

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted by email to Jadene Doak at jadene.doak@springernature.com

All submitted obituaries should be 400 words maximum in length (apart from obituaries for past presidents of the BDA where the length should be 800 words).

Content of the obituary is down to the individual author, and the approval of the family should be given for the obituary prior to submission to the *BDJ*.



**Norman M.
Mackenzie MBE**

1940–2021

Norman Mackenzie was born in 1940 in Carloway, and died at the Western Isles Hospital Stornoway, on the Isle of Lewis in his eighty-first year, with his beloved wife Irene, by his side. He was educated at Carloway Primary School, and Nicolson Institute, before graduating BDS from Glasgow University in 1964.

Norman worked in general practice in Glasgow all his professional life, building up a successful practice in Duke Street where he was highly respected and liked by his patients.

After qualification Norman joined the British Dental Association (BDA) and served for several years as West of Scotland Branch Secretary and then as Branch President. He became actively involved in Greater Glasgow Local Dental Committee (LDC) and was elected to serve on the General Dental Services Committee (GDSC) of the BDA.

Norman was an enthusiastic supporter of the capitation system for children's dental care, piloted in his practice, but maintained that its success in the NHS depended on the availability of appropriate funding. Norman went on to serve as Chairman of the Scottish Dental Practice Board and was awarded an MBE for services to dentistry in 1992.

Norman also raised substantial funds for the BDA Benevolent Fund from sponsorship by completing various marathons in Glasgow, New York and London, and while training often ran the eight miles between home and practice before starting his day's work.

Norman retired to his family home in Carloway in 2003 but slippers by the fire were not for him so took on a new career as

a crofter. Norman bought a redundant loom from a neighbour and set out on another career designing, weaving and marketing Harris Tweed.

The success of this venture and Norman's contribution to the promotion of the brand is endorsed by the moving tribute posted on Facebook by the Harris Tweed Authority (HTA) and by the many visitors who came to Norman's loom shed/showroom.

Norman lost his brave battle against cancer on Sunday 10 January and was interred at Dalmore Cemetery by the sound of the eternal surge of sea that he loved.

Norman was indeed a 'true lad o'pairs' and 'a good, giving, interesting man' who will be sadly missed but particularly by his family, his loving wife Irene, his children Lesley, Gordon and Kirsty, son-in-law Donald, daughter-in-law Maria Cristina, his beloved grandchildren (Sara, Alexander and Daisy) and sisters Margaret and Chrissie Anne.

Alastair I. MacLean



**Ronald P.
Winstanley**

1924–2020

Ron was born in Bolton, the second of six children. He was educated at Thornleigh Salesian College, but had to leave school at 14 after tragically losing his father, in order to support his mother and siblings.

Ron worked initially at an engineering company, obtaining his school certificate at the age of 21. In 1946, Ron obtained a place to study Electrical Engineering at Manchester University. On arriving he was told that he was not on the list of students, nevertheless, he was determined to attend

university, and enquired about other courses. Ron was informed that places were available in Dentistry and so embarked on his career. He was later informed that there had been an administrative error, and that there had been a place for him in Electrical Engineering. His dogged reply was that he had started Dentistry, and he would finish it.

Ron qualified in 1951, unusual for those days he decided that Medicine was a necessity for a career in oral surgery, and so commenced Medicine at the Royal Free. It was in London that he came in contact with Opus Dei, as a resident of Netherhall. It was after Ron had met St Josemaria Escriva that Ron became a member of Opus Dei, realising that his work was his vocation.

Ron qualified in Medicine at 35 and was appointed Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Hope Hospital in Salford. Most notably was his early work on an intra oral approach to osteotomies entitled 'Subcondylar osteotomy of the mandible and the intraoral approach' (BJOS 1968).

Ron also oversaw the acquisition of a new student residence, Greygarth, serving as Warden until 1998. He once also had the daunting task of surgically extracting a tooth from a circus bear at Belle Vue Zoo! Ron inspired many people to choose dentistry namely, his brother Tony, and three nephews.

Even in his retirement he had a letter published in the *British Medical Journal*, replying to an article entitled 'Why are doctors so unhappy?' by advocating St Josemaria's advice:

'You are unhappy because you make everything revolve around yourself, as if you were always the centre... Have you ever tried thinking about Jesus, and through Him, about others?'

Ron in his final years was lovingly cared for by his brothers in Opus Dei, always remaining cheerful. Ron died on 4 July 2020.

Robert Winstanley