McVicar Iain, Mellor Tim, Morton Maire, Neuman Loz, Obwegeser Hugo, Olley Steve, Patel Manu, Patton David, Quant Tony, Ray Ken, Ramsay-Baggs Peter, Robinson Paul, Rowson John, Sailer Hermann, Sugar Adrian, Smith Denis, Smyth Alistair, Weller Peter. Apologies for AGM but did attend the rest of the meeting: Bob Woodward, Murray Foster, Brian Avery, Kurshed Moose

Announcements:

The president announced that Geoffrey Cheney had passed away. Bob Tate gave the following eulogy:

“He was one of my oldest friends and I will miss him greatly. I am sure all those other members of this Club, who knew him, will also miss him and remember him with great affection.

He was born in Hampshire in 1935 as the youngest of 5 children. After leaving school he undertook National Service in the Royal Navy. He then became a Midshipman and was seconded to HMS Ocean. He witnessed the explosion of the second American hydrogen bomb at Bikini Atoll in the western Pacific and later on in his career he and another Naval officer went inside the crater caused by the first Atomic explosion in the Nevada desert. He retained his interest in the Royal Navy with his life time involvement in the Royal Naval Reserve and was awarded the Reserve Decoration.

After his Naval career he entered Guys Hospital Dental School as a mature student in 1957 in the same year as myself and we became firm friends. Our careers ran parallel as we both went back to Guys to study Medicine after qualifying in Dentistry. Geoff then trained in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Eastman Hospital and at East Grinstead under Sir Terence Ward, after which he was appointed as Consultant at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in 1974, in the same year that I was appointed to Ipswich, so we were never far apart.

Geoff was a most caring, conscientious and highly respected surgeon, who enjoyed a warm relationship with his colleagues. His most celebrated case, which was reported nationally, was the removal of a bullet that had become lodged behind the eye of Tenneh Cole, a little girl from Sierra Leone. She is now 19 years old, alive and well.

He was dental tutor at Norwich for many years and organised such excellent meetings that practitioners travelled from far and wide to attend. In 1993 he was appointed as Director of Postgraduate Dental Education in East Anglia until his retirement in 2000. This was a post he took extremely seriously during times of great change and he was eventually appointed as lead Dean in the UK. He took a special interest in the education of junior hospital staff, much to their benefit.

I think most members of the Club will remember Geoff as a charming and most genial man. He was a great raconteur with an encyclopaedic memory and loved entertaining. He was very knowledgeable about good wines and organised annual long weekend trips to France with a small group of friends to consume a variety of fine wines, which unfortunately I never attended.

He had a great love for his second wife Susie whom he married in 1987. With Susie came her 2 children Jeremy and Kate, who provided Geoff with the warm family life he had always wanted. Susie's sudden unexpected death in 2003 was a deep blow to Geoff, but he was helped through this period by the great joy of being grandfather to 4 grandchildren.

I am very grateful to Geoff for his friendship and company over the last 39 years and our hearts go out to the Cheney family, Jeremy, Kate and the grandchildren. We hope that Geoff and Susie are now united and that any sadness we feel will be eased by the many happy memories we all have of this generous, likeable man who was a true gentleman.”

The president announced that John Lowry had passed away. David Barnard gave the following eulogy.

“It is a privilege to be asked to say a few words about John. So many members of The Club worked with him closely and all will have their own memories. John was an exceptional man with extraordinary energy. He was unfailingly courteous to everyone. He had total commitment to his patients and to his profession and had a real and touching humility.

John Lowry was born and educated in the North West of England. He graduated from the University of Manchester in dentistry in 1963 and in medicine in 1970. His senior registrar training was at the Withington Hospital.

During that time he was awarded the Leverhulme Visiting Fellowship of the then British Association of Oral Surgeons. He visited Europe and was able to study with Kole, Wunderer, Obwegeser and Tessier. Famously, Valerie and their young children lived for a year in a caravan while they travelled around the units. The caravan finally came to grief when it overturned in Germany blocking the autobahn for 2 hours.

