

Admission of Life Members

The following members were admitted to Life Membership of the Institution at the Celebration and Admission of Life Members on Thursday 8th December 2016.

Four Public Orators presented these citations.

DR ROBERT ARNOLD



Dr Bob Arnold was Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist at Myrtle Street and subsequently Alder Hey Children's Hospital. He hailed from Gosport and went to the Edinburgh Medical School. He remembers being interviewed on Good Friday, being asked nothing of any consequence, answering in the same vein and being offered a place. His career path was serendipitous in nature. His second house job was in cardiology because someone else dropped out. Thoughts of paediatrics were furthered when a job became available because someone dropped out. After passing membership of the Royal College of Physicians and wondering what to do next, someone spoke to someone else and the subject of the new senior registrar job in paediatric cardiology in Liverpool came up so that was the career entirely sorted out.

After a fellowship in Toronto he was appointed Paediatric Cardiologist at Myrtle Street. He saw diagnosis pass from the auscultatory musings and guesswork. He pioneered cardiac catheterisation and angiography as it passed through those Elema films at 4 frames per second (if you were lucky), 16mm and 35mm films to CD and digital imaging. He helped the department through the creative interpretations of those M-mode echoes to 3D reconstructions and MR reconstructions. Parallel to all this was considerable and valuable research into anatomical aspects of congenital heart disease and many resulting publications.

Most people manage to see off a couple of senior colleagues into retirement or somewhere else but Dr Arnold holds the record. He has seen off 10 cardiologists and 11 cardiac surgeons to say nothing of all those eras, plural of which is probably errata, of hospital administration. He retired in 2004 and since has made charitable trips as a cardiologist to Iraq, Sudan, Pakistan, Belarus, China, Mongolia, Egypt, Ukraine, Libya, Honduras and Russia, both to treat young patients and to train local staff. He turned down the most recent prospect because he had heard that the cardiology department was on the 8th floor, the lift function was unpredictable and unreliable and he was awaiting hip replacement.

He is here tonight with Laura, his wife of nigh on fifty years. May I present him to you as a most worthy Life Member.

R FRANKS

DR CHRISTINE ANN BRACE

Christine Brace was born in Deal, Kent but the family moved to Liverpool with her father's work and she had her secondary education at Aigburth Vale High School.

She graduated from Liverpool Medical School with second class honours and worked at St Catherine's hospital in Birkenhead which was close to her first husband's place of work as a scientist for Unilever. She was encouraged to specialise in anaesthetics, one of the few specialties deemed appropriate for women at that time, and gained her diploma in anaesthetics whilst working in Bristol.

She and her husband then moved to upstate New York for a time with his work and following their return to the UK and now with two young daughters she applied for a part time partnership in General Practice. One of the partners in this practice in Birkenhead had worked with her at St Catherine's and obviously held her in high esteem as she got the job.

Unsurprisingly she found herself doing a lot of the obstetrics and gynae in the practice but the only home delivery she was party to was when a cat chose her surgery as the ideal place to give birth to four kittens. This was reported in the local newspaper.

Christine progressed to full time partner and then senior partner and retired from the practice after thirty years of service.

She continued to work part time for a further ten years as lead physician of the BUPA health assessment centre at Spire Murrayfield Hospital, only finally hanging up the stethoscope in 2014.

She is still very active in the medical community as secretary of the Birkenhead Medical Society having joined in the late 1970s and having taken on the job of secretary for the second time last year. She was also President of the Society in 2002-3.

Her two daughters are both in the medical world, the elder, Vicki, being a Foetal-Maternal Medicine specialist in Glasgow and the younger, Julie, a medical secretary and IT specialist in a Wirral General Practice.

Christine and her second husband Mike are ardent travellers and Christine has visited all 7 continents of the world generally never going back to the same place twice.

Mr President, I have the honour of presenting to you for admission of Life Membership of the Liverpool Medical institution, Dr Christine Ann Brace.

