



Knight's move drinking

Sir: We believe that we have come across a new symptom of schizophrenia and would welcome comments. A 38-year-old male, with a history of schizophrenia, was admitted following a disturbance at a public house. Our only source of

history was the landlady, who described increasingly bizarre behaviour over the preceding 4 weeks. After purchasing a pint of beer he would take two steps forwards, take a drink, move a step to the side, take another drink, then return to his start by completing the rectangle.

We have searched the literature, finding no evidence of such actions and therefore suggest this is the first description of 'knight's move drinking'.

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the college

College notice: elections

Additional nominees elected to the Fellowship and Membership under Bye-Law III 2(ii) Categories (b) and (c).

At the meeting of the Court of Electors held on 24 April 2001, the following additional applicants were approved:

The Fellowship:

Dr S. Bhaumik

Dr L. S. O'Brien

The Membership under Bye-Law III 2(ii) Categories (b) and (c):

Dr Y. Amin

Dr A. Andrew

Dr P. Argiriou

Dr M. Barsoum

Dr K. Bradley

Dr A. Caracciolo

Dr R. De Saram

Dr G. Ericksen

Dr L. Escobar

Dr A. Ezquerro-Adan

Dr B. Ferreira

Dr E. Hamdi

Dr M. Husni

Dr F. Ibitoye

Dr M. Izmeth

Dr E. Katona

Dr A.-K. Korszun

Dr B. Laszlo

Dr L. Le Roux

Dr D. Malekniazi

Dr P. Misra

Dr E. Mukaetova-Ladinska

Dr V. Nathan

Dr L. Norelli

Dr G. O'Leary

Dr A. O'Neill-Kerr

Dr M. Posse

Dr K. Prasad

Dr P. Ramachandran

Dr F. Röhrich

Dr T. Rossouw

Dr J. Royds

Dr W. Skogstad

Dr A. Speckens

Dr N. Trieman

Dr M. Van Rhijn

Dr C. Wildgrube

Dr M. Zinkler

Proposal for a Special Interest Group in the Arts and Psychiatry

Procedure for establishing a special interest group:

- (a) Any member wishing to establish a special interest group shall write to the Registrar with relevant details.
- (b) The Registrar shall forward the application to Council.
- (c) If Council approves the principle of establishing such a special interest group then it will direct the Registrar to place a notice in the *Bulletin*, or its equivalent, asking members of the college to write in support of such a group and expressing willingness to participate in its activities. If at least 120 members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of the special interest group.

In accordance with this procedure Council has approved the establishment of a Special Interest Group in the Arts and Psychiatry to provide a forum for members of the College who have an interest in the arts (in all forms) to promote the arts within the general body of the College.

The Special Interest Group will aim to meet regularly, and organise seminars and conferences on the complex and interesting relationships between arts and psychiatry. The areas of interest are likely to include the relationship between creativity and mental illness, the value of the arts as therapy and the representing of psychopathology in works of art.

The Special Interest Group will also establish links with other interested parties such as arts organisations, including the Arts Council of Great Britain, artists and user organisations associated with mental health services.

Members are invited to write in support of this group and express willingness to participate in its activities. Interested members should write to Miss Sue

Duncan at the College. If 120 members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of this special interest group.

Mike Shooter Registrar, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG

Transfer of case notes between child and adolescent mental health services and adult services

In response to several requests from members of the College seeking advice about the issue of the transfer of case notes between child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and adult services, the College's Executive and Finance Committee has considered this issue, with advice from the Child and Adolescent and General and Community Psychiatry Faculties.

In so doing, the Committee has taken into account the need to respect the fact that some patients may not wish the details of their earlier family history to be made available without their permission on reaching adulthood.

There is also a need to respect the right to confidentiality of the other family members concerned in the original referral, that is parents and siblings and that of third party informants.

The following principle has now been endorsed by the College's Council:

- In all cases where a young person is being seen in the CAMHS service at the time of handover to the adult services, the case notes should be transferred. However, wherever possible the transfer of notes between professionals in different teams in different parts of the trust should be accompanied by permission.
- In the case of an emergency, it might be acceptable to have access to the notes regardless of whether or not permission



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had been granted. In all other cases where the child or young person had been seen in the past in CAMHS, but is not currently being seen at the time of handover, referral to the adult services should be accompanied by permission from the patient and family wherever possible.

