

Obituaries

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MICHAEL ATKINSON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, University Hospital of South Manchester and Senior Lecturer in psychiatry at the University of Manchester

Michael Atkinson died on 5 July 1991, aged 63; he had retired early in 1983 because of ill health. He studied medicine in Leeds where he graduated MB, ChB in 1951. In 1962 he gained the MRCP (Ed) and was elected to the Fellowship in 1978.

He decided early on in his career to specialise in psychiatry and to this end he was appointed registrar in psychiatry at Storthes Hall Hospital, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, and senior registrar at Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield. His inclination towards academic psychiatry was rewarded by appointments in the university psychiatric departments at Leeds, Newcastle upon Tyne, and finally Manchester where he served as Consultant Psychiatrist to the University Hospital of South Manchester and senior lecturer at the University of Manchester. He gained the DPM in 1957, was elected MRCPsych in 1972 and proceeded to the Fellowship in 1979.

Atkinson was the author of several papers on psychiatry: his particular research interest lay in the personalities of relatives of people with schizophrenia and the statistics relating to suicide.

ARTHUR GRAHAM, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist Warlingham Park and The Mayday Hospital, Croydon



Dr Graham, consultant psychiatrist emeritus to Warlingham Park and The Mayday Hospitals, Croydon died, aged 83, on 5 March 1992.

Arthur Graham was born in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork and educated at Newtown School, Waterford. The second of four children, he spent some years helping in the family

business until a small legacy enabled him to break with tradition and study medicine in Trinity College, Dublin. He rowed for Trinity and was a "Knight of

the Campanile". Dr Graham qualified in 1939 with honours in physiology, and was appointed houseman to Monkstown Hospital. Financial considerations dictated entry to general practice in Newtownstewart, Northern Ireland in 1940, the year he married Hazel Rowe of Wexford.

Throughout six years as a busy and successful general practitioner, Dr Graham's interest in psychiatric disorders continued to develop and in 1946 he felt able to pursue this. He was appointed Junior Hospital Medical Officer to Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, and progressed steadily to Senior Registrar grade, holding appointments to St Olave's and the West End (later St Marylebone) Hospitals. He obtained his DPM in 1949, underwent Jungian training analysis, and in 1954 was awarded his MD for his thesis on group psychotherapy and its extensions. In 1958 he was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist to Warlingham Park and the Mayday Hospitals. He steadily built up his units in these hospitals, and was particularly interested in young offenders and medical-legal aspects of psychiatry. In 1971 Dr Graham was elected to a Foundation Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He retired in 1974 and participated actively in private practice for some years.

Dr Graham was active in administration and was regarded as a tranquil and effective committee member and chairman. He was Secretary of Cane Hill Medical Advisory Committee, Vice-President of the Association of Medical Secretaries, and spent two terms as Head Administrator and Chairman of the Medical Staff Committee at Warlingham Park. In 1972 he was seconded to the Hospital Advisory Service; a letter from the Director records that he was highly regarded for his frank but non-threatening approach.

Throughout his life, Dr Graham thoroughly enjoyed young people and was a gifted and enthusiastic teacher both of under- and postgraduate students. His countless lectures to professional and lay bodies were meticulously prepared, original and amusing. He published a number of papers, monographs and a book on depression and anxiety. Despite a substantial intellect, his primary interests in meticulous patient care and teaching probably impeded his research output.

A dry account of Dr Graham's achievements gives little feeling for the man. He was liked and respected by colleagues, particularly because of his even handed

approach and fairness. His warmth and intense interest were immediately apparent to both friends and patients, especially the young. It is fair to say that he was both liked and loved; a gentle man without malice, capable of being hurt but rarely of anger.

Dr and Mrs Graham returned to Ireland in 1985. On the day of the proposed departure he fell and fractured both hip and humerus. He recovered to enjoy several years of peace in Co. Wicklow, supported by friends old and new, through much limited by developing Parkinsonism. Even as he failed his sense of humour remained intact. Happily, his wife achieved her ambition of caring for him at home until his final days. She, his son and daughter, many friends and erstwhile colleagues miss his quiet affection and sympathetic support.

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**BIMAL SAHA, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist,
Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey**

Dr Saha was born in Berhampore, West Bengal, India on 17 March 1937 and died on 15 March 1992, at the age of 54. He graduated in medicine from the Calcutta National Medical College in 1960 and subsequently gained a wide experience by working in Calcutta, Malaysia and New Zealand. In 1969, having decided on a career in psychiatry, he came to England and worked under Professor Linford Rees at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, first as a registrar and then senior registrar. He obtained the MRCPsych in 1973 and was elected to the Fellowship in 1991.

He was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist to Frimley Park Hospital in 1978 where he continued to work until his untimely death. Dr Saha was an exceedingly hard-working doctor who involved himself in every aspect of psychiatry both in the hospital and in the community. Thus, he served as an active member of many working parties concerned with day care, and the establishment of community mental

health teams: he took a special interest in the substance abuse service. He was Chairman of the Division of Psychiatry and served on the District Drugs and Therapeutics Committee as well as representing the district on the Regional Psychiatric Sub-Committee.

As a colleague, Dr Saha made a point of involving all grades of staff in the work of the hospital and its catchment area. He had a delightful sense of humour and a store of amusing stories which he told to the accompaniment of an infectious chuckle.

He is survived by his wife, Sobha, and two daughters, Lipika and Rebecca.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

ADNAN YOSIF ATRACKCHI, Consultant Psychiatrist, Al Shammiya Mental Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq.

REGINALD HIBBERT BOARDMAN, Specialist, Alberta Hospital, Ponoka, Alberta T0C 2H0, Canada.

ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE MCLEAN DOUGLAS, 21 Trent View Gardens, Radcliffe-on-Trent NG12 1AY.

SIGRID HEROLD, Registrar, St Bernard's Wing, Ealing Hospital, Southall, Middlesex UB1 3EU.

THOMAS BRINLEY JONES, formerly Medical Superintendent, Hensol Hospital, Wales.

LOTHAR B. KALINOWSKY, Retired, 155 East 76th Street, New York, NY 10021, USA.

IBRAHIM ISSA KHALIL, Director, Airforce Military Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq.

Sir ROGER FRAY GREENWOOD ORMROD, retired, 4 Aubrey Road, London W8 7JJ.

VARADARAJAN PILLAI, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

BARRY WYNDHAM RICHARDS, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, St Lawrence's Hospital, Surrey.

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