In 1976 John was appointed consultant in Bolton. He developed an outstanding clinical service in conjunction with the adjacent units, which formed the four B's. He became a leader in the development of education and in health services in North West England. He was a pioneer of telemedicine links and consequently a finalist in the Hospital Doctor of the Year. John was visiting Professor of Surgery at the University of Central Lancashire and Civilian Consultant to the Army. He is one of the first group of maxillofacial surgeons to sit the new Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

John had a national and international profile. He was elected chairman of the Central Committee for Hospital Dental Services of the British Dental Association, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of The Royal College of Surgeons of England, President of the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and General Secretary of the European Association for Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery. He worked incredibly hard, he was effective, resolute and carried out all his duties with considerable diplomacy. John was appointed as Chairman of the Secretary of State's Standing Dental Advisory Committee. He led the development of clinical guidelines for the management of third molars, which formed the basis for later recommendation by the National Institute of Clinical Excellence. He also played a pivotal role in the agreement of standards for general anaesthesia and sedation in dentistry. More recently John chaired a multi-disciplinary group to develop standards and regulations for cosmetic procedures. He developed close association with colleagues in many European countries and played a central role in the development of surgical training in Eastern Europe.

It is no surprise that John won several prestigious prizes including the John Tome's Medal of the BDA, the Colyer Gold Medal of the Faculty and the Down Surgical Prize of the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He was elected fellow of many organisations both within UK and around the world. John had been a member of the Oral Surgery Club since 1990 and was a great supporter of The Club, although some might have missed him because of the speed at which he moved around. John had energy which was a matter of wonder to his colleagues. He was often seen running at lunch time and many of us have received emails from him sent in the middle of the night and with comprehensive references attached. He had an encyclopaedic knowledge of all matters related to healthcare. His other interests included athletics, traditional jazz and motor sport.

John will be missed as a friend, as a colleague and as a member of The Club. He will be remembered with warmth and affection and our condolences go to Valerie and his family.”

Lawrence Oldham advised that there would be a thanksgiving service at St Clement Danes in memory of John Lowry on the 22nd January, afterwards there would be a reception at the Royal College of Surgeons of England at 2pm.

Minutes

The minutes which had been circulated with the agenda were agreed.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

The Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Ken Lavery who had attended the Executive Committee Meeting had, had to leave for a personal matter so the secretary's report was given by the president. The treasurer had reported that there were £540 in the current account as of the 30th September 2007. He had thanked Mr Barnard the representative of the honorary members on the committee for writing to the honorary members who had contributed £470. In the previous year there had been two good meetings and because of the generosity of the honorary members and an increase in subscription the accounts were now in good positive balance. This had been helped by rounding up the bills at the meetings by 10%. The club was now £4583 in credit. There had been a steady rise in the cost of overseas meetings and he advised that it was reasonable for the club to hold a balance of about £3000, as in the previous year the club had temporarily gone into overdraft and had to pay bank charges. A float was required for the president ahead of time for organising meetings. The president had at one stage been in debt to the tune of £7000 for the meeting in Milan and the committee had therefore recommended that the increase in reserves be continued with the intention of keeping the club in balance of about £10, 000. The treasurer's report was accepted, two auditors requested and Professor John Frame and Mr Andrew Lyons agreed to look at the accounts as auditors.

Secretary's Report

The club presently has 50 active member and 61 honorary members.

31 members and 14 accompanying partners attended the meeting in Bournemouth, hosted by President Tony Markus, on the 15th and 16th November 2007, based at Marriot Highcliffe Hotel in Bournemouth.

Most members arrived on Thursday afternoon in time for tea prior to the annual general meeting. That evening there was an informal dinner in the Sea Breezes Restaurant.

On Friday 16th November, after breakfast, the Scientific Meeting was held in the Sherbourne Suite in the hotel.

The meeting started with Tony introducing Professor Jonathon Cole, of the University of Southampton, who is also a clinical Neurophysiologist at Poole Hospital. Jonathon gave a talk entitled 'Inside Moebius' which is also the title of his forthcoming book. He spoke about the effects of living without facial expression and its effect on emotional experience and emotional expression on those with the syndrome.

Martin Leggett, an ENT Surgeon, gave a talk entitled 'tipping the balance.' His clinical interest is in clefts and problems of balance; he talked about the problems of disorders of balance with interesting case histories.

