

which made me think that armed with this book and a laparoscope I could even do it myself. Undoubtedly it will be of value to beginners (as an adjunct to a formal course of instruction) but I also feel sure experienced laparoscopists will find much of interest here. The only weakness of the book was the rather limited number of clinical laparoscopic pictures. But this is a practical 'how to' book so it is probably appropriate that the reader look elsewhere in the numerous atlases for these. In spite of this limitation I have no hesitation in recommending it to anyone engaged in or contemplating doing laparoscopy.

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News

British Society of Gastroenterology Golden Jubilee Year – 1987

The detailed planning of the Golden Jubilee Year was undertaken by the Jubilee Committee which was set up by the Council in 1982 under the chairmanship of Dr J H Baron. The members of the Committee were the President for the Golden Jubilee Year (Mr John Alexander-Williams), the Secretaries (Dr Roy Pounder and Dr Robert Allan), the Treasurer (Dr John Bennett), the Secretary of The British Digestive Foundation (Dr Martin Sarner), the Roadshow Convener (Dr Gordon Sladen) and the Local Organising Secretary of the Golden Jubilee Meeting (Mr James P S Thomson). Professor C G Clark, Professor J E Lennard-Jones and Dr R P H Thompson also served as members of the Committee in the earlier years.

INAUGURATION OF GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR – 19 FEBRUARY 1987

The Golden Jubilee was inaugurated at a meeting at the Royal College of Physicians attended by HRH Princess Michael of Kent, President of The British Digestive Foundation, who received a donation of £100 000 from the BSG for The BDF Golden Jubilee Appeal and launched the Roadshow.

SPECIAL REPORT IN THE TIMES – 20 FEBRUARY 1987

A three-page report on the British Society of Gastroenterology was published by *The Times*.

REGIONAL MEETINGS – FEBRUARY TO JUNE 1987

Nine regional meetings of the Society were held instead of the usual Spring Meeting:

Friday 20 February – Caledonian, Glasgow and Ulster Gut Clubs Meeting in Edinburgh (Dr J A H Forrest).

Friday 13 March – Wessex Gut Club Meeting at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar (Dr C L Smith).

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 March – Severnside, Cardiff, South West and Oxford Gut Clubs Meeting at Clifton Zoo (Dr R Harvey).

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March – Shrewsbury Gut Club Meeting at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (Dr G D Kerr).

Friday 2 and Saturday 4 April – North of England Gastroenterology Society Meeting at the University of Bradford (Dr K D Bardhan).

Friday 24 April – North East Gastroenterology Group Meeting at North Tees General Hospital (Dr A R Tanner).

Thursday 30 April and Friday 26 June – Thames Regions combined Meeting at Heathrow Hotel (Dr M Sarner).

Friday 19 June – East Anglian Gut Club in Cambridge (Dr R J Dickinson).

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June – Midland Gastroenterology Society Meeting at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham (Dr E Elias).

ROADSHOW – MARCH TO JULY 1987

The Roadshow (supported by Syntex Pharmaceuticals Ltd) visited 18 centres throughout the United Kingdom. The Roadshow, planned and organised by Dr Gordon Sladen, was an educational exhibition including posters and videos describing the current state of gastroenterology and suitable for both professional and lay audiences. The eight topics and their authors were: endoscopy (Dr A Hatfield), imaging (Dr R Dick), hepatitis and hepatic cancer (Professor H C Thomas), cancer excluding the liver (Professor R C N Williamson), gall stones (Professor R H Dowling), peptic ulcer (Dr K G Wormsley), diet, health and gut disease (Dr K W Heaton), hospital nutrition (Dr D B A Silk).

