

## **Report of the Meeting of the Oral Surgery Club of Great Britain**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

The meeting was held at Latimer Place near Chesham in rural Buckinghamshire near London.

Some members arrived in the morning to play golf at Denham Golf club which was won by Paul Robinson. Most arrived in the afternoon of Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> November and following the Annual General Meeting at 6 o'clock an informal dinner was held in the hotel at Latimer Place. The new president Mick Gilhooly who was inaugurated at the Annual General Meeting welcomed members to the Scientific meeting the following morning.

Mr Peter McDonald, a general surgeon at Northwick Park Hospital gave a talk on 'Manslaughter and the Surgeon' which was interesting, informative and frightening. He spoke in particular about the recent case of his colleague who had been imprisoned for manslaughter after the death of a patient. Professor Tim Briggs, a Consultant and the Medical Director at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore gave a talk about the project 'Getting it Right First Time' for which he was a major contributor and author. He outlined the major increase in workload and costs for Orthopaedic Surgery and the NHS in general as have other healthcare systems. He talked about the project and how the results may be used to help decrease expenditure and outcome by clinicians. Steve Cannon a past President of the British Orthopaedic Association talked about improvements in management of osteosarcomas. Mike Perry recently a Consultant OMFS Surgeon in Northern Ireland and soon to join the team at Northwick Park talked about his management of 'smashed noses' resulting from high impact trauma.

After lunch Nick Sevdalis a Reader in Patients Safety at the Department of Surgery at Imperial College talked about surgical errors, their incidence and what we can all do to reduce them. Bhavin Visavadia OMFS surgeon talked about his work at Northwick Park in reconstruction of noses after total rhinectomy for cancer. Ross Doust a Veterinary Surgeon who specializes in small animal surgery talked about the management of tumours and cysts in cats and dogs.

After the lectures President Mick Gilhooly announced to the meeting the details for the overseas meeting at Salzburg April 30th and May 1st 2015.

In the evening the annual formal dinner was held in the Cheyne Room at Latimer Place. After dinner Pater McDonald amused us with a talk in his guise as 'Mr Slop'.

The following morning a number of members gathered to walk in the Chess valley followed by lunch in the pub.