



The President's Report

2008

This is my fifth Presidential Report to the Association and I cannot say that I enjoy reporting on developments within the Medical School. The current Medical School is illustrious and provides an excellent medical education for the students. The problem relates to the name of the Medical School. When the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine merged with University College Medical School ten years ago, the new medical school was called "The Royal Free and University College Medical School", known to the students as "RUMS". The name was guaranteed for 10 years only and that period is now over. The last of the original Royal Free students completed their training in 2003.

During the past 10 years we have watched the dismantling of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine administration and its removal to the Gower Street premises with a great loss of personnel. Obviously this has been done to save money and to provide greater efficiency.

This has all been viewed with great anxiety and the realisation that the name "Royal Free" could be eradicated from the merged Medical School.

The merged Medical School is only a small part of a conglomerate of medical establishments within the Biomedical Sciences Faculty under the auspices of University College London. The medical sciences grouping itself has its own disputes with the non-medical science block in University College. Overriding all the personal aspirations of the departments within University College London is its aim to become the international academic leader known with the brand name of just "UCL".

The consultant staff at the Royal Free Hospital come from a background of diverse medical schools and hospitals, and may also no longer necessarily consider their appointments as their final ones. Certainly the hospital managers anticipate that they will make further career moves. Thus the loyalty to the Hospital is only temporary. It is not surprising, that when consulted, the staff were more worried about their clinical practice, funding of their future research, and the possibility of falling foul of the Medical Science block and the Council of University College, than about a name. Even the Continuing Trustees of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine have divided views on pressing for retention of the name.

However the decision has been made. The changing of the name of the School was discussed and voted upon at two meetings of University College Council in March and June.

Sadly the Continuing Trustees were only aware of this when it became common knowledge following circulation to members of staff of the Provost's Newsletter (June 2008) which stated that, with effect from the coming academic year, the title of the medical school will be "UCL Medical School". The medical students however are retaining the acronym "RUMS" for their sports teams and activities.

I therefore feel that now, more than ever, it is important that our Association remains strong and active by maintaining our connections with the Royal Free Hospital and with each other.

One of the ways we intend to do this is by the introduction of the ROYAL FREE ASSOCIATION ELECTIVE BURSARIES. To this end, Wendy Kelsey and myself have been in discussion with Dr Jane Zuckerman (q.1987, Elective Sub-Dean). She is producing a form for students to apply for our Bursaries; some of which will be awarded for scholarship and some for needs. They will be ready to be awarded for electives in 2009.

The good news has been the reinstatement of the name "Royal Free Campus" instead of "Hampstead Campus".

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The President's Report (continued)

Each year at our Annual Meeting the Programme includes Ward Rounds and a Symposium. For the last two years Dr Philip Lodge and Miss Susan Tuck have co-ordinated the Ward Rounds and we are extremely grateful to them and all the Consultants who prepare and set aside times in their busy schedules to teach our groups. This year's selection of Ward Rounds looks particularly interesting.

Last year the Peter Scheuer Symposium was organised and chaired by Dr Dimitri Mikhailidis to whom we are extremely grateful. As usual it was fascinating to the audience who very much appreciated each presentation.

In particular Professor George Hamilton, the Vascular Surgeon, gave a new approach on the necessity for surgeons and radiologists to work together on vascular intervention in cerebral and abdominal vascular disease. Some are better treated by radiology than operative surgery and he suggested in time that there would be an emergence of a specialist with the combined skills.

Dr Roby Rakhit, the cardiologist, showed us the new management of cardiac infarcts by a rapid procedure to angioplasty and stenting thus reducing the need for bypass surgery.

The new procedure takes place in a specialist Emergency 24 hour Unit, bypassing Casualty, on the decision of the ambulance crew who decides if a patient with chest pain is a probable cardiac patient. He stated that the fastest stent insertion in their Department was just 20 minutes and routinely they are quick enough to prevent cardiac muscle damage and therefore a rise in cardiac enzymes.

Dr Devaki Nair, a clinical biochemist, gave a comparative account of cardiac disease, diabetes and hypertension in patients with a raised cholesterol from South Asian communities in the UK. She compared them with UK Europeans showing a huge adverse difference in the outcomes for the South Asians. She pointed out that the South Asians diet, with large amounts of rice eaten and with substantial amounts of fat in food preparation, was not as healthy as the traditional British diet of "meat and two veg".

This year Mr Richard Brueton is organising the Symposium on various aspects, both old and new, of orthopaedics. He will be providing us with updates on treatments. We look forward to this very much.

Dr Rosemarie Baillod

A note from the Treasurer

Although subscriptions received have been slightly down this year, our Bank Account continues to have a reasonable balance. The continuing support of the Special Trustees (now known as the Charitable Trust) of the Royal Free Hospital is gratefully acknowledged as the £7,000 has helped towards the costs of producing and circulating the Newsletter and the Addendum to the Directory. Surprisingly requests from the students for financial help have not been high this year and we paid out in total £2,400. However the financial situation will change next year when we start to help students with their elective expenses.