- Information from third informants should be removed from the case notes before they are handed over. Where this is not possible, permission should be sought for their disclosure from those informants.

We would be interested to receive feedback from members in relation to this policy.

Mike Shooter Registrar, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG

Research prize 2001

The Research Advisory Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Scottish Division established a new prize in 2000, awarding £1000 for the best paper published in the year 2000. Papers are now being accepted for the prize next year. Papers must be published in the year 2001. Please see the rules below.

Judging

The Chairman, Secretary and one other Member of the Scottish Division Research Advisory Group, along with the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Scottish Division, will make up a five-member panel.

Submissions

- The submission will be a single paper published in a peer-reviewed journal in the year 2001. Submissions should be accompanied by a letter stipulating clearly the part the applicant had played in the research.
- Please submit entries to the Honorary Secretary of the Scottish Division by the end of January 2002. Judging will take place in February with the winner being informed by letter shortly afterwards.
- The winner of the research prize will be expected to present his or her paper at a meeting of the Scottish Division in 2002.
- The applicant must be a member of the College and must have been working in Scotland at the time the research was carried out.
- Entries can be e-mailed to k.addie@virgin.net

obituaries



Dr Leslie Stuart Cantlay

Formerly Consultant General Psychiatrist, County Durham and Darlington Priority Services NHS Trust

Leslie Stuart Cantlay died suddenly on 5 January 2001. Leslie, who liked to be called Les, was a proud Scotsman who was born in 1945 in Aberdeen and spent his early years there until 1952, when the family emigrated to Rhodesia where Les' father taught agriculture. After 2 years in Nyasaland, Les returned to Aberdeen at the age of 13 where he attended Aberdeen Grammar School and then Aberdeen University Medical School, where he graduated MB Ch B in 1969.

He married Sheila, an Arts student, in 1969 in King's College Chapel, Aberdeen and after his pre-registration year he worked in psychiatry at the Ross Clinic in

Aberdeen and then Kingseat Hospital in Aberdeenshire.

In 1972 Les joined the Royal Army Medical Service, was posted to Northern Ireland and in 1974 returned to psychiatry and served in West Germany, Hong Kong and the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital in Woolwich, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1983. He gained the MRCPsych in 1978 and was elected to the Fellowship in 1997.

In 1988 Les joined the staff at Winterton Psychiatric Hospital and practised as a general psychiatrist in the Bishop Auckland and Crook area and moved to Darlington with the closure of Winterton Hospital in 1998.

Les might well be described as a 'character'. He was, for example, meticulous and precise, particularly in his use of the English language; was a great fan of Elvis, loved motorcars and was extremely proud of his recent acquisition of a silver grey mark II 'Inspector Morse' Jaguar and collected matchbox cars and trains and implements for left-handed people.

Les was an enthusiastic traveller and a few months prior to his death spent a short holiday in China visiting Beijing, the Great Wall and the Terracotta Warriors. Les enjoyed his work as a general adult psychiatrist and particularly enjoyed teaching and training junior doctors; his knowledge of training regulations and training schemes was second to none.

Leslie L. Burton

Charles B. Whittaker

Formerly Medical Superintendent, Carstairs State Hospital

Charles B. Whittaker – Charley to his many friends – died unexpectedly in hospital in Edinburgh on 26 October 1998 at the age of 72. He had been retired from psychiatric work for some years and had been fairly recently married (for the first time) to Georgina, a retired nursing sister, who survives him.

He studied medicine at Edinburgh University (graduated MB Ch B 1947) and specialised in psychiatry early in his career, working at the Crichton Royal Hospital in Dumfries. Later on, during the 1970s, he became a consultant psychiatrist at Gogarburn Hospital in Edinburgh and subsequently – following the disastrous events surrounding the escape of a dangerous patient from there in 1985 – he was for some years the Medical Superintendent of Carstairs State Hospital.

A Unitarian and humanist and deeply conscientious man, Whittaker was interested in literature and comparative religion and worked unceasingly for reconciliation between people of different beliefs. He became particularly committed to the Council of Christians and Jews, on whose behalf he visited Israel several times.

He is much missed by everybody who had the privilege of knowing him.

Margaret J. Little