



columns

- Evening of Urdu poetry for and by members of the College
- Courtauld Gallery art workshops with patients and staff at South Birmingham Mental Health Trust

November

- Film evening at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital for hospital staff
- Evening of music and Blake's poetry and prose for members at the College

December

- Christmas cabaret – an evening for, and by, members of the College

January 2002

- 2-month long exhibition at Courtauld Gallery of work produced on a workshop programme

- Evening of music for, and by, members at the College

February

- Film evening at College for members

March

- Evening of music at College for members

April

- Film evening at College for members

May

- Judging and exhibition of award-winning art competition entries, London

June

- 2001: Mind Odyssey events at Annual Meeting in Cardiff

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The Royal College of Psychiatrists Winter Business Meeting 2001

The Winter Business Meeting of Council was held at the Royal College of Psychiatrists on 6 February 2001. Twenty-six Members of the College were present.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Winter Business Meeting held at the Royal College of Psychiatrists on 31 January 2001 were approved as a correct record.

Election of Honorary Fellows

The following were elected to the Honorary Fellowship:

The Lord John Thomas Alderdice
Professor Tom Arie CBE
Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland
Professor Eugene Paykel
Professor Roy Porter

obituary



Terrence Eric Lear

Formerly Consultant Psychiatrist at St Crispin Hospital, Northampton

Terry Lear, group analyst and former consultant psychiatrist and psycho-

therapist, St Crispin and General Hospitals, Northampton, was born in Ilford and died suddenly in Southern Ireland on 24 August 2000. Prior to his appointment in Northampton, his post-graduate education with eminent tutors culminated at University College Hospital London with appointments in neurology and psychiatry. He studied medicine at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, where he graduated in 1955. In 1974 he became a Fellow of both the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland and the Royal College of Psychiatrists of England and also qualified as a member of the Institute of Group Analysis, having been trained under S. H. Foulkes.

Early in his career as a general psychiatrist, he brought in new ideas long before they were adopted nationally, so helping to form multi-disciplinary consulting groups in the hospital and in the community, such as phase care for the elderly, general practitioner seminars by telephone link with the 'Balints' and a

therapeutic home for disturbed families. He went on to develop a dedicated psychotherapy service for Northamptonshire. Terry was psychiatric tutor from 1965 to 1975 and was chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee from 1965 to 1970. His work on groups flourished: he taught and lectured widely and served as president of the Group-Analytical Society from 1988 to 1991. His numerous publications included papers in neurology, psychiatry, psychotherapy and group analysis, as well as contributions to books and as editor of a book on group-analysis. Latterly, he became interested in, and wrote on, the psychological aspects of 'shame'.

He was President of the Northampton Medical Society at the time of his death. He will be so deeply missed by all who knew him for his kindness and compassion. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Kathleen, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Lawrence Lear & Amit Bhattacharyya

reviews

Will they do it again? Risk Assessment & Management in Criminal Justice and Psychiatry

By Herschel Prins. London: Routledge. 1999. 171 pp. £15.99 (pb). ISBN: 0-415-16018-9

There might be a temptation, given what Professor Soothill describes in his foreword to Professor Prin's book as the 'risk industry', and the way that it continues to grow, to dismiss yet another publication in this area as possibly having little to add to what we already know. That would be to miss the point, not least because the concepts of risk assessment

and management in psychiatry are here to stay. In addition, there is almost always something to learn in reading about them and equally, almost always something to reflect upon and even worry about in relation to one's own practice. This book is no exception. Although it covers a wide range of different areas, much of its content will be familiar to many