The following places were visited by the Roadshow: Blackpool (Dr F Lee), Newcastle (Dr R Lendrum), Rotherham (Dr K D Bardhan), Glasgow (Dr A Beattie), Chertsey (Dr K F R Schiller), Southampton (Dr C L Smith), Hull (Dr J R Bennett), Nottingham (Dr R G Long), Wigan (Dr C M Bate), Leeds (Professor M S Losowsky), Manchester (Dr T Warnes), Wolverhampton (Dr E Swarbrick), Bristol (Dr R Barry), Cambridge (Dr R Dickinson), Liverpool (Dr I Gilmore), Birmingham (Dr E Elias), Oxford (Dr D Jewell), Scarborough (Dr C J Mitchell). The Roadshow was on display in the Bloomsbury Gallery at the University of London Institute of Education during the Golden Jubilee Meeting.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MEETING – 15–18 SEPTEMBER 1987

The Golden Jubilee Meeting was held at the Univer-

sity of London Institute of Education and was attended by 1690 delegates from 43 countries. There were 11 major teaching sessions (supported by Glaxo Laboratories Ltd), 80 free papers and 285 free posters categorised according to subject. There were also specialist sessions for the primary care society, paediatric section, pathology section, radiology section and surgical section (in association with the section of coloproctology of the Royal Society of Medicine). A separate programme was also arranged for the endoscopy assistants. The Sir Arthur Hurst lecture entitled 'A view of the speciality of gastroenterology, past, present and future' was given by Sir Christopher Booth and the Research Medallist's paper entitled 'Host-parasite interactions in human giardiasis' was given by Dr Michael Farthing.

The Meeting was opened by Sir Francis Avery Jones and the Opening Ceremony attended by former officers of the Society, the Presidents of the Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Surgeons and British Medical Association, and representatives of the Royal College of Pathologists, the Royal College of General Practitioners and the University of London in academic procession.

The stairway at the Institute of Education was used for an exhibition describing the Society's history over the last 50 years. In addition to the Roadshow various patient support groups, including the Ileostomy Association, Colostomy Welfare Group, National Association for Crohn's and Colitis and the British Association for Cancer United Patients, had displays. A trade exhibition was mounted in the Royal National Hotel.

The social programme included a reception in the Conservatory at the Barbican Centre, a visit to the Museum of London, a reception in the Wellcome Galleries of the History of Medicine at the Science Museum and a cruise on the River Thames.

A Jubilee Concert was held in the Great Hall of The Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew. The programme was arranged by Dr John Wass, Reader in Medicine at the Medical College of that hospital.

Two of the sections arranged their own social event. The Endoscopy Section held a reception at the Museum of London and the Liver Section, in associa-

tion with the British Association for the study of the Liver, arranged a dinner in the Great Hall of Grays Inn at which HRH Princess Alexandra was the Guest of Honour.

During the early hours of 16 September a Fund Run was arranged in Regent's Park in aid of The British Digestive Foundation.

GOLDEN JUBILEE BANQUET – 17 SEPTEMBER 1987

The culmination of the Golden Jubilee Year was a banquet held at Guildhall within the City of London. The Guest of Honour was Alderman Dame Mary Donaldson GBE, DSc, former Lord Mayor of London, who represented The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor. Dame Mary was accompanied by the Sheriffs and their wives. The President of the Society, Dame Mary Donaldson, Dr John Bennett (Endoscopy Vice-President) and Professor Francisco Vilardell, President of Organisation Mondiale de Gastro-entérologie were the speakers. Grace was sung by the Rosendale Singers (Director – Miss Sophie Mansell) and The Duke of Kent's Band of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Director – Mr Stephen J Smith, ARCM) played before and during dinner.

At the conclusion of the evening Mr John Alexander-Williams inducted the new President for 1987/8, Dr George Misiewicz.

THE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

The History of the British Society of Gastroenterology 1937–1987 was published as a supplement to *Gut*. This was edited by Dr J H Baron with an editorial committee consisting of Sir Francis Avery Jones, Dr D D Gibbs, and Dr J J Misiewicz.

BRITISH SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY 1937–1987 – A SELECTION OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

This volume is a collection of 89 papers published by British gastroenterologists during the last 50 years, selected by Dr Roy Pounder and a committee of experts from nominations from members of the BSG. The facsimile edition was published by Smith Kline and French Laboratories Ltd.