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).

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*

**Bernard Geoffrey
Norman Smith**

1938–2016

Bernard Smith died on 2 November 2016 following a brave fight with pancreatic cancer. Bernard qualified at University College Hospital Dental School in 1963 and worked in general dental practice as an associate and later principal and owner. Encouraged by Professor Pickard he went to America to study prosthodontics for two years as a postgraduate at the University of Michigan, subsequently returning to full time academic appointments in London in 1968. He held academic appointments at The London, The Royal Dental Hospital, and Guy's, UMDS. Until retirement in 2003 he was very active clinically, providing a wide range of restorative treatments and supervising postgraduate students. In 1991 he became Professor of Conservative Dentistry, Head of Department at Guy's Hospital (UMDS) and concurrently fought and won his battle with lymphoma.

He established the MSc in Conservative Dentistry at The Royal in 1976. He examined undergraduates and postgraduates at universities worldwide and all the UK Royal Colleges. He was at various times President of the British Society of Restorative Dentistry, the International College of Prosthodontists, Honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry to the British Army, board member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the RCS England, Chair of the UK Specialist Advisory Committee in Restorative Dentistry, and Member of the Board of Directors of Dental Protection Ltd. He championed the NHS Consultants in Restorative Dentistry.

Bernard's research concerned tooth wear, publishing numerous papers and authoring several textbooks.

Bernard was a man of great integrity; if he considered something was wrong wild horses would not make him budge. He was a big man in ethic as well as in stature and he would not be pushed around. He was an inspirational teacher with a great interest in curricula. Bernard was a wise council and many have been influenced by his advice. As a head of department he was present, available, caring and very hard working. He would sometimes advise a change in career direction and many have benefited from his suggestions.

Marrying Susan (1962), an RDH trained dentist, was his own best decision. Their homes in London and Anglesey were shaped by his passion for building. Their hospitality was legendary, both being outstanding cooks. He was immensely proud of his children, Matthew and Louise, and son-in-law Neil. He adored his grandchildren, Zoe and Ruby. His family and many friends will miss him terribly, but will be thankful for all this remarkable man gave us.

E. Kidd and L. Howe

Phil Holloway

1927–2016

Phil Holloway grew up in South East London and qualified from Guys Dental School in 1949. He served in the RAF and worked in general practice until 1953 when he became a lecturer in the Children's Department in the London Hospital. He joined Lady May Mellanby on the staff of the Medical Research Council where he worked on the link between nutrition and dental caries, gaining his PhD and developing skills in the rigorous research methods which underpinned his future work. After further research at Harvard in 1958, he returned to the London, where, with Geoffrey

Slack and Neil Swallow, he published *Child Dental Health* which for many years was a standard textbook on children's dentistry.

In 1963 the family moved to Manchester where Phil took up a post in the Department of Preventive Dentistry, later becoming Professor of Children's Dentistry. He was an innovative educator and developed the first outreach programme for dental students. His dedication to postgraduate supervision was legendary, spending many hours pencilling notes in the margins of drafts, and, before the age of computers, literally cutting and pasting sections of his students' work to help improve it. In 1967 he established, with Graham Davies, the Dental Health Unit which gained international renown for the quality of its research.

By the time he retired from the university in 1992, he had been Dean, had over 100 publications to his name, but continued working well into his late seventies. Phil achieved a phenomenal amount during his career, but as he looked back, there was no doubt that what gave him most pride were the achievements and careers of the colleagues with whom he had worked and influenced.

Phil loved sport. He played football as a youngster, cricket for the university staff team, and was a keen squash and tennis player. He was an avid spectator, and, with his wife, Jean, held season tickets simultaneously for both Manchester City and Manchester United. He was a keen bridge player and if he wasn't playing he was reading about the game, taking great delight in teaching others, whether they liked it or not!

Furthermore, he was happiest when surrounded by his family, and leaves three children and four grandchildren. Phil loved his work, but acknowledged that he could not have achieved anywhere near the amount he did without Jean, who was an incredible support from his early student days through to the last two years of his life when his health was failing.

I. Holloway