

Health education in schools

"As long ago as the codification of the Mosaic law the individual's need for personal hygiene has been recognised," comments a new report from the Department of Education and Science, *Health Education in Schools*. Today health education must range widely, helping young people as they grow up, the report says, to minimise the risks of diseases and injuries caused wholly or partly by ignorance and by harmful habits and ways of living. The book, published by HMSO at £2.50, gives the background to many aspects of health education and some of the problems schools have to deal with. It includes chapters on accidents, dental health, sex education, the misuse of drugs and alcohol, and smoking, as well as the wider problems of communicable diseases, pollution, and toxic materials.

People in the news

Dr C G Barnes, a consultant rheumatologist at the London Hospital Medical College, has been elected chairman of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council's executive and finance committee. He succeeds Dr R M Mason.

Professor W A Gillespie has been appointed emeritus professor in clinical bacteriology of the University of Bristol.

Dr John Vane, group research and development director of the Wellcome Foundation Ltd, shared the Albert Lasker basic medical research award, presented in New York last month, with Dr S Bergstrom and Dr B Samuelson (Sweden) for work on prostaglandins.

COMING EVENTS

Nutrition Society—Details of the 311th and 312th meetings on 15 and 16 December, London, are now available from the Society, Chandos House, 2 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 9LE.

"Medical treatment of senile cataracts"—Professor F T Lynd will present a paper on his work to the meeting of the Association for Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 5-6 January, Bath. Details from Mr A T Yoxall, Association for Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Farthings, Links Road, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0AL. (Tel 048-647 3452.)

Medical Research Council Laboratory Animals Centre—Symposium "Genetic models of obesity in laboratory animals," 16-17 February, London. Details from the Information Officer, MRC Laboratory Animals Centre, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 4EF. (Tel 01-643 8000.)

Birmingham Medical Institute—Details of forthcoming meetings are available from the Institute, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3AF. (Tel 021-454 5007.)

British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis, Scottish Branch—Details and copies of the programme 1977-8 are available from Mrs E McPherson, 31 Ardmore Gardens, Drymen G63. (Tel Drymen 746.)

Manchester Medical Society—Details of the programme for December-January are now available from the Society, the University, Manchester M13 9PL. (Tel 061-273 6048.)

St George's Hospital and South-west Metropolitan Orthopaedic Training Scheme—Details and copies of the spring term teaching calendar are now available from Mr S C Callanagh, MS, FRCS, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, Tooting, London SW17 0QT.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Monday, 5 December

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Mr K W Lee: The biology of the oral mucosa.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 4.45 pm, Mr T Colart: HPL—what does it do?

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr A Levene: Surgical pathology of the skin.

Tuesday, 6 December

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr R Eady: The ultrastructure of the epidermis.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Mr M Glazer, surgical conference: Investigations and decision making in biliary tract disorders.

Wednesday, 7 December

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—Sandoz Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Dr J B Brierley: Experimental hypoxia and ischaemia. 7 pm, Dr R W Ross Russell: Posterior cerebral ischaemia.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS—6 pm, Dr E C Huskisson: Assessment of surgical results.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—6 pm, Fitzpatrick lecture by Dr E Clarke: The neural circulation. The role of analogy in medicine.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Bradshaw lecture by Sir Rodney Smith: Tumours of the liver.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr C E Pope II: Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease.

Thursday, 8 December

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURES AND EDINBURGH POST-GRADUATE COURSES—At Royal Infirmary, 5 pm, Dr M F Sudlow: Small airways disease—a challenge or a myth.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY (QUEEN SQUARE)—5.30 pm, Dr Alexander Hartmann (Heidelberg): Complication of subarachnoid haemorrhage, evaluated by measurement of cerebral blood flow and CSF pressure.

Friday, 9 December

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Mr J E Wright: Diseases of the lacrimal apparatus.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON—At King's Fund Centre, 12.15 pm, Dr J A Whitehead: The violent patient in hospital.* (Followed by buffet lunch.)