Dr Wendy Kelsey

THE PROGRAMME

for the Annual General Meeting to be held on
Thursday, 20th November 2008 in the
Sir William Wells Atrium, Ground Floor, Royal Free Hospital

10.00 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

Sir Williams Wells Atrium,
Ground Floor, Royal Free Hospital

10.30 a.m. **WARD ROUNDS**

- ❖ **NUCLEAR MEDICINE with Dr John Buscombe**
- ❖ **NEUROSURGERY (or a presentation of a medical tour in Afghanistan) with Mr Colin Shieff**
- ❖ **THE FATIGUE SERVICE with Dr Gabrielle Murphy**
- ❖ **THE ROLE OF THE PATIENT AT RISK AND THE RESUSCITATION TEAM with Miss Sarah Crawford**
- ❖ **HEALTH SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE with Dr Dan Lee**
- ❖ **MEDICAL EDUCATION with Dr Deborah Gill**
- ❖ **THE LATEST TREATMENT OF NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOURS with Dr Christos Toumpanakis**

(Details of where to meet will be given at Registration – we will try to arrange your first choice (see Registration Form on page 15) but we hope you will accept an alternative should we find it necessary)

11.45 a.m. **REPORTS ON THE ROYAL FREE AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL**

12.30 p.m. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Agenda

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting held on Thursday, 15th November 2007**
3. **Matters arising**
4. **President's Report**
5. **Election of Officers for 2008-2009**
6. **Election of new Members**
7. **Financial Report**
8. **Any Other Business**
9. **Date of next Annual Meeting**

1.00 p.m. **LUNCH**

2.30 p.m. **THE PETER SCHEUER SYMPOSIUM**

CHAIRMAN: Mr Richard Brueton
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

- ❑ **THE HISTORY OF TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT** by Mr George Dowd
- ❑ **THE HISTORY OF SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY** by Mr Phillip Ahrens
- ❑ **THE ROLE OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HAEMOPHILIA** by Mr Nicholas Goddard
- ❑ **THE EFFECT OF SURGERY ON THE BLOOD SUPPLY OF BONE** by Mr Richard Brueton
- ❑ **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SURGERY OF THE HIP** by Mr Nimalan Maruthinar and Mr Nicholas Garlick

4.00 p.m. **SYMPOSIUM DISCUSSION**

4.15 p.m. **TEA**

5.00 p.m. **THE MARSDEN LECTURE**

(Details to be given at Registration)

6.00 p.m. **TRUSTEES' RECEPTION**

7.00 p.m. **INFORMAL DINNER**
at the Brasserie Chez Gerard
215 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 4RB

The Annual Meeting has CME and PGEA Approval

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Free Association
held in the Sir William Wells Atrium at the Royal Free Hospital, London NW3 2QG
on Thursday, 15th November 2007

Present: Dr Rosemarie Baillod in the Chair plus 71 Members of the Association, namely:

Rohini ABEYESUNDERE (1962), Frances ALDERS (1950), Elzbieta BIEL (1961), Dora BLACK (Member), Elizabeth BRADSHAW (1964), Pat BROWN (1985), Doreen BROWNE (1959), Richard BRUETON (1971), Eleanor BUTLER (1963), Christine BYRNE (1968), Helen CLARK (1964), Malcolm CLARKE (1965), Wendy CLINE (1965), Andrew CLYMO (1959), Sheila COATES (1982), Colin COOPER (1959), Anna COPE (1956), Helen CROSSLEY (1961), Diana ERNAELSTEEN (1959), Judith FISHER (1963), Phyllis GEORGE (1948), John GIBSON (1956), Christine HALL (Member), Jane HARPUR (1969),	Ann HARRIS (1962), David HENDERSON (1965), Susan HILLS (1979), Dorothy HOLDSWORTH (1961), Ann HOWARD (1964), Audrey JAGO (1951), Erica JONES (1954), Shirley JONES (1959), Wendy KELSEY (1966), Sylvia LAQUEUR (1972), Patricia LAST (1958), Ann LLOYD JONES (1959), Sabina LORIA (1961), Rhona MACLEAN (1951), Neil MCINTYRE (Member), Yvonne MCLEAN (1952), Jean MCDONALD (1963), Jean MCKINNON (1961), Deborah MEANLEY (1965), Patricia MONEY (1961), Clare NAISH (1972), Ruth ODELL (1947), Charlotte PAGE (1977), Margaret PAGE (1964),	Gillian PERROTT (1968), Yvonne PLUMMER (1977), Barbara PROSSER (1948), Anna RAKOWICZ (1962), Avery REZEK (1959), Valerie ROGERS (1961), Helen SAPPER (1959), Sonia SASSOON (1977), Dorothy SELL (1952), Hilary SHAW (1955), Dorothy-Anne SHERRIFF (in attendance), David SKEGGS (Member), William TAMPION (Member), Elsbeth TATE (1961), Brenda THOMPSON (1961), John TUCKER (1966), Nerys TUDOR (1963), Pat WALMSLEY (1964), Anne WHITWELL (1962), Marion WORTHINGTON (1962), Maureen VAN RYSSEN (1964), Jane ZUCKERMAN (1987)
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1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 119 members, as per the attached list.