P MACHIN

MR RICHARD FREDERICK CALVER

Dick Calver considers himself fortunate to have been forced to retire early because of psoriatic arthropathy. He is very self-effacing about his education considering himself lucky to have made it into medical school at all. Nevertheless he qualified MB ChB from Liverpool University in 1970 and was awarded FRCS in 1976. He was Consultant in Orthopaedic surgery at UH Walton and then Fazakerley from 1980 to 1997. Since then he has been able to indulge his interests in earth science, geology and oceanography with the result that he has collected a BSc Hons in Earth Science at the Open University.

Within orthopaedic surgery his main interests were Lower Limb and Joint surgery arthroscopic surgery of the lower limb and sports injury. The last named must have helped his role as Consultant Orthopaedic surgeon to Liverpool F.C.

In another career he worked as a RNVR in the cod war where he served on the frigate Arora. On board his contribution to medicine was threefold: the reduction of a dislocated shoulder, removal of a molar and treating the Captain's footrot.

Outside of medicine his interests are earth science and fell walking.

He attributes his adoption to Liverpool (He is an East Anglian by birth) to falling for a student nurse from Ruabon; Angela on Nightingale ward at the Southern and Welsh girls like to live near Mam.

P D O DAVIES

DR JANET DEBRA CONWAY

Janet Debra Conway was educated at Newquay Grammar School and Liverpool Medical School where she Qualified Mb ChB in 1970. She was also awarded DMRD and FRCR. She served as a Consultant Radiologist in Runcorn and Warrington initially, moving in 2005 to Bronglais Hospital Aberystwyth, where her special interest was diagnostic ultrasound. She retired in 2008. She describes herself as having an unspectacular career.

One shining exception was a visit to a Ghana mission hospital to look at x-ray systems where she found an American WWII machine still in operation. This led to the development of Halton overseas team charity which was is still up and running. There she met her husband who was also involved with church in Accra.

She married the Rev: Canon Glyn Conway in 1989. She has a daughter who is a consultant in palliative care, a son and two stepdaughters. She lists her interests outside medicine as "looking at Art" particularly sculpture and also the company of her four young grandchildren.

"We still live mostly in Aberystwyth, with frequent return visits to keep in touch with our children and grandchildren. Retirement in a small seaside town similar to my childhood home is very congenial and I enjoy having time to indulge my interests in sculpture and in permaculture."

P D O DAVIES

KATHARINE MARY FUSSELL



Kate qualified Bristol MB ChB from Birmingham medical school in 1951 and was awarded her FRCS in 1957. Her career as Consultant General Surgeon at Wigan Infirmary ran from 1970 to 1990. She believes that being one of only six general surgeons in the country at the time resulted in her being made an honorary Freeman of Wigan Metropolitan Borough in 2000. This gave her many privileges in life, most notably lunch with the Mayor. Now it was just funerals. Clearly gender equality had not reached Wigan by the turn of the millennium. Her special interests within surgery were breast and colorectal cancer. While at school during WWII she was evacuated together with Haberdashers Girls School Aston, Headington School Oxford, Dudley Girls' High school and Dudley Boys Grammar school. This enabled her to learn physics and chemistry; essential stepping stones to medicine.

She was an only child and her father rose from being a Math teacher and Headmaster in Ealing to Chief Education Officer of Newport Monmouthshire.

Outside medicine she has been a Soroptimist since 1971 and has achieved the Presidency of the Federation of Soroptimists of Great Britain and Ireland and from 1986-7.

P D O DAVIES

DR ALEXANDER HARLEY

Dr Alexander-Sandy-Harley is a former colleague and now a retired cardiologist.

He was educated at the Aldenham School in Hertfordshire, whose alumni include the legendary Jack de Manio of radios "Today" fame.

