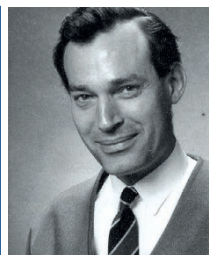


Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted by email to Jonathan Coe at jonathan.coe@nature.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*.



George Donald Jameson

1925–2017

George D. Jameson, the highly respected and admired Darlington dental surgeon, died peacefully on 4 May 2017, aged 91.

George was born in Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham in 1925, the third son of Andrew and Mary Jameson. Both his father and eldest brother, Eric, were well-known dental surgeons. Educated at Barnard Castle School, at 16 George gained a place at the Sutherland Dental School, King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne to study dentistry, when the college was part of Durham University. After graduating in 1948 he joined the Royal Army Dental Corps and served in Cyprus where he met his first wife Margaret Bradley.

Back in the UK, he established his own dental surgery at 12 Southend Avenue, Darlington, specialising in orthodontics, and ran it for 40 years until his retirement at 70. George was popular with his patients who liked his gentle manner and his debonair style. His care, attention to detail and skill as a dental surgeon earned him a wide reputation. He also ran a small business, Darlington Dental Supplies, providing materials to local dental surgeons. In 1967 and 1973 he worked as a locum in South Africa and then later in Zimbabwe in 1982.

In the 1970s he and his family moved to Ovington. An active member of Darlington Rotary, of which he became president, George also had a keen interest in photography, sports cars, golf and electronics. Margaret sadly died in 1978. Later he met and married Dorothy Normington and moved to Barnard Castle, Teesdale.

In retirement, George took up painting and became an accomplished artist. He continued to be involved in Rotary and in 2009 was made a Paul Harris Fellow, their highest award. In Teesdale, he started the local branch of the U3A (an interest organisation for active seniors), becoming the founding chairman in 2007. He travelled extensively with Dorothy and even in his ninety-first year enjoyed a trip to Lanzarote.

A committed family man, he will be remembered by those who knew him as a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Janet Hornby, née Jameson



Howard Wall

1923–2017

James Howard Wall died peacefully in Chatburn, Lancashire on 27 June 2017, a month before his ninety-fourth birthday. Born on 1 August 1923, a scion of Jim Wall, a prominent Preston dentist.

He was educated at Preston Grammar School then graduated from Liverpool University where he then stayed on as a junior house surgeon for 12 months. He worked in the periodontal department then for his final six months was invited to be a 'demonstrator' of general anaesthesia.

Howard was called into the army, based at the artillery camp at Oswestry where as a dental officer, he examined the teeth of the new intakes being admitted to the services.

After the army, he opened up his practice in Preston, where he worked for the next 35 years. He was a lifelong member of the BDA and was elected Chair of our local dental committee for many years.

Cast in the classical mould of his generation, Howard was an exemplary clinician and held the twin virtues of an astoundingly sharp mind and a sound understanding of dental procedures. He embraced the philosophy of the NHS through which he almost exclusively channelled his considerable clinical skills with his specialist interest being in dental prosthetics.

He married Alma in 1964, 'the love of his life and soulmate', and they were happily married for 50 years before she died in 2013.

He had boundless energy, was fastidious and a great lover of order, was eccentric and quirky, a most forthright character, often pedantic, but very charismatic, humorous and charming!

He was a well-read wordsmith, loving books of all kinds especially literature, grammar, poetry and Shakespeare.

Outside his distinguished career in dentistry, he enjoyed life to the full. His interests being far reaching and highly informed, including an incredible interest in cars and motor racing. From 1953 to 1966 he was an official at Silverstone for the British Racing Drivers Club.

He also enjoyed ballroom dancing, bird watching and photography, clay pigeon shooting, and then into retirement he took up computer skills and woodturning. Being the master craftsman that he was, he produced hundreds of exquisite pieces, all perfect of course!

He still maintained his love of motoring, and set about collecting an impressive number of advanced driving certificates!

A cruel blow when Howard was 80, he became blind in one eye and sadly over the following years lost his sight almost completely.

As his dental nurse for the first ten years of my lifelong career in dentistry, I had the great fortune to be influenced by his integrity, commitment, dignity and charm. I implicitly trusted his wisdom and judgement in all aspects of life.

Margaret Williams