

MEDICAL NEWS

New seat belt campaign

A new national publicity campaign to persuade drivers and front-seat passengers of cars to wear seat belts has been launched by the Department of Transport. The new campaign, which will cost £1 162 000, will concentrate on wearing seat belts for short journeys in towns. At intervals during the next six months there will be television publicity, newspaper advertisements, and posters on outdoor sites and buses. Launching the campaign, Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, said that according to surveys four people out of five do not wear seat belts regularly—usually because of the erroneous belief that they are unnecessary for short journeys in towns and that accidents rarely happen there. If everyone wore them, he said, 12 000 fewer people would be killed or seriously injured each year.

Cardiology unit at Newcastle upon Tyne

A new academic cardiology unit, at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, was opened on 10 May by Brigadier Christopher Thursby Pelham, director-general of the British Heart Foundation. Funded jointly by the foundation and by the University Development Trust, the unit is headed by Professor D G Julian, who was appointed to the new chair of cardiology endowed by the foundation in 1974.

Department of tropical child health at Liverpool

A new wing of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine was opened last week by Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, to house a new department of tropical child health. It is named after Dr Brian Maegraith, for many years professor of tropical medicine and dean of the school, and it has been built and equipped with the help of grants of over £400 000 from the Ministry of Overseas Development. Child health has a priority in Britain's medical aid to the developing countries, and the ODM already funds several activities at the school relevant to child health.

New professors at London University

Mr M Harris has been appointed to the chair of oral surgery at the Institute of Dental Surgery from 1 October 1978. Mr Harris, who is 43, graduated in dental surgery in 1957 and

medicine in 1963. He held house appointments and did part-time dental practice from 1957 to 1964, when he was appointed registrar in the department of oral medicine at the Eastman Dental Hospital, being promoted to senior registrar in 1965. In 1968 he was appointed to his present post of consultant in oral and maxillofacial surgery at King's College Hospital Dental School.

Dr A H W Nias has been appointed to the Richard Dimbleby chair of cancer research at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School. Dr Nias, who is 51, graduated in medicine from Oxford, and from 1956 to 1962 held house appointments at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, and an MRC clinical research fellowship at Glasgow University. From 1962 to 1972 he worked as a radiologist at the Paterson Laboratories at the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute. In 1972 Dr Nias was appointed to his present post as consultant medical radiation biologist to the Royal and Western Infirmarys, Glasgow.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institutions concerned.

Monday, 22 May

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5 pm, Professor L L M van Deenen (Utrecht): Properties and topography of lipids in biomembranes.

Tuesday, 23 May

MEDICOLEGAL SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Dr A Boyde: The clinical significance of some aspects of tooth microstructure. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5 pm, Professor L L M van Deenen (Utrecht): Studies on lipid-protein interaction.

Wednesday, 24 May

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Professor M Shepherd and Dr J Janota, clinicopathological conference: Problems of organic cerebral disease. ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—5 pm, Professor J R A Mitchell: Why can't we prevent thrombosis?

Thursday, 25 May

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—4.30 pm, 14th Dorothy Platt Memorial lecture by Mr M Baum: The treatment of primary carcinoma of the breast—a conceptual revolution.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH—4.30 pm, Dr Zora Janzeković (Yugoslavia): Early surgery in burn wounds: the past and existing problems.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Professor E M Symonds: Renin angiotensin system and pregnancy.

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

	MAY
23 Tues	Joint Agenda Committee, 9 am.
24 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
25 Thurs	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
30 Tues	ARM Agenda Committee, 9 am.
30 Tues	Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.

The Wolfson Unit of Clinical Pharmacology at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, opened on 9 May by Sir Leonard Wolfson, chairman of the trustees of the Wolfson Foundation. The unit, which is claimed to be the only purpose-built clinical pharmacology building in Europe, includes the facilities for teaching and research and also houses the Northern Regional Drug Information Unit.

Instructions to authors

The following are the minimum requirements for manuscripts submitted for publication.

(1) **Typing** should be on one side of the paper, with double or triple spacing between the lines and 5-cm margins at the top and left-hand side of the sheet.

(2) **Two copies** (or preferably three) should be submitted.

(3) **Spelling** should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

(4) **References** must be set out in the style used in the *BMJ*, and their accuracy verified before the manuscript is submitted.

(5) **SI units** are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units, and some useful conversion factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977).

(6) **Authors** should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

(7) **Acknowledgments** will not be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

(8) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 7 January (p 6).

	JUNE
1 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMSC), 10.30 am.
1 Thurs	Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.

Division Meetings

Members proposing to attend meetings marked * are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

Blackpool—At Victoria Hospital, Tuesday, 23 May, 8.15 pm, agm.

Guildford—At Hog's Back Hotel, Friday, 26 May, annual dinner and dance.*

Kesteven—At King's Hotel, Grantham, Friday, 26 May, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual social evening.* (Guests are invited.)

Nottingham—At City Hospital, Wednesday, 24 May, 8 pm, open meeting to discuss Consultant Contract and Review Body Report.*

Roehampton—At Watney's Mortlake Brewery, Monday, 22 May, 8.30 pm, agm.

South-east Essex—At Garon's No 2 Suite, 7.30 for 8 pm, agm and dinner.*

South Middlesex—At Queen Mary, Sailing Club, Friday, 26 May, 7.30 pm, supper dance.*

South-west Durham—At Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Tuesday, 23 May, 8 pm, agm.

Regional Meetings

Trent Regional Council—At Nottingham City Hospital, Sunday, 21 May, 2.30 pm.

Wessex Hospital Junior Staff Committee—At Salisbury Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 23 May, 10.30 am.

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