2. Recording of Deaths

The Chairman asked Professor Neil McIntyre to read out the names of those who had died, namely:

Marie H.L. Blankert (1967), Margaret L.M. Bridges (Mrs Manford) (1947), F.C. Ruth Brown (née Richardson) (1941), John H. Cook (1968), Beryl Corner (1934), Julia Cotter (1968), Robert Danbury (1953), Dame Joyce Daws (1949), Professor J.M. Newsom-Davis (Member), Margaret Evans (1962), Margaret I. Freeman-Archer (née Hendrie) (1943), Kaled Ghattas (1982), Jannette D. ap.-H. Griffith (née Owen) (1945), Professor C. Anthony Hart (1972), Ruth d'Arcy Hart (1954), Philip Hopkins (Member), Norah M. Hudson (née Hering) (1962), Professor David Jordan (Member), Patricia Jordan (née Arnold) (1949), Lorna M.M. Lake (née Davies) (1940), Pamela F. McCance (née Lind-Smith) (1953), Sadie B. Michaels (1947), E. Madge Moore (née Collingridge) (1947), M. Joyce Morgan (1939), Sheila M. Parker (1946), Paul A.G. Robert (1957), Major General David Roberts (1954), Gloria H. Sands (née Roberts) (1956), Sylvia Stewart (née Danks) (1947), Henry Stoll (Member), Adeline G. Towers (née Lewis) (1947)

There followed a short silence.

3. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 16th November 2006

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been circulated to all members via the Annual Newsletter and copies were made available to those present. The Minutes were ratified and signed by the President as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

The President reported that the retention of the name of the "Royal Free and University College Medical School" continued to be a subject of great concern. Every effort would be made to retain the School's name and the matter would be discussed again later in meeting under "Any Other Business".

5. The President's Report

The President welcomed the members to the Meeting. She reported that a new Membership Directory had been circulated with the Annual Newsletter. She would like to express the Association's gratitude to the Charitable Trust of the Hospital for their continuing support of £7,000 as their donation had helped greatly towards the total expense of printing and postage which amounted to £14,000.

She noted that it is quite clear that the members wish to keep in touch and was aware of the increasing numbers who had sent in changes of address. One proposal was for the Directory to be placed on the Royal Free Association's website but not everyone has e-mail facilities and additionally not all members want their address and details in the Public Domain. The Annual Newsletter is currently on the Royal Free Hospital website under Archives.

The President reminded those present that through the accumulated money from the annual subscriptions, the Association would be able to make a significant contribution to the students for their electives. She reported that discussions had taken place with Jane Zuckerman (q. 1987 and Elective Sub-Dean) who would look into the best way of assisting the students with such a bursary. Students would be required to make an approach to the Association and funds would be issued directly to them from the Association. The awards would be known as "The Royal Free Association Elective Awards".

The President reported that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee had been held to consider the Constitution of the Association. The proposed amendments had been circulated to the membership in the Annual Newsletter. Further comments on this would be discussed later in the meeting under "Any Other Business".

On behalf of the Association Dr Rosemarie Bailod thanked Professor Kirk for undertaking the role of President over the past three years. Thanks were also expressed to Dorothy-Anne Sherriff, for taking the minutes and providing secretarial help, and to Marion Huber (who lives in Austria) for maintaining the database and compiling the Directory. Both work voluntarily for the Association.

6. Officers for 2007-2008

a. **President:** Rosemarie Bailod

Secretary/Treasurer: Wendy Kelsey

Executive Committee:

Richard Brueton	Philip Lodge
Karen Cheetham	Dimitri Mikhailidis
Jacqueline Cooper	Andrew Platts
Bimbi Fernando	Wendy Reid
Sandra Jones	Susan Tuck
Patricia Last	Marc Winslet
Margaret Lloyd	

Professor Daniel Hochhauser informed the Executive Committee that he could no longer undertake the role due to heavy workload. Thanks were expressed for his past work.

b. New Officers

The Executive Committee is delighted that Dr Philip Lodge has accepted to take over the role of Vice President of the Association.

c. Election of new members

Professor John Summerfield has been elected a member of the Association.

7. Financial report

The balance sheet for the previous year was circulated at the meeting. Dr Kelsey informed the meeting that thanks to their annual subscriptions and generous contributions the Association now had a reasonable balance sheet with £24,000 in the bank. Of this £8,000 has been received in subscriptions and £7,000 from the Charitable Trust of the Hospital.

She reported that The Students Distress Fund had been able to assist students to a total amount of £5000. The members approved the financial report.

8. Any other business

Dr David Skeggs expressed his support for the President and the Executive Committee with regard to maintaining the "Royal Free" name. As Chairman of the Cancer Relief Trust he had approached the Chief Executive of the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust to see if they could have the Royal Free logo and name on their headed paper but had been refused. He felt that the bulk of antipathy was on the UCL side.

The President acknowledged that the problem of the loss of "Royal Free" from the Medical School name was causing a lot of concern at the Executive Committee meetings and that great sadness had been expressed. In addition the Royal Free Hospital and University College Hospital were currently trying to rationalize the medical services they provide for Camden. In general it was felt that University College Hospital were cherry picking for themselves; their Hospital has only 500 beds compared to the Royal Free Hospital which has almost 1000 beds and this is also a point of irritation.

