

The trust has an income of about £30 000 a year, two-thirds of which comes from Oxfam and Christian Aid and the rest from donations and covenants. Further details are available from the registered office at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1.

### Fewer cigarettes

Cigarette consumption in the second quarter of 1975 was 12% lower than in the corresponding period of 1974, according to ASH (the Action on Smoking and Health campaign). The director of ASH claimed that the fall is the result of a combination of price increases and anti-smoking propaganda. Some of the fall in the weight of tobacco smoked can be attributed to changes in smoking patterns: filter cigarettes are gradually replacing plain ones and there is also a trend favouring the smaller brands.

### NHS to employ more disabled people

"Not enough disabled people are applying for jobs . . . for which they are clearly qualified." Mr Alfred Morris, Minister for the Disabled, was announcing in a lecture in London last week that he and his ministerial colleagues hoped to increase the number of registered disabled people employed in the NHS and the DHSS. All NHS employing authorities are to be asked to co-operate. He hoped that more people would respond to advertisements for posts in all central government departments.

Mr Morris drew his audience's attention to the new £5 a week mobility allowance for the severely disabled which will come into force in 1976. This will give mobility help to an extra 100 000 people who cannot or do not want to drive.

### People in the news

Dr Duncan Fletcher, a Glasgow community physician, has been installed as president of the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Sir John Gray, FRS, who was secretary of the Medical Research Council, became deputy chairman on 1 October 1975.

Professor A J Buller, Professor A P M Forrest, Dr H Kay, and Dr Cicely M S Saunders have been appointed to the Medical Research Council.

Dr J P Bull, Dr D G Davey, and Professor R B Welbourne have retired from the Medical Research Council on completion of their normal periods of service.

## COMING EVENTS

**Rehabilitation Forum Facts and Fantasies for the Future**—31 October, Edinburgh. Details from Rehabilitation Studies Unit, Princess Margaret Rose Orthopaedic Hospital, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh EH10 7ED. (Tel 031-445 2007.)

**Glasgow University Club, London**—Annual dinner, 6 November, Cumberland Hotel, London. Principal speaker Sir Montague Finniston. Details from Dr J F Heggie, 94 Wynchgate, Southgate, London N14 6RN. (Tel 01-886 2634.)

**"Inter-relationship between Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Continuing Medical Education"**—Day conference organised by the Scottish Council for Postgraduate Medical Education and

the Association for the Study of Medical Education, 7 November, Glasgow. Details from the association for the study of Medical Education, 150b Perth Road, Dundee DD1 4EA. (Tel 0382 26801.)

**Institute of Urology**—Symposium "Postgraduate Nephrology," 12-13 November, London.

**Joint BMA, Royal College of Nursing, and Institute of Health Service Administrators Meeting**—14-15 November, