

Obituaries

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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*.



Bob Morgan

1952–2022

Born Robert Leslie Morgan in Crickhowell, South Wales, but known to his friends and colleagues as Bob, he graduated from Birmingham Dental School in 1975. Meeting his future wife Suzanne in Freshers week, they went on to establish Morgan Dental Practice in Halesowen, West Midlands in 1977, where he worked until his retirement from clinical dentistry in 2012. In the previous year, he was taken seriously ill, needing emergency surgery followed by serious medical complications, but he overcame all odds with wonderful care from the NHS.

Bob was known for his passion for postgraduate education and his inspiration to younger colleagues, as a Postgraduate Tutor, Associate Dental Dean and awarded the MFGDP(UK), examining and teaching in the UK, Nepal, Hong Kong, India and Egypt. His work for the Faculty included the development of the MJDF qualification. He became an Honorary Clinical Lecturer at the University of Warwick and Kent, was awarded Honorary Fellowship of the FGDP in 2012 (gaining FDS in 2008) and was actively involved in Dudley LDC for over 30 years.

Bob loved skiing and was a conversational French speaker, spending many family holidays there. He became Chair of Belbroughton Parish Council, President of the local Round Table, and ran the London and Paris Marathons. A fan of Welsh Rugby, a keen photographer, gardener and renowned party host, he even made the Guinness Book of Records in 1982 for driving around Britain.

Bob was a special man, kind, generous and undoubtedly stubborn, but a role model for the profession in his devotion to lifelong learning. More recently, Bob loved tending his garden and beautiful roses, vegetable plot and dahlias, surrounded by his family and eating one of his wife's delicious roasts!

He passed away on 14 July at Worcester Royal Hospital surrounded by his family and flowers from his beloved garden. He is survived by his wife Sue, daughter Sarah who is a Hygienist and serves on the Council of the College of General Dentistry, son-in-law Jamie, and two granddaughters Georgia and Louisa who accompanied Bob Gruffalo Hunting in the nearby woods with 'Gruffalo Grandad'.

Bob will be missed by colleagues and friends locally and nationally, and the packed congregation at the funeral bore testament to his life.

Eddie Crouch



David Hallows Worskett

1952–2022

David Hallows Worskett born Antwerp 5 May 1952, died peacefully 10 July 2022 aged 70.

David attended Bradfield College, graduated from Hertford College Oxford, and joined the Civil Service, working in the Departments of Environment and Transport for 15 years. His experience included transport policy, international aviation negotiations and representation of the UK in the EU.

In 1989, David joined the RAC board as its Corporate/Public Affairs Director and was heavily involved in overall business strategy and acquisitions work. He ensured the RAC, ahead of almost the entire motor industry, took environmental issues seriously. He established

the RAC Foundation primarily for that purpose and remained a Trustee for many years. Upon the RAC's break-up, David led a government-backed review into the governance and future strategy for the UK engineering sector before heading the Engineering and Technology Board as Chief Executive for two years.

In 2001, David moved back to the South West as Commercial Director of Bevan Ashford, helping restructure the business into Bevan Brittan LLP and establishing a new strategy and direction that holds good to this day. In 2007, David returned to London but remained a non-Executive Director for three further years. David's final executive role was as Chief Executive of the NHS Partners Network, the trade association for private healthcare companies working in the NHS. He retired in 2013 having steered the sector through the 2012 NHS reforms during which he gained the confidence and trust of the most senior leaders in both the NHS and private healthcare sectors.

In retirement, David had several roles, including chairing two healthcare trade associations, advising a search consultancy, and working with Private Equity firms.

As founding chair of the Associated Dental Groups (ADG), David quickly appreciated the importance of a patient-centric approach for ADG members. He also recognised the importance of collaborating and establishing good relationships with stakeholders including the BDA, GDC, CQC and NHSE, while building the number of member organisations from 3 to 17 – approximately 8% of the dental market when he joined and 20% upon his retirement.

David combined humour and generosity of spirit, with a sharp intellect and an appreciation for common sense. His major lifetime interests were classical music, opera, literature, good wine, as well as countryside and environmental issues. David is survived by Pamela, his wife of 41 years, and their children Louisa and Hugh.

Chris Groombridge