The President informed the meeting that the Continuing Trustees of the Royal Free Hospital Medical School were meeting with Professor Ed Byrne the following week to discuss the name change. She acknowledged that it was a difficult problem as it threatened the history of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. Professor McIntyre stated that the Royal Free was the first free hospital and it was given royal patronage in the first year of Queen Victoria's reign; there were no other Royal Hospitals at that time. Professor McIntyre suggested it might be difficult to remove the name, but the meeting felt that this would probably not be the case. One member remembered the keen interest of the Queen Mother (then Queen Elizabeth) when she visited the Hospital in 1946.

On behalf of Dr Jennian Geddes the President was asked to raise to the membership the future of the Archives of the Medical School. A problem has arisen since the current building holding the Hospital and Medical School Archives had been sold. These combined Archives are extremely important to research historians of women's medicine worldwide. The Chief Executive of the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust, Mr Andrew Way, has said they are doing everything possible to keep the Archives together at a local site.

At the AGM in 2006 it was suggested that a history of the Royal Free Hospital and the Medical School should be provided to all new students.

Professor McIntyre had written a short history and this had been published in "RUMS", the students' journal. He mentioned that he is currently working on a new and more detailed history of the Royal Free Hospital and Medical School.

The President mentioned that a part of retaining the "Royal Free" name would be by the student elective bursaries. It was proposed that a small group headed by the President and the Treasurer/Secretary, Dr Wendy Kelsey, should be established to make decisions on allocating funds for the bursary electives. The President asked the membership for their agreement and it was approved.

Dr Patricia Last had proposed previously the establishment of life membership at the age of 60 for the sum of £200. The President asked the membership for their views and the idea was approved.

The President mentioned that charitable status had also been proposed, but the advice the Association had received from the Medical School's Finance Department was that once a Charity is registered there are many responsibilities and administrative problems to be dealt with. The Executive Committee, whose members work voluntarily, only meets twice a year and they might not be able to cope with these additional problems. It was therefore felt that applying for charitable status was not a good idea. The monies gained would be relatively small and the advantages gained even smaller.

As reported in the Newsletter and the President's Report, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Association was held and minor changes to the Constitution were suggested. These had been circulated in the Newsletter. The President therefore asked the membership if they were in agreement with these changes. The members approved the constitutional changes.

The President mentioned that there had been a request to see if the date of our Meeting being held today could be changed. As the date had been arranged to coincide with Marsden Day, there was doubt as to whether this would have been possible.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th November 2008.

Annual General Meeting of the Royal Free Association
Thursday, 15th November 2007

Apologies for Absence

ADAMS, Maureen B. (1948)
ADAMSON, Kenneth P. (1967)
ASHBY, Rosemary R. (1956)
BAKER, Hazel B. (1943)
BEE, E. May (1964)
BERRY, Sheila I. (1954)
BIRKS, Doreen A. (1949)
BISHOP, Angela P. (1976)
BLAKE, Paul (1971)
BLATCH, Sheila M.V. (1954)
BOLTON, Margaret E. (1969)
BOUCHER, Audrey M.G. (1974)
BURTENSCHAW, Hazel M. (1959)
CARLYON, A.M.E. Tamsin (1983)
CASTLE, Shirley G. (1961)
CHAMBERS, E. Joanna (1969)
COLSTON, Jean R. (1957)
COOPER, Dorothy J. (1940)
COOPER, Gisu (1988)
CORBETT, Mary (1957)
CREE, Sylvia J. (1957)
CROFT, Barbara A. (1959)
DAVIES, Margaret R. (1962)
DRAGOWSKA, Ewa M. (1960)
EDMONDS, John P.F. (1971)
EDWARDS, Joan M. (1957)
ETHERIDGE, Monica M. (1940)
FEIZI, Ozgen (1964)
FEIZI, Professor Ten (1964)
FINGRET, Ann L.M.F. (1957)
FISHER, Marie G. (1952)
FLEISCHER, Freda (1952)
FLETCHER, Ian R. (1971)
FOGARTY, Aideen C. (1962)
GARDNER OF PARKES, Baroness (Member)
GILCHRIST, Edith (1938)
GOLTON, Andrea G. (1971)
GOWER, Sean G. (1989)
GREEN, Michael R. (1983)