Adrian Harvey, an Orthopaedic Surgeon, spoke to us about the advances in knee surgery. Surgery for soft tissue problems and arthritis is becoming more aggressive now in the UK as it previously has been in the USA. Injured cruciate ligaments are now being repaired with Hamstring grafts. Meniscal surgery is becoming more conservative as previous patients who had meniscectomy had developed osteoarthritis so repairs are carried out and the meniscus allowed to heal. Knee replacement has essentially become a resurfacing procedure. Surgery has become minimally invasive using smaller instruments and smaller incisions.

Andrew Clark, a general surgeon in Poole, talked about advances in colorectal surgery. He talked about pelvic floor problems, incontinence, particularly caused by obstetric trauma, and the advantages of primary

repair. Hernia repairs, frequently carried out with endoscopes, are more successful with little significant pain.

After lunch Desmond Tham, a dental surgeon, gave a talk about his years as a volunteer with Mercy Ships, a global charity, which has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Desmond introduced the work by telling us how the ship 'Anastasis' was bought from a scrap yard and refitted as a hospital facility for \$1 million and about his six years as a volunteer working on it in developing nations. He gave accounts of many cases of facial tumours and deformity. The members gave generously for a collection for the charity during his talk.

Professor Terry Hamblin gave a talk on advances in gene therapy, a technique which is being used for vaccination against disease, mostly cancer, but which appears to be most useful for severe combined immunodeficiency disease. Thomas Hickish, a Consultant Medical Oncologist, talked about advances in Oncology. He focused on the effect of lifestyle on cancer risk and recovery. High Body Mass Index is associated with an increased risk of breast cancer and risk of recurrence after treatment.

Finally Ian Downie, our colleague from Salisbury, talked about his interest in Veterinary Maxillofacial Surgery. Initially Ian was approached by a Veterinary Surgeon who was a specialist in ENT, for advice and help with a German Shepherd dog with hyper salivation. He described the case and its management and then gave a summary of several of the other animals he had jointly operated on.

The meeting was supported by several commercial firms and there was a varied trade exhibition during the meeting. Finally, our President gave a summary of the arrangements that he has made with his friend Professor Roberto Brusati for the next meeting on May 15th and 16th 2008.

During the scientific meeting the accompanying persons went on a tour of Wessex leaving the Hotel by coach at 9.30 am. They visited two Thomas Hardy sites on the way to Dorchester where they went on a guided walk of various sites of interest and after lunch proceeded to Lulworth Cove before returning to the Hotel.

In the evening the Annual Dinner was held in the Dorchester Suite in the Hotel. This was the first formal dinner of the club that accompanying persons attended.

On the following morning 18 members proceeded to Tony's home in Tarrent Keyneston, where we were treated to an excellent buffet lunch.

37 members (35 active and 2 honorary) and 22 partners travelled to Milan to attend president Tony Markus's overseas meeting, which was hosted at the San Paolo Hospital by Professor Roberto Brusati on May 15th & 16th 2008. Tony and Roberto shared a common interest in cleft surgery and had become friends as they were both pupils of Delaire.

Most members arrived on Wednesday May 14th and stayed at the Ambasciatori Hotel which was conveniently located in the centre of Milan. On Wednesday evening most of us dined well at L'Isola del Tesoro, a Sardinian restaurant, which was a fairly lengthy stroll from the hotel.

On Thursday morning we left the Hotel at 7.30 and travelled by coach to the Hospital. Professor Brusati gave a lecture on Primary Cheilorhinoplasty, following which he demonstrated his technique by carrying out primary closure of the lip and palate in an 8 month old infant with the posterior palate closed in 3 layers. This was demonstrated by a video link to the operating theatre shown through the operating microscope, although a few of our number were able to go to the theatre. Following this demonstration we received a lecture on the results of his surgery from orthodontist Maria Meazzini which have been published. Professor Brusati gave a talk on his technique of secondary gingivoalveoloplasty carried out at 18 to 24 months of age and shared his results with us. After lunch he demonstrated the technique in theatre on a 3 year old child who had closure of the hard palate together with a gingivoalveoloplasty. Following a lecture on facial paralysis we were transported back to the hotel.