Sandy attended Downing College, Cambridge and trained at St Mary's Medical School. He went on to the Brompton, the National Heart Hospital and the Bristol and Manchester Royal Infirmarys. His BTA was at Duke University Medical Centre USA.

In 1971 he was appointed consultant cardiologist to the Regional Cardiac Unit at Sefton General Hospital, transferring to the Cardiothoracic Centre, Broadgreen, now known as the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. Initially Sandy joined Drs Coulshed, Epstein and McKendrick and his special expertise was electro physiological diagnostic techniques for tachyarrhythmias. He went on to introduce and develop coronary angioplasty, the hospital now being one of the largest volume centres for this technique in the UK.

Dr Harley provided his services not only to Merseyside but also N Wales and the IOM. His many published articles span his consultant career and he has served on several local and national cardiac committees.

He and his wife Patricia have three sons, a consultant neurologist, a lecturer in linguistics specialising in West African languages and an officer in the Probation Service. Their interests include the church, horticulture, gastronomy and he is a Member of a Madrigals choir.

I have the honour Mr President to present to you for life membership of this Institution Dr Alexander Harley, an earnest modest physician whose youthful appearance belies his age.

C C EVANS

MR IAN DAVID HARRISON (in absentia)

Ian Harrison was educated at Elmore Green High School in Liverpool and qualified at Liverpool Medical School.

He pursued a career in surgery working with Professor Shields at the Liverpool Royal as a senior registrar and later as a lecturer and a Wellcome Fellow and he gained his MD at the Liverpool Department of Surgery.

In 1978 he was appointed Consultant Surgeon in Southport and later also acted as Medical Director of Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust. He retired in 2004 and then embarked on his second career!

Having gained an MA in Medical Ethics and Law he sat on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Appeal Tribunal, virtually a full time job, until retiring for a second time – he says for good – earlier this year. He enjoys golf and has been a member of the Royal Birkdale Golf Club for the past 30 years, describing himself as “an enthusiastic incompetent”.

He and his wife Mair have two children, Kathryn who is a GP in south Liverpool and also takes part in undergraduate teaching and Matthew who is a company director in the IT field.

Ian is unfortunately unable to be with us tonight but sends his warm regards.

Mr President, I have the honour of presenting to you for admission to Life Membership of the Liverpool Medical Institution, in absentia, Mr Ian David Harrison.

P MACHIN

DR HOWARD WYNFORD JONES

Howard Wynford Jones was educated at Glanadda Primary School and Friars' Grammar School for Boys in Bangor, Gwynedd, Wales.

He qualified at Liverpool Medical School and decided to pursue a career in General and elderly Care Medicine. He worked at Sefton general, Alder Hey and Walton Hospitals locally then in 1979 became Senior Registrar at the Oxford Radcliffe and John rad Radcliffe Hospitals.

He was appointed Consultant Physician in General Medicine, Elderly Care and Stroke at Leighton Hospital in Crewe (which incidentally is where our son is now a Consultant in Foot and Ankle surgery) and he was an

Undergraduate Tutor and Examiner for Manchester University and an examiner for MRCP (PACES) at the Royal College of Physicians in London. He still examines undergraduates years 4 and 5 at Manchester.

Howard loves music and for many years has been the choral director and organist at his local Methodist Church.

He plays the piano, organ and flute and puts on regular recitals playing piano duets in support of the charity "Water Aid".

Along with another member of the Liverpool Medical Institution, who is also to be presented for admission to life membership today, he took part in a production of Beethoven's Choral Symphony at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester to mark the 40th anniversary of the inception of the National Health Service.

Howard and his wife have two daughters and one son and they have five grandchildren.

Mr President, I have the honour of presenting to you for admission to Life Membership of the Liverpool Medical Institution, Mr Howard Wynford Jones.