HALL, Professor Joseph G. (1957)
HALL, Judith M. (1958)
HEGARTY, Judith I. (1965)
HELSON, Edna (1958)
HENDERSON, Elizabeth P. (1953)
HENDERSON, Moira M. (1958)
HESLING-WHITBY, Constance M. (1947)
HOBBS, Rebecca J. (1982)
HOGBEN, Monica M. (1943)
HOGWOOD, Frances M. (1978)
HORSMAN, David C. (1971)
HOVER, E. Carol (1955)
HUNT, Kathleen M. (1961)
HUNTER, Anne L. (1950)
HUNTER, Mary G.C.A. (1950)
JACQUES, Mary A. (1953)
JAMES, Stephanie (1951)
JANES, Nancy C. (1948)
JONES, Shirley P. (1959)
KING, Isabel J. (1973)
KLUTH, David C. (1989)
LINSELL, Jane C. (1978)
LYNCH, Anthony S. (1975)
LLOYD, Professor Margaret (Member)
MacDONALD, Flora (1948)
MAIN, Angela De La C. (1956)
MANFIELD, Pauline A. (1954)
MARSHALL, Margaret E. (1975)
MASON, James S. (1973)
McCARTHY, Ann K. (1955)
McMINN, Anna M.C. (1974)
McWATTERS, The Hon. Mrs Veronica (1960)
MEADOWS, I. Jane T. (1957)
MEYNEN, Frederick G.C. (1964)
MITCHELL, John L. (1971)
MORRISON, Carole D. (1978)
MURPHY, Margaret K. (1962)
NAYLOR, Ann F. (1961)
OBIN, Olive M. (1957)
OSBORN, Marian L. (1955)

OSGOOD, Vicky M. (1977)
PATEMAN, Sally E. (1966)
PHILLIPS, Brian L.D. (1954)
PITKIN, Joan (1976)
POLLOCK, Estelle G. (1947)
PURKISS, Muriel (1954)
RANSLEY, Yvonne F. (1960)
REARDON, Patricia J. (1956)
RICHMOND, Janis M. (1961)
ROSS, Ian H. (1968)
ROWLANDS, A. Eleri (1970)
RUDWICK, Ann L. (1956)
RUTTY, Professor Guy N. (1987)
SALISBURY, Barbara J. (1950)
SALTER, K. Elizabeth U. (1965)
SCOTT, Daphne M. (1965)
SHANNON, Rita W. (1953)
SHAW, Professor Robert W. (Member)
SHIRLEY, Janet A. (1971)
SHORTLAND, Betty E. (1945)
STEWART, Barbara E. (1947)
STRACEY, Pamela M. (1958)
STREETER, Helen L. (1989)
THOMAS, A. Myfanwy (1968)
THOMPSON, Clive D. (1957)
THOMPSON, Valerie M. (1948)
THORNLEY, Barbara A. (1966)
THOW, Mary E. (1957)
TOBIN, Jean M. (1968)
TONGE, Barbara L. (1955)
TUPPER, Annemarie D. (1952)
TURNER, Helen M. (1950)
UNDERHILL, Rosemary A. (1961)
WALSHE, Margaret M. (1956)
WATSON, Jane C. (1983)
WELCHER, Eileen M. (1947)
WHITE, Pamela O. (1964)
WICKHAM, E. Anne (1965)
YOUNG, Glenda K. (1961)
YOUNG, Michael (1961)

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Royal Free Association

Financial Statements for the year to 30 April 2007

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2007

<u>2005/06</u>			<u>2006/07</u>		
£	£	<u>INCOME</u>	£	£	£
		<u>BANK INTEREST</u>			
0.00		General Fund			0.00
275.19		Memorial Fund			388.32
108.77		Bursary Fund			142.90
5.31		Students Accommodation Fund			7.10
1,000.00		Clinical Income and Donations			500.00
8,565.00		Member Subscriptions			8,802.39
10,285.00		Other Income			12,640.00
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20,217.27					22,460.71
		<u>DEDUCT EXPENDITURE</u>			
	0.00	Office Equipment & Software	0.00		
	0.00	Executive Meetings	0.00		
	257.82	General Medical Council, Medical Register	591.03		
	341.11	Stationery & Photocopying	314.98		
	0.00	Telephone Charges	0.00		
	1775.93	Postage	2002.99		
	0.00	Travel Expenses	0.00		
	4093.45	Printing	4119.80		
	805.00	Gifts & Gratuities	910.00		
	5000.00	Distress Fund	5500.00		
	15.00	Other	110.83		
			<hr/>	13649.21	
		<u>EXPENSES TRIENNIAL DINNER/CLINICAL MEETING</u>			
	0.00	Printing	0.00		
	0.00	Gratuities	0.00		
	0.00	Toastmaster	0.00		
	0.00	Accreditation Fees	0.00		
	2967.58	Catering	6383.85		
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		<u>INTEREST DUE TO SPECIFIC FUNDS</u>			
	275.19	Memorial Fund	388.32		
	108.77	Bursary Fund	142.90		
15442.96	5.31	Students' Accommodation	7.10	518.32	20451.38
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£ - -		<u>EXCESS EXPENDITURE CARRIED FORWARD TO BALANCE SHEET</u>			£ - -
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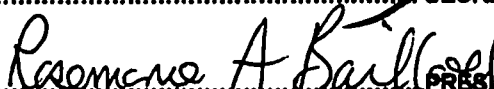
Financial Statements for the year to 30 April 2007