Later that afternoon the whole group travelled to Lake Como, which is some distance outside Milan, where we boarded a boat for a trip on the lake stopping once to take tea or beer. Later we returned to the boat and to the Locanda Dell' Isola Restaurant, which is situated on an island, for a delightful dinner. After dinner we travelled by boat and coach back to the Hotel in Milan, arriving very late.

On Thursday the accompanying persons were free to see the sights of Milan or to indulge in some shopping. On Friday they were treated to a tour and guide of the historic town of Pavia, visiting some of its main sights, including the basilica of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro and other Romanesque churches.

For the second day the members returned to the Hospital. After a lecture on bone grafting for extreme atrophy we watched surgery for iliac crest bone augmentation of a mandible that needed augmentation following surgery for removal of a granuloma. Later Professor Brusati gave a lecture on early condylectomy for hemi mandibular hyperplasia and hemi mandibular elongation and particularly post operative management. Paolo Casentini, one of the Oral Surgeons who worked with Professor Brusati, lectured on their long term results for bone grafting and implant placement following severe atrophy or tumour resection, mostly using free fibula grafts.

In the evening we attended an informal club dinner at La Dolce Vita Restaurant which was a short walk away from the Hotel. Professor Brusati and his wife were guests. President Tony Markus thanked him for his hospitality and presented him with a carriage clock as a token of our appreciation. He also thanked Giulia Rossetti and Francesca Carrota who helped Tony do so much of the organisation in Milan.

Mr Hawksford the immediate past president and Mr Mark as the president thanked the secretary for his work.

President elect for 2010-2011

This will be Mr Ken Lavery, he had previously advised that his home meeting would be at East Grinstead, he would like to have a dinner in the mess at East Grinstead but the capacity was only 50 so it was his intention to hold a buffet reception in the mess on the Thursday night and that the formal dinner on the Friday would probably be held at the Felbridge Hotel. He intended that the event on the Thursday night should be a finger buffet with Champagne and that any members who wish, could go for a beer and a curry afterwards in the tradition of East Grinstead. The scientific meeting would be in the lecture theatre in the hospital. His overseas meeting would be held in Stockholm, which would be hosted by Anders Westermark at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

Retirement and New Members

The meeting agreed that the following should be invited to become active members of the club, Mr Andrew Monaghan, Mr Mike Fardy, Mr Ian Downie, Mr Clive Pratt and Mr Andrew Stewart.

Election of Professor Roberto Brusati as Honorary Member

It was agreed that the secretary would send a formal invitation to Professor Brusati who had been so hospitable to us at our meeting in Milan to ask him to join the club as an honorary member.

Inauguration of the new president

President Tony Marcus thanked the members for their support during the previous year, he said that he had enjoyed his time as president, he handed over the presidency to Mr Graham Wood. Graham thanked the outgoing president for the excellent meetings that he had organised over the previous year.

Committee for 2008-2009

New committee members, Mr Nick Baker was to take the place of Peter Ramseybags on the committee, the new treasurer was to be Andy Brown, John Hamlin was to become the new member representing the honorary members, we asked for volunteers to become honorary secretary from two years time.

Overseas meeting in Houston 30th April to 4th May

Graham Wood advised that his overseas meeting would be host by Professor Mark Wong who would be attending the Scientific Meeting the following day to advise about the Houston Meeting, which would be piggy backed onto the Hinds Symposium, which was on the Friday afternoon and the Saturday. There would be a golf tournament on the Thursday to which members would be invited and on Sunday there would be a social meeting, there would be an accompanying persons symposium.

Meetings for 2009-2010

Mike Simpson advised that when he was to be president the meeting at home would be on the 5th November to 7th 2009. The meeting would be held in the Swan Hotel in Bedford with an informal dinner in the hotel on the Thursday night. The formal dinner would be held at Luton Hoo on the Friday. His overseas meeting would be held in Muscat in Oman hosted by Mohammad Al-Ismaily. It would probably be necessary for some members to give some lectures at the meeting and he would be canvassing members to volunteer for that. The date of the meeting had not yet been set but it will probably be held earlier in the year because of the hot climate, possibly towards the end of March.

Any other business

There was no other business to report

Date of next meeting

This will be on November 5th 2009 in the Swan Hotel in Bedford