

extent for the failure of statutory authorities and provide about 80% of the available services. Yet co-operation between statutory and voluntary bodies is poor. The working party wants much more to be done for alcoholics by local authorities and voluntary organisations working together on an equal basis: services must be expanded, diversified, and evaluated; and staff and volunteers working with alcoholics should be better trained. In the conclusion of the report the working party wryly observes that it is "somewhat strange" for a country that receives over £2000m through direct taxation on alcohol and spends £50m on advertising alcohol to provide so miserably for those damaged by alcohol.

Cambridge Sports Injury Clinic

Sports injuries are increasingly common in all age groups; and even the less severe ones, say the organisers of the new Cambridge Sports Injury Clinic, need prompt diagnosis with intensive physiotherapy and advice about training for an early and safe return to sporting activities. Consisting of a medical centre and physiotherapy facilities, the new clinic has been set up at the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall as a self-supporting enterprise resulting from an initiative by the Eastern Region Sports Council. Physiotherapists from Addenbrooke's Hospital will treat patients with soft-tissue injuries referred by a doctor, a fee of £2.50 being charged to cover running costs. This is one of the first such sports injury clinics and the Sports Council is studying its development to see whether it might be a model to be used nationally.

Private pathology practice

A symposium on private pathology practice is being organised by the BMA Consulting Pathologists Group Committee in conjunction with Private Patients Plan. It will be held on 25 October at the Royal Chance Hotel, Enfield, Middlesex, hospitality and participants' travelling expenses being provided by PPP. The programme will include a visit to a private laboratory, and a booklet on private pathology practice has been prepared by the organisers. Attendance will be restricted to 30 pathologists, so those interested are advised to apply as soon as possible to Dr J P Lee-Potter, chairman of the committee's private practice subcommittee, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

COMING EVENTS

BMA/MIA Music Society—Rehearsals start on 2 October at BMA House for the carol concert at St Pancras Church—all voices urgently required. Details from Mr R Woods, 01-387 4499, ext 121.

Birmingham Medical Institute Section of Psychiatry—Details of the 28th annual dinner, 9 October, and symposium "Disorders of appetite and weight," 26 October, Birmingham, are available from the institute, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3AF. (Tel 021-454 5007.)

Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research—Film premiere of "Quantum pharmacology" and symposium on alternative techniques, 11 October, London. Details from Edward Parry, 01-580 4034.

Royal Society of Health—Details of meetings on "The Royal Commission on the NHS," 9 October, London; and "The new education training and the future role of the district nurse," 23 October, London, are available from the society, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN. (Tel 01-235 9961.)

Nuffield Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Oxford University—Postgraduate course on "The

basic sciences of the musculoskeletal system," 12 October-15 December. Details from the department, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford.

Institute of Laryngology and Otology—Sunday morning seminar for general practitioners, "Head and neck cancer," 14 October, London. Details from the institute, 300-332 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE. (Tel 01-837 8855.)

Royal Institution of Great Britain—Details and copies of the October-December programme are now available from the institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4BS.

British Institute of Radiology—Details and copies of the 1979-80 calendar are available from the institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel 01-935 6237/6867.)

Glasgow Orthopaedic Training Committee—Details and copies of the Martinmas term programme are available from Mr G Waddell, University Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Western Infirmary, Glasgow G11 6NT.

Manchester Medical Society—Details and copies of the October meetings are available from the society, Coupland Building, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL. (Tel 061 273 6048.)

Royal College of Psychiatrists Psychotherapy Specialist Section—Details of 1979-80 open meetings are available from the section, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. (Tel 01-235 2351.)

Royal Society of Medicine—Details and copies of the calendar with section programmes 1979-80 are now available from the society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

St George's Hospital and SW Metropolitan Orthopaedic Training Scheme—Details and copies of the winter term 1979 teaching calendar are now available from Mr S C Gallannaugh, FRCS, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0QT. (Tel 01-672 1255.)

Society of Chemical Industry Food Group—Details and copies of the 1979-80 syllabus are available from Mr D Hicks, Beecham Products, Beecham House, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9BD. (Tel 01-560 5151 ext 1217.)

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, 1 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr R Westall: Operations for peptic ulcers.*

Tuesday, 2 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Mr J Alexander Williams: Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.*

Wednesday, 3 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5.15 pm, Mr Crawford Jamieson: Arterial disease.* 6.30 pm, Professor J D Hardcastle: Surgery of anal conditions.*

Thursday, 4 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Lieutenant-Colonel Professor M S Owen-Smith: High velocity bullet wounds.*

Friday, 5 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—6 pm, Sir Douglas Ranger: Head and neck surgery.*

BMA NOTICES

Central Meetings

OCTOBER

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| 3 Wed | EEC Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm. |
| 4 Thurs | Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 am. |
| 4 Thurs | General Purposes Subcommittee (GMSC), 10.30 am. |
| 9 Tues | Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am. |
| 9 Tues | Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am. |
| 10 Wed | BMA Council Executive, 10 am. |
| 11 Thurs | Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am. |

Division Meetings

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

Birmingham—At Birmingham Children's Hospital, Wednesday, 3 October, 8.30 pm, clinicopathological meeting.* (7.30 pm refreshments.)

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Brighton General Hospital, Tuesday, 2 October, 8.30 pm, agm.

Bury—At Bolholt Residential Club, Saturday, 6 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests are invited.)

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

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(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.

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

Durham—At Dryburn Hospital, Monday, 1 October, 8.30 pm, agm followed by Brian Primmer: "From a dean's window."* (Preceded by supper, 7 pm.)*

Halifax—At Halifax Club, Thursday, 4 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, snooker evening with buffet.*

Kingston/Richmond/Epsom—At Kingston Medical Centre, Wednesday, 3 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, buffet supper, speaker Dame Josephine Barnes: "Women's health in a changing society."* (Wives and guests invited.)

Manchester and Salford—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 2 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Mr E S Rosen: "Glaucoma."* (Supper provided.)

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 2 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual valedictory dinner, speaker Mr Tom Coyne: "The other side of the camera."* (Guests very welcome.)

Oldham—At Oldham and District General Hospital, Monday, 1 October, 8 pm, agm.

Redbridge and Stratford—At East Ham Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, 2 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, Dr Gregory Stewart: "Caring for the handicapped and retarded."*

South-east Essex—At Southend Hospital, Wednesday, 3 October, 8 pm, ordinary meeting.

South Warwickshire—At Glebe Hotel, Barford, Monday, 1 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, agm.

Swansea and West Glamorgan—At Dragon Hotel, Swansea, Thursday, 4 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner and chairman's address.* (Guests are invited.)

West Sussex—At Set-Jet, Brighton, Saturday, 6 October, 9 am, day trip to France.* (Guests are invited.)

Wolverhampton—At Goldthorn Hotel, Tuesday, 2 October, 7.30 for 8 pm, joint Law Society and BMA annual dinner.* (Guests are invited.)

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