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30.4.2007

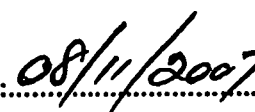
<u>2005/06</u>					<u>2006/07</u>
£	£		£	£	£
851.94		Cash at Bank Current Account			1,174.63
22,044.37		Cash at Bank Deposit Account			19,315.08
-262.07		Petty Cash Balance			-262.07
512.41		UCL-RFC Account LM5E Balance			5446.66
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23,146.65					25,674.30
		<u>DEDUCT LIABILITIES</u>			
	3,049.95	Memorial Fund Balance 1.5.06	3,325.14		
	275.19	Add Gross Interest for Year	368.32	3,693.46	
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	1,343.37	Bursary Fund Balance 1.5.06	1,450.14		
	106.77	Add Gross Interest for Year	142.90	1,593.04	
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	66.73	Students' Accomodation Fund			
	5.31	Balance 1.5.06	72.04		
4,847.32		Add Gross Interest for Year	7.10	79.14	5,365.64
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18,299.33					£20,308.66
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Note to the Accounts:

The Association has been awarded the sum of £7000 by (The Royal Free Hospital, Special Trustees) for the year 2007/2008. During the year to 30 April 2007 the Association's Distress Fund paid out £5500 to assist Medical Students suffering financial hardship.

SIGNED:  SECRETARY / TREASURER
 SIGNED:  PRESIDENT

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the books and vouchers of the Royal Free & University College Medical School, Royal Free Association which have been produced to me, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are correctly drawn up so as to give a true and accurate view of the Association's affairs as at 30 April 2007.

DATE: 



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Reunions to be held this year:

1978

The 30-year Reunion is being held on Saturday, 20th September 2008 at the Hurlingham Club, Fulham, West London. If anyone from the year does not know about the Reunion and would like to attend please contact Jennian Geddes as soon as possible on jfgeddes@gedmont.com

1983

The 25-year Reunion is being held for all those who started in 1978 and finished in 1983 or later. It is planned to hold this on Saturday, 15th November 2008 at the Mercure Holland House Hotel in Bristol. If you would like further information please contact Helen Wehner by telephone on 01275 332558 or by e-mail on helen.wehner@btopenworld.com

Reunions to be held in 2009:

1979

The 30-year Reunion for the 1979 qualifiers (1973/74 starters) is being organised for 26th/27th September **2009**. It will probably be in Birmingham with the main event on the Saturday night (John Watkinson will be an organiser). In the meantime if you would like further information please contact Evleen Mann (née Towey, Mrs Manjuran) by telephone on 01423 503515 or by e-mail on e.mann@dhfltd.com

1959

The 50th Anniversary Reunion for the qualifiers in 1959 (or thereabouts) is being organised for Wednesday, 18th November **2009** – a long lunch has been booked provisionally at the Apothecaries Hall, Blackfriars.

Thanks to those who have responded to the initial enquiry. Costs not yet finalised. More details next year or if you would like information before please contact Helen Sapper (Rubens) on helensapper@hotmail.com

Pauline Emerson (née Feavers) kindly provided the following account of her year's Reunion:

Nineteen people attended the 50-year reunion of the 1957 qualifiers on a beautiful day in September last year. Reminiscences and news were exchanged over lunch and remarkably most people recognised each other, more easily than at the 25-year reunion which suggests our final features were well set by middle age.

The men were present in a ratio of 1:3 women, rather better than the 1:7 ratio at the start of the Course. I'm not sure what that means!!!

Those attending were (ladies maiden names): Mary Adlington, Moira Cameron, James Cope, Mary Corbett, Jean Coulston, Joan Edwards, Pauline Feavers, John Ferguson, Adrian Fox,

Olive Grundy, Joe Hall, Kathleen Howard, James (Binky) Pechal, Sylvia Pinder, Rena Proud, Muriel Rolfe, Margaret Healey, Clive Thompson and Judith Wright.

They all send their best wishes to those who could not attend.

Pat Last kindly provided the following account of the 50th Reunion for the 1958 graduates:

On 19th June 2008, twenty-nine stalwarts and six guests met up at the Royal Society of Medicine (founded 1805) to listen to Professor Sir Roy Calne give a fascinating insight into his career in transplantation and art to the Retired Fellows Society of the RSM. Sir Roy was a registrar at the Royal Free Hospital when we were students, which gave the talk added interest.

Although three delegates had to cancel in the days before the meeting because of illness – and one didn't show at all – we had three intrepid travellers from Australia, two from the USA, one from Germany and one based in Africa. The rest were scattered round the British Isles. We had managed to trace all but a handful of our qualifying year and had learnt sadly of the death of 15. After the lecture, we walked across Cavendish Square in the sunshine to the Medical Society of London (founded in 1773) in Chandos Street where we were able to chatter to our hearts content over a buffet lunch.

The post-prandial entertainment started in style with a splendid history of the Royal Free given by Professor Neil McIntyre. He has researched the Archives, local and national, and his illustrations were very pertinent to us who remembered training in the Medical School in Hunter Street and the Hospital in Gray's Inn Road.

Next came presentations from the group about our lives and interests in the past 50 years.

Ruth Frank showed a film of us receiving our results at Senate House, then talked of her work in Germany, as a holocaust survivor, visiting schools to share her experiences.

We discovered that she and two others of our year had done their 'Highers' in Nairobi at the Kenya High School for Girls.

Amy Tremayne-Smith (now Glover) talked of her work with children in Nongoma RSA – no retirement for her yet. From the USA, Paul Bricknell showed his tropical fish – he is a senior figure in the field and has some 200 tanks in his Hershey basement.

