



Sheila Margaret Wooler Pittock

Formerly Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Leicestershire

Sheila Pittock, as she was known locally, was born on 22 May 1924 at Bushey Lodge, near Hampton Court. Having decided at the age of 17 to pursue a career in medicine, she obtained a place at Leeds Medical School and graduated in 1948 with distinctions in pharmacology and therapeutics, and was awarded the Cecil Hardwick Prize in Medicine.

During her undergraduate days her interest in psychiatry was encouraged by Professor Henry Dicks. Her chosen area of interest was child and adolescent psychiatry. She underwent a personal analysis, but her higher training was completed in Leeds and Reading, where she worked with Dr Mildred Creak, and developed her life-long interest in autism.

She was not a stranger to Leicestershire when appointed to a consultant post in 1961, having frequently visited her Leicestershire grandparents as a child. She brought the concept of autism to Leicestershire, and pioneered early support for families, encouraging the local authority to appoint a specialist teacher for children with autism. For many years she was based in both the city and county child guidance clinics, where she worked closely with psychologists and psychiatric social workers. Though her own training was in psychoanalysis, she willingly supported colleagues who pursued behavioural approaches in selected cases. She worked effectively with girls with anorexia nervosa in a local education authority hostel.

Though most of her work was in the community, she was keen to plan for an adolescent unit, which became a reality before she retired.

She was a foundation member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and became a Fellow in 1981. Her local colleagues in psychiatry demonstrated their regard and respect for her abilities when they elected her to become the first chairman of the local division of psychiatry. She played her part in the development of the Leicester Medical School and enjoyed her role as a clinical teacher. For a number of years she was the sole child psychiatrist in Leicestershire.

On her retirement in 1985, though both she and her husband suffered much ill health, she pursued her interest in boating and continued to support the Royal

Society for the Protection of Birds. She died in the local hospice on 15 August 1999. She is survived by her husband, Ken, and, while they had no children, she leaves a much loved extended family. She is remembered with great affection by her family and erstwhile colleagues.

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James Brian Riddell

Formerly Consultant Psychiatrist at Woodilee Hospital, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow

Dr Riddell was born in 1949 and died from bronchopneumonia on 25 November 1998. He qualified MB.ChB in Glasgow in 1973 and was elected MRCPsych in 1978. He worked as a Consultant Psychiatrist at Woodilee Hospital, Stobhill Hospital and latterly as Clinical Director, Lennox Castle Hospital. He was very active within British Medical Association activities, being a past Chairman and Secretary of the Glasgow Division, a regular attender at the ARM, and a member of both Scottish Council and Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services. He latterly chaired the Trust's Medical Staff Association. He enjoyed painting, Bible studies and sailing. He leaves a wife, Janice (also a consultant psychiatrist), a son, two daughters, his mother and sister, Zal Rahman.

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miscellany

Alexander Galnick Award

Dr Timothy John Crow, Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has been recently given the Alexander Galnick Award of the

American Psychiatric Foundation for research on schizophrenia.

forthcoming events

The Faculty of Old Age Psychiatry and the Transcultural Special Interest Group are holding a joint one-day meeting at the Royal College of Psychiatrists about **how to sensitively structure services for the ethnic elderly**.

The meeting will take place on 26 September 2000 and places will be allocated on a first-come/served basis. Cost: £40. Further information: Ms Sue Duncan, Royal College of Psychiatrists (tel: 020 7235 2351 ext. 130) or Dr Deenesh Khoosal, Brandon Unit, Leicester General Hospital, Gwendolen Road, Leicester LE5 4PW (tel: 0116 225 6209).

Mole Conferences would like to announce the following conferences: **An Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioural Skills** (London, 5 October 2000), **Asperger's Across the Lifespan** (London, 18 October 2000), **Domestic Violence** (London, 20 November 2000), **The 6th Annual Conference of Religion and Psychiatry: Medication/Meditation/Culture/Control: a Four Quadrant View of the Nature of Consciousness** (London, 23 November 2000) and **Personality Disorders: Mad, Bad or Just Misunderstood?** (London, 15 March 2001). Further information: Mole

Conferences, 26 Church Road, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LA (tel: 01273 242634; fax: 01273 235095; e-mail: enquiries@mole-conferences.com).

Broadland Clinic Forensic Services – East Anglia, the National Autistic Society and the University of East Anglia are the organisers of a conference titled **Asperger's Syndrome: Identifying and Managing Risk and Offending Conduct – Developing a Strategic Framework**. The conference will take place on 21 September 2000 in Norwich. Further information: Mrs Julie Allen,