

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted by email to Ruth Doherty at r.doherty@nature.com.

All submitted obituaries should be 450 words maximum in length (apart from obituaries for past presidents of the BDA where the length should be 800 words).

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**Edwin Russell
Bishop**

1941–2016

‘Ted’, as he was known to his many friends and colleagues, died on 28 February 2016 at the age of 74, following a period of illness.

Ted was born in Northumberland and studied dentistry at Newcastle Dental School. He was initially commissioned into the Royal Army Dental Corps (RADC). His first posting was to Borneo – quite a baptism of fire for a newly qualified dental practitioner. There followed several postings to Germany and the UK. Ted’s talents as a restorative dentist were soon noticed, as a result of which he was sent off to the Eastman Dental Hospital to attend the MSc course in Restorative Dentistry. Following this he was posted to the RADC Headquarters in Aldershot as Clinical Adviser in Restorative Dentistry. Here he gained a reputation as a highly skilled dental practitioner and he excelled in running postgraduate dental courses. He was able to attract the highest calibre of civilian lecturers to impart their knowledge on his courses. Ted became very much involved in teaching and in encouraging young dentists on the early vocational training schemes, initially in collaboration with John Brookman and the Guildford VT scheme.

Ted was one of the first dental practitioners to obtain the Membership in General Dental Surgery, following which he encouraged, sometimes with painful but always well measured arm twisting, a considerable number of RADC dental officers to follow his example. Many of us who have served in the RADC owe Ted a tremendous vote of thanks for the encouragement he gave us. Ted’s vision was responsible for elevating the standards of military dentistry to levels that had never

been achieved before. It is a pity he was never given the acknowledgement he deserved for his outstanding contribution to military dentistry.

After retiring from the army in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Ted moved to Yorkshire and set up in private practice in Harrogate. He continued to contribute to postgraduate and vocational training by passing on his expertise to young dentists in lectures and courses at the universities of York and Leeds.

Ted was a man of many interests. He was an avid collector of decorative boxes, porcelain, model soldiers and stamps. Each interest he pursued with passion, including his in-depth study of the archaeology and architecture of English churches. His hands never stopped working: professionally, but also as a book binder, silversmith, painter, architectural draughtsman, garden designer and latterly a maker of historic keyboard instruments – all pursued with meticulous attention to detail.

Ted is survived by his wife Trish, whom he married in 1967, and his sister Christine.

James Hardy



**Rosalind (Ros) C.
Randall**

1947–2016

Dentistry, in particular dental biomaterials science, is greatly indebted to Ros Randall.

Ros was about to retire and begin to spend more time with her husband, George, and her four Friesian horses, having only recently completed the building of her dream equestrian facilities in Minnesota, when she succumbed to sudden, unexpected illness. All those close to Ros were left stunned.

Ros, born in Staffordshire and raised in Huddersfield, qualified BChD (Hons) from Leeds in 1970. Following 16 years in general

practice in Harrogate, Staley Bridge and then Sedbergh, Ros successfully applied for a highly sought after position in dental industry (3M). While working in Loughborough and subsequently Borken and Pithiviens, Ros excelled in part time MPhil and then PhD studies at the University of Manchester. Ros developed special expertise in methodologies for the clinical testing of restorative materials and systems. Related work resulted in highly cited papers; for example, systematic reviews on the effects of glass-ionomer cements on the development of secondary caries. Building on this, Ros became an international authority on protocols for clinical trials to satisfy regulatory requirements around the world – an achievement which demanded a passion for clinical research logistics and processes. From 2000, Ros was based in St Paul, Minnesota, but was always just an email or call away from her numerous friends and colleagues.

Without Ros Randall’s many, different contributions, the evolution of methodologies for the clinical testing of dental biomaterials and related devices would have been slower and, in all probability, more convoluted: Ros was insightful, decisive and very persuasive.

Away from research, Ros was a delight to be with, given her special quality of putting everyone at ease. Second to George and her horses, Ros loved gardening, among various other activities. Nothing was done by half! What a great shame that Ros was not spared to enjoy at least something of her well-earned retirement. All those who knew Ros, pause and reflect on the loss of a really good person who was great to spend time with and made a real difference.

On a personal note, as and when I have opportunity to drink Cloudy Bay, I will stop, smile and remember Ros – an outstanding postgraduate student who not only went on to change thinking globally, but also became a good friend.

Nairn Wilson