

**Information, please**

Anyone interested in investigating epidemic myalgic encephalomyelitis (3 June, p 1436) should contact the epidemic myalgic encephalomyelitis study group through Dr W H Lyle, Courtaulds Ltd, 18 Hanover Square, London W1A 2BB (01-236-8466). The proceedings of a conference on the disease were reported in the November issue of the *Postgraduate Medical Journal*.

Professor F A Jenner (Department of Psychiatry, Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield S10 2JF) would like to hear of any schizophrenic patients who appear to have responded to gluten-free diets, for a study exploring the possibility of sensitivity to gluten and other proteins.

Recollections of Dr John R Heath, who was in practice in Barmouth until his death about 30 years ago and was also a musician, would be appreciated by Dr K Davies Jones (38 Forsythia Drive, Greenways, Cyncoed, Cardiff CF2 7HP) as background for a projected study of his music.

**People in the news**

Dr J D Cash has been appointed national medical director of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service.

Dr E J L Lowbury, who retires from the MRC Industrial Injuries and Burns Unit at the Birmingham Accident Hospital at the end of March, has been appointed visiting professor of medical microbiology in the department of pharmacy at Aston University.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists**—Scientific workshop on the cryobiology of human semen and its role in artificial insemination by donor, 22-23 March, Loughborough. Details from the secretary of the college, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG.

**University of London**—Heath Clark lectures, 22 and 23 March, London. For details see advertisement at p xii.

**Institute of Urology**—"Ruptured urethra" by Professor J P Mitchell, followed by discussion of clinical cases, 30 March, London; visitors welcome. Details from the institute, 172 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JE. (Tel 01-836 5361.)

**Institute of Urology**—Seminar on "Reconstructive urological surgery," 9-12 April, London. For details see advertisement at p xii.

**Symposium on tardive dyskinesia**—7-8 June, New York. Details from the programme assistant, Office of Graduate and Continuing Education, State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center, 750 East Adams Street, Syracuse, New York 13210, USA.

**National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare**—66th annual study course and conference on maternal and child welfare, 27-29 June, London. Details from the association, 1 South Audley Street, London W1Y 6JS. (Tel 01-491 2772.)

**Medicated IUDs and Polymeric Delivery Systems International Symposium**—27-30 June, Amsterdam. Details from the symposium office, PO Box 20, 5340 BH Oss, Holland.

**British Association of Urological Surgeons**—Annual meeting, 3-6 July, Bristol. Details from Sarah Frost-Wellings, Conference Services Ltd, 43 Charles Street, Mayfair, London W1. (Tel 01-499 1101.)

**5th Annual Pediatric Echocardiography Course**—15-19 October, Tel Aviv. Details from Pediatric Echocardiography Course, 4340 Placita Panuco, Tucson, Arizona 85718, USA.

**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, 19 March**

**INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY**—12.30 pm, Professor Sir John Dewhurst: Recurrent abortions.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—6 pm, The Rt Hon the Lord Smith of Marlow: Surgery of stones and carcinoma of the biliary tract.  
**ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE**—5 pm, Dr Hans E Einstein (Los Angeles): Fungal infections.

**Tuesday, 20 March**

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—6 pm, Mr J E Trapnell: Acute pancreatitis.

**Wednesday, 21 March**

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY**—4.30 pm, Dr J Pegum: The apocrine glands.

**INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS**—6 pm, Mr P S London and Mr M S Cornah: Tibial plateau fractures.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—3 pm, Frederick Hewitt lecture by Professor J Parkhouse: The journey and the arrival. 5 pm, Arris and Gale lecture by Mr J M A Northover: Damage to bile duct blood supply—a significant cause of postoperative morbidity? 6.15 pm, Mr P R Hawley: Fistula and other common anal conditions.

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**—5 pm, Dr C C Booth: Coeliac disease.

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL**—2 pm, histopathology course, Dr R Barnard: WHO classification on CNS tumours.

**WILLESDEN HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY**—At Willesden General Hospital, 8.30 pm, Ray Phillips and Paul Darton: Contemporary medical illustration.

**Friday, 23 March**

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY**—5.30 pm, Mr A D Cheesman: The management of facial palsy.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH**—At the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, 5.30 pm, Andrew Lowdon lecture by Professor D N Walder: Caisson disease of bone.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**—6 pm, Professor K E F Hobbs: The surgery of portal hypertension.

**BMA NOTICES****Central Meetings**

**MARCH**  
22 Thurs Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.  
22 Thurs Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.  
28 Wed General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS) 10 am.  
29 Thurs Consulting Pathologists Group Committee, 10 am.  
29 Thurs Consulting Pathologists Group, 2 pm.  
31 Sat and Sun 1  
April Junior Members Forum, University of Reading.

**Division Meetings**

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

**Burnley**—At Mackenzie Medical Centre, Wednesday, 21 March, 8.30 pm, Dr Francis Pigott: "The expanding trade union activities of the BMA." At Spread Eagle Hotel, Sawley, Friday, 23 March, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner, principal guest speaker Dr R A R Lawrence.\*

**Bury**—At Midway Hotel, Rochdale, Saturday, 24 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.\* (Guests are invited.)

**Croydon**—At Mayday Hospital, Tuesday, 20 March, 8 pm, buffet supper followed by Mr David Southcott: "Gunshot wounds."\* (Royal College of Nursing members invited.)

**Dewsbury**—At Central Restaurant, Cleckheaton, Friday, 23 March, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner, speaker David Ginsburgh, MP.\*

**East Kent**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Canterbury, Thursday, 22 March, annual BMA lecture by Dr E Grey-Turner: The future of the BMA.

**East Surrey**—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 20 March, 7.30 pm, chairman's meeting, Dr Paget Davies: "The first six months of the Redhill coronary care ambulance."

**Guildford**—At Thatchers, East Horsley, Tuesday, 20 March, 7.30 pm, supper meeting, speaker Mr J O Robinson: "Nelson and his wounds."

**North Northumberland**—At Saddle Grill, Alnmouth, Friday, 23 March, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner.\* (Guests are invited.)

**North Tyneside**—At Europa Lodge Hotel, Wallsend, Saturday, 24 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.\*

**Rochdale**—At Midway Hotel, Friday, 23 March, dinner dance.\*

**Sandwell**—At Hallam Hospital, Tuesday, 20 March, 8 pm, agm.

**South Middlesex**—At West Middlesex Hospital, Wednesday, 21 March, 7.15 pm, buffet supper followed by Dr N D Ellis: "Industrial relations for doctors."\*

**South Tees**—At Marton Hotel and Country Club, Wednesday, 21 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, chairman's ladies night.\*

**South Warwickshire**—At Charlecote Pheasant, Nr Warwick, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint dinner/lecture meeting

**Instructions to authors**

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(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) **Letters to the Editor** submitted for publication must be signed personally by all the authors.

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

(9) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 6 January 1979 (p 6).

with South Warwickshire dentists, speaker Dr Denis Burkitt: "The lymphoma story."\*

**Walsall**—At Manor Hospital, Tuesday, 20 March, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr R S Wilkes: "History of Staffs: Walsall and its canals."

**UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES****CAMBRIDGE**

MD—T R P Cullinan.

**LONDON**

MD—Elizabeth G Bradshaw, M G Cook, D M Geddes, C P Juniper.

**ABERDEEN**

*Appointment*—Dr J M Rawler (senior lecturer in medicine).

**Correction****Views**

In the paragraph on liver metastases in colorectal cancer (24 February, p 560) the reference should be *British Journal of Cancer*, 1978, **38**, 749.

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