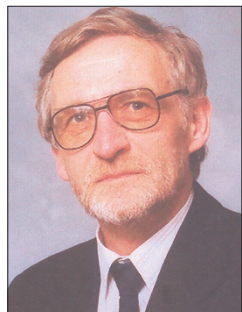


## Richard Barrington Longmore



Richard Barrington Longmore (Barry) died on 24 April 2004 after a long illness. Born in Bangor County Down he attended Bangor Grammar School before going to study at Queen's University Belfast. He qualified in 1967 with a BSc in anatomy, closely followed by a Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 1968. His interest in research led him to undertake a PhD, which he completed in 1975. Follow-

ing a short period as lecturer in dental pathology in Belfast he attained the post of lecturer in anatomy at the University of Dundee where he spent six happy years.

After a year spent in Saudi Arabia where he was responsible for helping to establish a new medical school, Barry returned to Scotland and began work in general practice. It was shortly after this that Barry returned to Northern Ireland and set up practice in Portadown. However, his love for teaching never left him and he combined part time clinical and university teaching in the Queen's University Dental School with his work in practice.

It was in 1987 that Barry was the first secretary to be appointed by the BDA to the then Northern Ireland committee (later council). Initially the appointment was for two sessions a week with little secretarial assistance. Barry accepted the challenge and over the years until his retirement on health grounds, established sound personal relationships with the department of Health and Social Services, the administrators of the four area boards, their chief dental officers and the Central Services Agency.

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The chairman of the NIC and their craft committees, became – with Barry's prompting – more proactive bodies; it was obvious to them that he committed more of his time than the two sessions a week. He arranged regular meetings with department officers and others, which were marked by his non-confrontational approach so that problems were resolved before they arose. Colleagues in the various branches of the profession found him willing to give of his time and personal attention extensively. His contribution was immense and was appreciated by many members.

Throughout all this Barry still found time to be a loving and dedicated husband and father. He was married to Mary, a dentist working in community dental services, with whom he had four children. Barry passed on to them his great love for golf, at which he was extremely talented, playing off a handicap of six in his younger days. His administrative experience came to the fore here also and in 1997 he was appointed Captain of Banbridge Golf Club. Other hobbies included upholstery and, after his retirement, gardening. Together with his appreciation of the poetry of Robbie Burns and a practical knowledge of Scottish malts, Barry was an ideal companion.

To Mary and his children Ciara, Richard, Patrick and Andrew we send our thoughts and sympathy on the sad loss of Barry, whose wit and understanding will be sadly missed.

S. Hobson

## Celia Jane Bishop



Celia Jane Bishop passed away on 27 October 2003 following a very brave struggle against a rare form of appendix cancer, just a week short of her 44th birthday.

Educated at Stourbridge High School for Girls and King Edwards School in Stourbridge, Celia went on to graduate from Liverpool University in 1982, starting her clinical career with the community dental service in

Luton on the London University Vocational Training Scheme. She was the joint recipient of the Desmond Greer Walker Prize in 1983. In the same year she married Edward Ball, whom she had met while both were studying at Liverpool Dental School. They spent two years abroad in Brunei where Edward was serving with the Royal Navy and it was here she had her first taste of general practice working in a small busy Chinese practice. On her return she spent the rest of her career in general practice.

There was also a brief spell of military life as a Captain in the RADC (TA) but this was interrupted by the birth of her first

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child. Celia managed to juggle a hectic family life with part time working in a busy dental practice in Lee-on-the-Solent, right up to the time of her illness. Cancer was diagnosed in May 2002 and she underwent two major operations followed by three courses of chemotherapy that she endured with great courage, never losing her smile or sense of humour.

Celia enjoyed life to the full with a wide circle of friends, but it was her family who occupied most of her spare time. An excellent swimmer, she managed a mile a day until a few weeks before her death.

She will be sadly missed by all her many patients, friends and colleagues. Celia was a caring, kind and thoughtful dentist and she leaves behind her loving family, husband Ed and children Jessica, Rachel, Harry and Alice.

C.R. Valentine