P MACHIN

DR JOHN MARTIN

Dr John Martin is a retired physician who specialised in malignant disorders of childhood at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Alder Hey until retirement. Educated at Latymer Upper School London, John was trained at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, for whom he played centre three quarter for the first XV rugby team. From Guys he went onto work with Dr Roger Hardisty at GOS during the exciting era when childhood leukaemia was responding favourably to modern chemotherapy. When Dr Saul Kiedan died prematurely at Alder Hey, John was head hunted as his successor. Over the years he extended his expertise beyond haematological malignancies, and into paediatric oncology as well.

He advised the IOM Heath board on childhood cancers of all sorts.

A rounded general physician with FRCP, he and I were fellow examiners for the London MRCP travelling together to country wide examination centres.

In John's case, it was a rare distinction for a paediatrician to be an examiner for an adult diploma.

Ironically, many years ago, his wife Julia developed Leukaemia and responded splendidly well to treatment, such that she is still alive and well decades on.

It's marvellous that you are here this evening.

Dr Martin became medical director of Alder Hey as a popular and affable colleague only to be embroiled in that hospital's organ retention debacle.

John and Julia have retired to Llanasa in N Wales. They have three children, a daughter who is a consultant intensivist in a burns unit, a banker son, and a second daughter lives in Colorado, so they can continue their exotic holiday lifestyle and he, his Gourmet pleasures.

Mr President, I commend to you as a life member, Dr John Martin, who has literally saved the lives of so many Merseyside children.

C C EVANS

DR JOHN NEWMAN



Dr John Newman's grandparents fled their native Lithuania for Leeds in the early part of the 20th century. His father was born in Leeds and went to Leeds Medical School. The family lived in Bradford and came to Liverpool when John was four. If you think that Newman is not a very convincing Lithuanian name, you should note that his father went to medical school as Wolf Zemski, but entered general practice as William Newman.

John grew up in Liverpool, went to Liverpool College and subsequently to Liverpool Medical School and qualified at the age of 22. He did house jobs at Clatterbridge, Wallasey, Alder Hey and Olive Mount and went into General Practice where he was offered a couple of assistant posts and then a partnership. As a GP he worked at Garston Hospital which then provided a 24 hour cover to the

local residents, the docks and the related industries. He liked orthopaedics and is pretty sure that he has treated every bone in the body. In his GP perambulations he is sure he has been in every block of flats in Liverpool. The practice moved to a health centre in 1979 which he didn't like and left and took to doing locums. The best run practice in which he worked was his father's, run by his mother. Locums took him to at least half of the practices in Liverpool and when he registered with an agency he got further afield to Birkenhead and even to Wigan then to South Wales and even Cambridge for the military and London and to prisons. Latterly, regulations, references, CPD records and all that became tiresome but he found an outlet in medico-legal work. He persisted and still persists, despite the difficulties and the GMC if the two are separate. He always wanted to work in America and passed the ECFMG but somehow that never came about. He lives in Woolton, he has served on various GP committees and was secretary of the now deceased Jewish Medical Society. He attends the Princes Road Synagogue but thinks those attending are all getting rather old. He is worried about Brexit and not unnaturally has sympathy with immigrants and would be immigrants.

Sir, may I present to you Dr John Newman as a Life Member.

R FRANKS

MR KEITH FRANCIS PARSONS



Keith is the youngest of our past presidents this evening and indeed looks as youthful today as when he started his house physician post at the Royal Southern Hospital in 1970 working for Dr Gerard Sanderson. I was the medical registrar when he correctly attributed an unexplained peripheral neuropathy to a testicular seminoma, not examined by his seniors, thereby inspiring his surgical urological career. After obtaining FRCS'S he trained with Mr Norman Gibbon before obtaining an SR rotating post in Hampshire. He was a Silver medal award holder from the BAUS. In 1980 he found himself in Philadelphia working with the waterworks of children for the surgical greats of the era.