Barbara Truscoe (now Simcock) became a national expert in Australia and international contributor on vasectomy and was very entertaining. Alec Hasenson talked of his fascination with history both here and in the USA and has several books to his credit. Eva Kohner is a world authority on diabetic retinopathy – and after escaping Hungary, started work as a nurse before coming to the Free. David Steward, a prime mover in our reunion, wound up the proceedings with a run through of his 25 year association with China and the Canada China Child Health Foundation which is promoting all aspects of child health in that country.

But the star of the show was a CD David has produced of our history – all our exam papers, student photographs, obituaries of fellow students and teachers, lectures, - a whole host of memories that will give us many hours of pleasure.

We finished the day with dinner at the Medical Society and travelled home having restored old friendships. Strange how people can look so different after 50 years but once you hear their voice and start chatting the years slip away and we were young again!!



**The class of 1968 held their 40th Anniversary Reunion on Friday, 4th July 2008
Sue Birtwistle (née Hornblower) kindly provided the photograph and report**

Out of the 88 original members of the class, 9 have died, and the vast majority of the rest came. Altogether there were 81 of us on the day, two-thirds old students, and one-third spouses. Those not attending sent messages of greetings.

Despite the rain throughout the week, and again the following day, our day was fine and sunny all day. We started our celebrations at the Chelsea Physic Garden, where after meeting and greeting each other we had very informative and entertaining tours of the garden. One of the tour guides was a retired Royal Free paediatric consultant who was known to several of our group – that really was a bonus!! The garden, which was set up by the Apothecaries in order to grow their medicinal herbs, is still laid out to show which plants are, or were, used in medicine. Many had not visited the garden before and, after such a glorious afternoon there, were committed to returning.

At 5.30 p.m. MS Henley was awaiting us at Cadogan Pier for an hour's slow cruise down the Thames to Blackfriars and the Apothecaries Hall. We passed many well-known landmarks – thank goodness it did not rain, as the boat was totally exposed to the elements. We enjoyed the trip in the evening sunlight.

The evening at the Hall was magnificent. We were greeted by the Beadle who took us on a tour of the historic Jacobean Hall prior to a champagne reception. Dinner was enormous fun, good food, fine wines, superb service and old friends. The noise of chatter grew louder and louder. Passing the great silver loving cup round was very symbolic of the fact that we had bonded as a group 40 years ago, and that had not changed over time.

We hope to meet again soon, and certainly not wait another ten years.

Queen's Honours

Our apologies for the delay in congratulating both:

PROFESSOR DONALD JEFFRIES (q. 1966) for the award of the CBE for services to Medicine, and

DR EILEEN THOMPSON (q. 1954) for the award of the MBE for services to children with cancer in Wales.

Professorships

Warmest congratulations to Daniel Hochhauser (q. 1983) on his promotion to Professor of Medical Oncology from October 2007 and belated congratulations to Christopher Denton (Member) on his promotion to Professor of Experimental Rheumatology from October 2006.

UCL Enterprise Awards

We are delighted to learn that Professor Owen Epstein (Member) has won the UCL Business Award for 2007 for a software innovation which has helped the NHS provide better care to millions of patients. The concept, conceived by Professor Epstein, is a software application (Medic-to-Medic) that gives every clinician access to the vast resources of medical knowledge in the NHS at the click of a button.

The RFA Database

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have returned the Green Forms with alterations to their details held on our database.

As information is now disseminated I have to rely on the Medical Directory, the Internet, the Green Forms or Reunions to be able to keep the database accurate. I have noticed that many of you are registered on the Medical Directory files at very old addresses.

Please may I ask that you continue to keep us up-to-date with your alterations, changes of address or additional qualifications by returning the enclosed Green Form to the Royal Free Association, Royal Free Campus, Rowland Hill Street, London NW3 2PF.

Marion Huber
RFA Database Administrator

Please do send in further news items for future issues.

Contact: Marion Huber e-mail: m.j.h@aon.at

Obituaries

It is with sadness that we announce that Beryl Corner, OBE JP MD FRCP, died on 4th March last year at the age of 96

Jean Lawrie (1938) had planned to pay a tribute to Beryl Corner at our AGM but unfortunately Jean was unable to attend in November.

Beryl Corner (1934) was one of the most distinguished students of the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine. This was recognised by the fact that five of the most read daily newspapers carried full obituaries of this great – but so modest – paediatrician.

Having studied the pioneering methods of Dr Mary Crosse, who had set up a service for premature babies in Birmingham during the 1930s, she set about introducing a neonatal service from scratch.

In 1946, with £100 to spend, she started a premature baby unit in a tiny room at Southmead Hospital in Bristol.

Beryl's first examining procedures - making sure of every detail in hygiene, temperature, timing, equipment, training of staff etc - were of maximum benefit. Attention to detail and the decisions of a first class well-informed brain made Beryl's outstanding contribution to paediatric care.

She became an expert in kernicterus and her research interests included the management of rhesus haemolytic disease of the newborn; the use of streptomycin to treat TB meningitis; and

investigation into the cause of retrolental fibroplasia.

