

James Leslie Hardwick



Professor James Leslie Hardwick died on 12 November 2004 at the age of 91. Educated at Rugby school, he was one of the first people to graduate with a BDS from Birmingham University Dental School.

Leslie was in general practice until the outbreak of the Second World War, when he joined the Army Dental Corps and soon became a surgical specialist serving in India and Burma. At the end of the war, he joined the staff of the Birmingham Dental School and became interested in children's dentistry. He was one of the first academics to teach preventive dentistry in the UK.

In 1960 he took up the chair of preventive dentistry at The Turner Dental School in Manchester, heading the department of children's dentistry and orthodontics. He not only helped to build a strong teaching programme in children's dentistry but also encouraged the formation of the North West group of the British Society for Paediatric Dentistry. He instituted a strong research programme in this speciality and carried out important research into the action and metabolism of fluoride. He had a long association with ORCA and became its secretary general and president.

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He travelled widely, lecturing in many European countries and advising on dental education in places such as Nigeria, Kenya and Indonesia, and was active in the link between Manchester and Surabaya dental schools.

He guided many postgraduate students from all over the world, who appreciated his encouragement and kindness.

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He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and four children.

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George Charles Chierici Symonds



Born on 12 October 1916 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, Charles studied dentistry in Edinburgh where, in 1936/8, he became the editor of the dental college magazine *White Jacket*. Up to 30,000 copies were published. He graduated from Edinburgh LDS RCS in November 1939.

After qualifying, Charles joined the RADC as a lieutenant and by 1941 was a captain, serving in Italy and the Middle East for the duration of the war. For part of that time he was with the guards.

After the Second World War, Charles returned to his family home in Ripon and, in 1946, took over John Habgood's dental practice at Fountains Terrace. He was particularly interested in gold work and was well known for his expertise in dental hypnosis. In March 1958 he received a certificate for the study of hypnosis from the Dental and Medical Society.

He was a founder member and past president of The Harrogate and Ripon Dental Society. He was a member of the BDA for many years, served on the North Yorkshire LDC and also served as president of the Rotary Club. He was a generous host and was especially kind and welcoming to new and young dentists

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moving into Ripon, with no trace of personal or professional jealousy.

Charles married Muriel Kendall in July 1948 and over the following years they had five children: Rosemary, Robin, Jeremy, Michael and Caroline.

Charles was very broadly educated, well read, and wrote poetry and short stories. He corresponded with Sir John Betjeman who described Charles as a 'Faberge of the dental art'. As a raconteur, Charles would enliven anecdotes with quotes from his vast mental store of poets and authors.

Like his mother before him, Charles was profoundly deaf in later years, but bore his affliction stoically. He was the quintessential Englishman, always immaculately turned out, and usually sporting in his buttonhole a home grown passion flower.

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