In 1982 Keith was appointed as a consultant urological surgeon to the RLUH and the Regional Spinal Injuries centre in Southport. About 30 years ago he joined the Claims Advisory Committee of the Medical Protection Society. It was a disappointment that he and I, advising the MDU at the same time, were unable to achieve mutuality of the two defence organisations. I'm sure we could have made it work. As a medico legal expert Keith is analytical, so it was a welcome step when he was appointed chief executive to the RLUH for a four year stint. He also advised BUPA and in 2000 was elected our President. His presidential address on male circumcision and AIDS was a model of clarity.

He has advised the CMO on urology, his influence extending into Europe as urologist and ethicist.

Keith and Lynda live in Freshfield and have 2 sons -a BT analyst and an energy engineer and a daughter who nurses in the Southport theatres. They enjoy water sports in warm seas, golf and supporting LFC.

Keith is a precise man, not quite a pedant, who has set high standards of surgical success. Many colleagues defer to him for advice, and such prowess is reflected in his presentations, in committee, in his reports, in Court and most importantly clinically.

I commend to you Mr President, Mr Keith Parsons for Life Membership of this Institution.

C C EVANS

PROFESSOR ROBERT ANTHONY SELLS



A polymath is a person of great and varied learning, and is correctly applied to the LMI President of 1997. Christ's Hospital School inspired Robert musically and Guy's Hospital Medical School medically from where he Qualified in 1962. Double fellowships of surgical Royal Colleges and an honorary Cambridge MA preceded his appointment to Liverpool as its first transplant and general surgeon in 1971. His meteoric rise and persuasive written and oral communications resulted in Mr Sells being Chairman of the DHSS advisory committee on brain death. I recall vividly his responses to vigorous cross questioning at local hospital meetings considering these challenging issues in respect of donor organs for transplantation. For 20 years he chaired the progressively successful renal transplant unit to which was later added pancreatic transplants in diabetics. This stage of his career also saw an extensive research and published output embracing general surgery, bioethics, medical law as well as immunosuppressive advances.

For the non-medical Merseyside community Robert's musical portfolio is just as impressive. He inaugurated Christmas concerts in the foyer of the recently opened RLUH involving staff and patients, borrowing musicians from the Crosby Symphony Orchestra which he conducted for 30 years.

Christmas concerts for all Merseyside hospitals transferred to the Anglican Cathedral when Ken Dodd was recruited and still reads a lesson or two. He has organised and conducted broadcast charity concerts throughout the North West including the Bridgewater Hall. When not conducting he enjoys playing the cello, flute and piano duets with Peter Drury.

Robert and Paula now live in the Vale of Clwyd in a small holding breeding horses and Alpacas. They have 2 sons, a vet and an innovative scientist and he has 3 children from his first marriage. He has been an accomplished cricketer and skier and appreciates fine wine and foods.

Mr President, I am honoured to present to you Prof Robert Sells for Life Membership of this Institution.

C C EVANS

MR JOHN TAYLOR (in absentia)

Mr John Taylor was, prior to his retirement, Orthopaedic Surgeon at Alder Hey, where his changing room locker was next to my own.

He was born in Newcastle upon Tyne. His father's work moved the family around and John went to Ackworth School, near Pontefract (its delightful website might have been written by the Yorkshire Tourist Board) and also to Boothams School in York, both Quaker foundations, of which persuasion he remains. From there he went to Liverpool Medical School and did house jobs at the Royal. A year after qualifying he registered as a conscientious objector and also met Elaine, his wife, to whom he has been married for 57 years. Both were

members of the Liverpool Mountaineering Club and met when they were asked to represent that club at a funeral. She was a Liverpool geology graduate. They wed and went for three years together to the Livingstone Hospital in Botswana. On return John did the diploma at the Tropical School and then in order to further his surgical intentions he went to University College Hospital London as an anatomy demonstrator and then to clinical jobs in Chichester where he wrote up his MD thesis on work on fibroblast mobility which he had done at UCH.