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

DECEMBER	
8 Thurs	New Charter Working Group (GMSC), 10 am.
8 Thurs	Journal Committee, 2.15 pm.
13 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.
14 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
14 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
14 Wed	Armed Forces Committee, 10.30 am.
15 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
15 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
16 Fri	Scottish Hospital Junior Staff Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 2.30 pm.
19 Mon	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCCM), 10.30 am.
21 Wed	BMA Council Executive, 10 am.
21 Wed	Joint Committee BMA Pharmaceutical Society, 2.30 pm.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Barking and Havering—At Harold Wood Hospital, Monday, 5 December, 7.30 for 8.30 pm, supper followed by special Jubilee BMA lecture by Professor Harold Ellis: "Royal operations." (Guests are welcome.)

Bury St Edmunds—At Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Tuesday, 6 December, 8 pm, joint meeting with Ipswich and Suffolk Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, talk by Mr Loftus on wines followed by wine tasting.* (Guests are invited.)

Coventry—At Coventry and Warwickshire Post-graduate Centre, Tuesday, 6 December, 6.45 for 7.15 pm, dinner followed by talk by Mr T Sargeant.*

Durham—At Dryburn Hospital, Monday, 5 December, 7 pm, buffet supper, 8.30 pm, talk by Judge Alastair Sharp.* (Guests are welcome.)

Enfield—At Enfield District Hospital, Friday, 9 December, 1 pm, open forum to discuss current medical problems, speaker Mr David Bolt. (Preceded by buffet lunch at 12.30 pm.)

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 6 December, 8 for 8.30 pm, Dr Peter Wilkinson: "Chemotherapy of cancer."*

Merseyside Regional Council—At Liverpool Medical Institution, Tuesday, 6 December, 8 pm, general meeting of all doctors.

North and South Camden Divisions—At Royal Free Hospital, Wednesday, 7 December, 7.30 pm, meeting to elect members of Representative Body for 1978.

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Tuesday, 6 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual BMA lecture and dinner, speaker Dr Max Zoob: "Medical diseases of Biblical characters."* (Guests are invited.)

Salop—At Copthorne Hospital, Wednesday, 7 December, 7.45 pm, agm.

Sefton—At Boulevard Rooms, Southport, Thursday, 8 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner followed by agm.*

Solihull—At Dorridge Village Hall, Wednesday, 7 December, 7.30 pm, wine tasting and business meeting.* (Guests are invited.)

South Bedfordshire—At Winston Churchill Inn, Dunstable, Tuesday, 6 December, 8 pm, agm.

South-west Thames Regional Council—At Surrey FPC, Wednesday, 7 December, 6.30 pm, inaugural meeting.

Tameside—At Tameside General Hospital, Tuesday, 6 December, 12.30 pm, agm. (Coffee and sandwiches available.)

Waltham Forest—At Whips Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 7 December, 7.30 pm, supper followed by Dr R D Catterall: "Advances in sexually transmitted diseases."

Wandsworth and East Merton—At St James's Hospital, Monday, 5 December, 8.30 pm, annual social event.* (Guests are invited.)

West Hertfordshire—At Rose and Crown, Kings Langley, Monday, 5 December, agm.

Wigtown—At Kirroughtree Hotel, Newton Stewart, Friday, 9 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.*

Worcester and Bromsgrove—At Ronkswood Hospital, Monday, 12 December, 7.45 pm, visit of Chairman of Council, Dr James Cameron, and reception and buffet supper.*

West Berkshire—At Postgraduate Centre, Reading, Wednesday, 11 January, 8.30 pm, Dr Martin Thomas: "When is hypnosis the answer?" (Wives welcome.)

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—D J Ewing, R E Pounder.

ABERDEEN

Appointment—Mr A K Ah-See (senior lecturer in surgery).

APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—The following consultants have been appointed—Mr P M Mace (accident and emergency medicine); Dr A N Khan, Dr B N Nayak (physicians in geriatric medicine); Dr K S Haworth (obstetrician and gynaecologist); Mr C Nsamba (ENT surgeon).

SOUTH-EAST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed—Mr D M Davies (plastic surgery); Mr R C F Gray, Mr T A Harrison (general surgery); Dr B G Harwin, Dr J M Hirons, Dr M F Hussain, Dr M S Samuel (psychiatry); Dr C G Lynch (anaesthetics); Mr A J L Percy (orthopaedic surgery); Miss S Puntamkar (obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr R B Sakya (radiology); Mr P D Sutaria (orthopaedic surgery).

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