In memoriam

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www.rcpe.ac.uk/fellows_&_members/obituaries/index.php

Fellows and Collegiate Members are warmly invited to provide the Obituaries Editor (Dr Derek Doyle, derekdoyle@waitrose.com) with information that will enable him to write or commission obituaries.

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Specialty: Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Family Planning

Dr John Kenneth Binns, FRCP Edin
Born: 23.01.1928 Died: 01.03.2009
Specialty: Psychiatry

Dr Arvind Jamnadas Desai, FRCP Edin
Born: 18.08.1930 Died: 01.02.2009
Specialty: Haematology

Dr Janet Lucile Elder, AM, FRCP Edin
Born: 09.06.1921 Died: 29.01.2009
Specialty: Respiratory/Thoracic Medicine
MB Melbourne 1946, MRCP Edin 1959, FRCP Edin 1972

Dr Eveline Patricia Forbes, FRCP Edin
Specialty: Paediatrics/Community Child Care
BSc Cape Town 1944, MB Cape Town 1948, MRCP Edin 1952, DCH Lond 1955, FRCP Edin 1969

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Born: 01.04.1924 Died: 01.04.2009
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MB Edin 1946, MRCP Edin 1950, FRCP Edin 1971

Dr Alexander Leslie Honeyman, FRCP Edin
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MB St And 1960, MRCP Edin 1965, FRCP Edin 1977

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MB Lond, MD Lond, DSc Lond 1971, FRCP Lond 1970, FFOM 1979, FRCP Edin 1985

Professor Mohan Sankar John Pathy, OBE, FRCP Edin
Specialty: Geriatric Medicine

Dr John Francis Webb, MC, FRCP Edin
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nephrotic syndrome in a bee-keeper
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Dr Hiemstra and his colleagues make a persuasive case for linking amyloid nephropathy to repeated bee-stings in a 78-year-old bee-keeper. However, they are surely mistaken in saying that secondary amyloidosis was ‘only relatively recently described’. The earliest account of this condition was given by Carl von Rokitansky, in 1842, who noted its predilection to involve the liver, spleen and kidneys.1 Nineteenth-century physicians and pathologists confirmed the association with longstanding inflammatory and septic conditions, which had been noted by Giovanni Battista Morgagni and René-Théophile-Hyacinthe Laënnec years previously.

One veterinary ‘model’ of the disease, which might be relevant to the present case, was provided by the unfortunate horses who were used to prepare antitoxins: these hyper-immunised animals often died of amyloidosis. Of course, the categorisation of amyloidosis, and in particular, its association with monoclonal gammopathy (‘primary’ disease) had to wait until the twentieth century. Nevertheless, amyloidosis due to repeated anomalous antigenic stimulation has been recognised for more than 150 years!

Dr Colin Geary, FRCP Edin