# Michael O'Donovan



Michael was born in Nottingham on the 20th November 1934, and educated at Ampleforth School. He served for two years in the Royal Marines and entered the Royal Dental Hospital in 1956. He qualified in 1961 and spent his first year as a House Officer at St George's Hospital followed by six months general practice in Plymouth before settling in Leighton Buzzard where he worked until his retirement.

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waters. A devout Catholic, his Christian beliefs found expression in daily life through great generosity and particularly in the work he did for the disadvantaged.

Michael leaves a widow, Anne-Louise, a retired doctor, four children and nine grandchildren, all of whom he adored.

Alan J. King

## Peter Michael Clarke



Peter Clarke was born in Dudley in 1960, his parents were both local general medical practitioners. He was educated at King Edward School, Stourbridge and attended Birmingham Dental School. He was an enthusiastic student winning the Cale -Matthews prize in Children's Dentistry and Orthodontics, the Frank Stammers Prize in Periodontology and the Dental Students Society Prize for Elective Studies. He graduated in December 1983.

He started as a vocational dental

practitioner under Roger Jones in the Wyre Forest town of Bewdley and was soon impressing us all with his organisational skills. He joined the Hereford and Worcester section and came up with the brilliant idea of getting sponsorship for meetings. He tirelessly chased up sponsors and boosted the section's finances. He joined the local dental committee and made a positive contribution to its work.

The Bewdley dental practice grew rapidly but with Peter remaining firmly committed to providing National Health Service care for his patients.

At this time his family was growing rapidly with Alex soon followed by the twins Edward and Joseph, and finally young Charles. They all enjoyed yachting down in Salcome and skiing in the Alps together.

However Peter suffered a depressive illness which almost drove him to sell the practice. His condition improved and he returned to the tooth face with enthusiasm and even embarked on his MFGDP studies, passing the first part. Unfortunately his He was an enthusiastic student, winning the Cale Matthews prize in Children's Dentistry and Orthodontics, the Frank Stanmers Prize in Periodonotology and the Dental Students Society Prize for elective Studies.

illness relapsed and this led to his tragic death on the 14th May 2003. He is sadley missed by his wife Suzanne and the four boys.

#### Mike Whitehouse

### David Poswillo CBE

There will be a memorial service for Professor David Poswillo at GKT Dental Institute, Guy's Hospital Chapel, London, on Thursday 16th October 2003 at 11.00 am followed by a reception in Atrium 1 at 12.00 noon. RSVP Mrs Sandi 020 7955 4342.

### Professor R. L. Hartles

It is with great sadness the death is announced of Professor Hartles who passed away peacefully on the 1st August 2003 after a long illness and a series of strokes.