

Obituaries

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All submitted obituaries should be 350 words maximum in length (apart from obituaries for past presidents of the BDA where the length should be 700-800 words).

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JOHN LAWRENCE HAYES



A former dentist in Woking, Surrey, who was involved with the BDA and several organisations, has died at 98.

John Lawrence 'Lawrie' Hayes, hailed from Dar-

lington. He qualified at Edinburgh and initial work included locums in Carlisle and Bradford.

As a dental inspector of schools in Northumberland he met Irene, an assistant pharmacist in Alnwick. They married in 1942 and after a spell in Sussex and the suburbs of London, set up practice in Woking. That site later became part of the town's redevelopment and so he moved his practice to another part of town. Both before and at the time of his retirement in 1978, the practice had been expanded to the point where there were several dentists and nurses as well as dental mechanics.

He was chairman of the Surrey branch of the BDA, the local Rotary Club and the YMCA and was a churchwarden.

He was a member of Worplesdon Golf Club where he and friends dubbed themselves members of the WAGS (Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society) and the THGS (Tired Husbands' Golfing Society).

After retiring in 1978 he and Irene moved near Trowbridge in Wiltshire before coming back to Sonning Common and Emmer Green near Reading.

For the past seven years he had been in a nursing home in Wokingham along with Irene, who died nearly three years ago. As well as helping to run the practice she, too, had been involved with various organisations in Woking.

At his last main social engagement in August, attending the joint 40th wedding anniversary celebrations of his son and elder daughter, he was reunited with one of the first nurses he employed.

He was transferred, after being diagnosed with pneumonia, to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, where he died.

He leaves a son and two daughters and their partners, seven grandchildren and their partners and a niece and her husband. He was the last of five siblings and they predeceased him in the order they were born. He and Irene willed their bodies to medical science.

Trevor Hayes

RICHARD HORNER



The death of Richard Horner on 21 September 2012 provoked a wave of sadness in the dental world. He was the founder of the Scope Group and the man who

initiated the concept of mouth cancer awareness within the dental profession.

Known well among the profession's key opinion formers, the dental media and the dental trade, there can be no dentist working today who has not in some way been touched by Richard's work, whether through articles and editorials in the media, client mailings or his work in the field of mouth cancer. For more than two decades, Richard represented many of the best known dental company names, offering a range of services, from brand development to media planning and editorial

services. But his work was far from limited to a provision of services.

For four years he worked for Johnson & Johnson on their Listerine account and set up their National Advisory Panel. Under the chairmanship of Professor Nairn Wilson, this was a body of influential people who discussed research findings and shared knowledge, enabling and triggering new insights. The Scope Group was established in 1990. Before then he had worked in a marketing capacity for Dentsply for many years and acquired extensive understanding of the dental world.

Nigel Carter, Chief Executive of the British Dental Health Foundation said: 'He made an invaluable contribution in assembling all the key stakeholders together to create the first Mouth Cancer Awareness Week. Nearly 15 years on it has now grown to be the UK's largest awareness raising event for Mouth Cancer, a condition about which Richard remained passionate throughout his later years.'

Stephen Hancocks, Editor-in-Chief of the *BDJ*, commented: 'Richard was that rarity in life nowadays, a gentleman who mixed courtesy, intelligence and modesty with a keen sense of the mutual benefit of sound business understanding, always with a relaxed background of the appreciation of good food, fine wine and hearty conversation.'

'His knowledge of the dental world was about as comprehensive as it is possible to acquire and this, together with his kindly bearing, authoritative air and telling twinkle in the eye will be hugely and sadly missed. Many of us will be lessened by his passing but are unquestionably the better for having known him.'

Caroline Holland