After that came a period in Uganda where he had hoped to work as an Orthopaedic Surgeon but on arrival they told him that they did not need one of those and so he worked as a General Surgeon. He and Elaine returned to the UK in 1971 where he completed the MCH Orthopaedics and was appointed Orthopaedic Surgeon in Liverpool. Initially in Warrington and Broadgreen and subsequently full-time at Alder Hey. He is at present wintering in British Columbia staying with his daughter. He would undoubtedly agree with my own father who preferred to stay with my sister in Canada in the winter because the houses were so much warmer. He sends best wishes to all in his absence.

R FRANKS

DR ELENA VIVORI

Sir, Mr John Taylor told me a story about the early days of spinal surgery at Alder Hey. He had asked the anaesthetist at the appropriate point in the procedure if it would be possible to wake the patient up and apply a painful stimulus to the feet to check that the spine had not been damaged. Came the reply that her anaesthetic practice was that patients should 1. Be asleep throughout and 2. Not feel any pain. Mr President, may I introduce to you Dr Elena Vivori, Anaesthetist at Alder Hey.

As her rather romantic, exotic sounding name suggests, her father had left Italy for England in the fascist era and met Elena's mother, a Londoner. They lived in Paris for a while where Elena was born and after the war moved back to Italy, to Trento, in the north east where Elena went to school. She was brought up entirely bilingually, speaking English to her mother and Italian to her father, who also spoke German and French as well as English. The family eventually moved to Genoa in the north west, to her father's family home. Elena went to Genoa University, an ancient establishment founded in the 14th century, where she studied medicine, and then did research and taught histochemistry. Her scholarship brought her to the post graduate medical school at Hammersmith, initially as a joint venture with Genoa University, but in about 1960 she came to England with her mother and remained. She took various exams for foreigners and gained the required clinical experience in Nottingham and Liverpool and at the Royal Free. She had a passing exposure to anaesthetics and liked it and to paediatric anaesthesia and like that. Her mentor told her that Liverpool was the place to go for paediatric anaesthesia so there she went and is still here. She was instrumental in starting Intensive Care at Alder Hey, she loved the Alder Hey Anaesthetic Department, then with six members, now more than twenty, and Alder Hey and paediatric anaesthesia. She used to play the piano but has not recently, and was once on course to be a professional pianist. She is now happily retired but living here still. She watches birds locally and more distantly, likes travelling, though she is beginning to find airports rather tiresome places.

Mr President may I present to you Dr Elena Vivori, who is not able to be with us this evening, as a Life Member.

R FRANKS

MR MALCOLM ROBERT WHARTON



Malcolm Wharton was educated at Heath Grammar School in Halifax, West Yorkshire and qualified at Manchester Medical School. He pursued a career in surgery working for the first few years in Manchester and then in 1969 becoming an orthopaedic registrar in Preston. He was encouraged by his bosses there to undertake the M Ch (Orth) degree in Liverpool and in 1972 spent a year at Alder Hey Children's Hospital working with Mr Shatwell and Mr Dwyer, during which time he was successful in obtaining his degree.

He then worked for six months as orthopaedic registrar at the Royal Southern Hospital (sadly no longer standing), at the same time as Derek and I were doing our House Jobs there. Robert Roaf, Austin O'Malley and John Monk are memorable names from that era in orthopaedics. Malcolm returned to Preston as Senior Registrar and became a Consultant there shortly afterwards. He ran the Hand Clinic there as a special interest.

Malcolm and his wife Linda have three sons and a daughter. Their daughter is a Consultant Radiologist, their youngest son a Consultant Anaesthetist and they have two non-medical sons - a geologist and a chartered surveyor.

Their sons were all in the Scout Movement as boys and Malcolm became a lay member of the Preston District Executive of the Scout Movement progressing over the next 20 years to Chairman and ultimately President.