As the Independent stated:

Beryl Corner was a fighter. She fought for women in medicine, helped her female registrars up the career ladder, and taught them grit and determination, qualities she had in plenty. Although she was tiny, she drove an enormous Mercedes and carried a handbag the size of a plumber's toolkit. She could make grown men quake in their shoes and gave her male registrars a hard time even when they were twice her size. Yet her trainees loved working for her and held her in enormous respect and affection. Her peers adored her.

Dr Clare Markham kindly provided us with the following obituary for her mother **Margery Lila Moncrieff** (née Allen) (b 1927) who was a former general practitioner in Lewisham and who died sadly from a CVA on 11th January 2008.

When Margery took up an offer to do medicine at the Royal Free it was post war London, and as both the Hospital and Medical School had been bombed during the war, she and her friends had to travel around various parts of London for their studies. In 1949 she married Gavin Moncrieff who was studying metallurgy at Imperial College and after she qualified in 1951 she spent six months doing obstetrics and gynaecology.

Soon after she and Gavin moved to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) where they worked for a mining company, Gavin as a metallurgist and Margery as a Mine Doctor, but she was informed that the standard Doctor's salary would be restricted, so as not to exceed her husband's! They lived and worked in Africa for 10 years, mostly in Northern Rhodesia but had several moves, and also spent about six months in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

In 1961 they returned to England with their four young children and settled in Blackheath, South London. Initially Margery worked one evening a week at a local family planning Clinic, and spent one day a week working for a missionary

society UMCA (Universities' Mission to Central Africa) which later became USPG (United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel). Subsequently she also became the School Doctor for Mary Datchelor School in Camberwell.

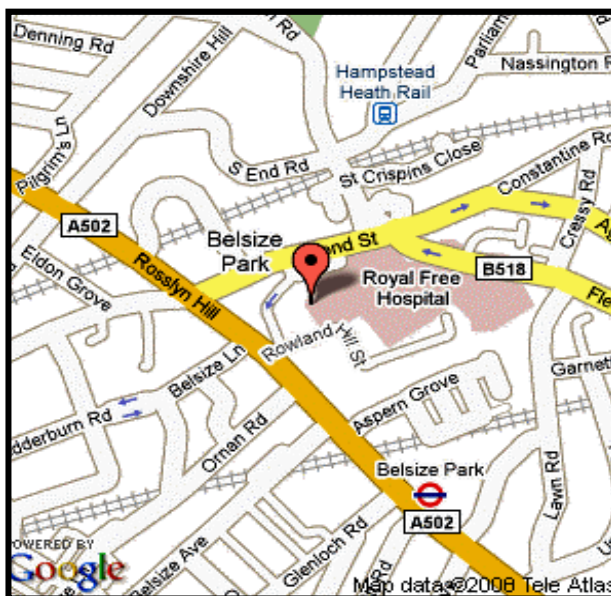
In 1972 she joined a small practice in Lewisham and enjoyed full time general practice until her retirement in 1985. She loved general practice and was always happy to give any patient as much time as they needed, often arguing that an extra ten minutes spent at a first visit could save considerable problems later. She always enjoyed doing home visits in her red sports car.

On retirement she and Gavin moved to Leominster where initially she worked as a locum for a local practice. Through this she met many people who later became friends and she and Gavin quickly became known in the area. However, although she enjoyed caring for patients and maintaining her medical skills, she missed the continuity and fulfilment that she had had in London with full time general practice, and so retired from medicine completely and was thus able to devote more time to her beloved garden

She leaves four children, two of who are general practitioners, and twelve grandchildren, Gavin having predeceased her in 1998.

RFA Annual Meeting 2008 to be held in the Sir William Wells Atrium, Royal Free Hospital

How to find us:



RAIL: Hampstead Heath Station is near to the Hospital. The station is accessible to Oyster pay as you go users.

UNDERGROUND: Belsize Park tube station on the Northern Line is slightly uphill for around 150 metres.

PARKING: Pay and display parking areas are available near the hospital but these are frequently full.

BUSES:

- **24** Victoria Warren Street Station, Mornington Crescent Station, Camden Town Station, South End Green (for Royal Free).
- **46** Kensal Rise, Queens Park Station, Warwick Avenue Station, Maida Vale, St John's Wood Station, Swiss Cottage Station, Hampstead Station, South End Green (for Royal Free), Kentish Town, King's Cross Station.
- **168** Euston Station, Eversholt Street, Camden Town Station, Chalk Farm Station, Haverstock Hill, Belsize Park Station, Pond Street (for Royal Free), South End Green
- **268** Finchley Road, Swiss Cottage, Belsize Park, Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead Station, Whitestone Pond, Golders Green



Registration Form

- I will be attending the Annual Meeting on Thursday, 20th November 2008
- Please register my Apologies for Absence

Title:	First Name:	Last Name:
Address:		
Telephone:	e-mail:	
Year of Graduation:		

Please indicate which Ward Round you wish to attend (Programme details on page 3)

1st Choice: 2nd Choice:

- Registration Fee for Thursday, 20th November 2008 £30
- An Informal Dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday, 20th November 2008 at Brasserie Chez Gerard, 215 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead NW3 4RB £30
- I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Royal Free Association

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