In 1977 he and his three sons trekked in the K2 area of the Karakoram Mountains in Northern Pakistan to a height of 17 thousand feet and he classes this as his most notable non-medical achievement. They managed to avoid altitude sickness and he copied as well as any of the others in the party. He remembers it as arduous however and looking back says they were lucky to get away with it!

He and his eldest son have also climbed Mount Kinabalu in Borneo.

On a slightly less demanding level and he and Linda are both keen golfers playing at Preston Golf Club. They enjoy gardening and fell walking and Malcolm is a Rotarian. They have eight grandchildren.

Mr President, I have the honour of presenting to you for admission to Life Membership of the Liverpool Medical Institution, Mr Malcolm Robert Wharton.

P MACHIN

DR GEORGE BERNARD WYATT



Dr George Wyatt was educated at University College London and UC Hospital qualifying in 1957. He is from a medical family and the tradition continues.

His father, two brothers, his wife Dr Jean Wyatt, and two children are or were all doctors. He trained in various UK hospitals acquiring his extensive list of diplomas culminating in the Liverpool DTM&H. In 1961 he was the senior medical registrar at the university college hospital in Ibadan Nigeria providing him with the African springboard to become senior lecturer in Tropical Medicine here in Liverpool. George was also honorary consultant physician in Tropical medicine to the Mersey Regional Health Authority until he retired in 2001.

In common with his many colleagues in his discipline he has held appointments in many countries and in several roles. He was professor of community medicine in Papua New Guinea, a WHO advisor in Malaysia and Zambia and a civilian tropical consultant to both the RAF and the PHLS.

I first met George at grand rounds in the RLUH when he and Dion Bell emerged from under the wings, if not the dominance, of the Tropical professors. In common with colleagues he was a true general physician embracing all clinical and practical laboratory disciplines and being in the forefront of new emerging diseases.

I was delighted when he agreed to edit the tropical disease chapter in the Liverpool textbook of Chamberlains Symptoms and Signs in Clinical Medicine. He has published widely on tropical diseases and protection from tropical hazards.

He and Jean live in Waterloo and when not travelling his interests lie in historical studies.

I commend him to you Mr President, for Life Membership of our Institution.

C C EVANS

DR ANDREW ZSIGMOND



The most senior of the past presidents I am introducing this evening Mr President comes last alphabetically albeit first chronologically.

Andrash was born in Transylvania and his remarkable account as an instigator and participant in the Hungarian revolution of 1956 was the basis of his presidential address here in 1995. Then, his medical education was interrupted in the University of PECS and it was from Hungary that he escaped via Austria to the coal mines of Barnsley as a refugee. His story has been published in his book "Flames of Straw" version 2 (Amazon £20-00 used 1p package and postage extra).

He entered the Liverpool Medical School and graduated with the conjoint diploma in 1961. As a student, his Central European accent was at odds with his very handsome good looks and charm, such that Clifford Brewer always referred to him as "sigmoid" which Andrew interpreted as being tortuous and full of you know what colonic material!

He became a general practitioner partner in West Derby with Jack Chisnall and Paddy Wilson and then evolved as a Rodney Street specialist in disorders of the rich. viz occupational and aviation medicine with a bit of slimming and Botox on the side. His beautiful Georgian property housed not only his Consulting suites, but also the Hungarian honorary Consular offices. The house was furnished with elegant antiques and in the grand dining room he and Carol entertained the great and good of Liverpool and indeed Europe. Guests included political movers and shakers and Andrew stood as the most successful Tory parliamentary candidate in the labour stronghold of Liverpool Riverside in the 1992 general election being the only conservative in the modern era to save his deposit.

His love of music and opera makes him a cultured companion who has been chair and president of countless local organisations and in 2009 The Lord Mayor made him an Honorary Scouser.

He and Carol have downsized to a lovely property in Woolton where they indulge their children and grandchildren. It is fitting Mr President that we elect him as our Life Member this year being the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian revolution on which topic he gave a recent Roscoe Lecture.

C C EVANS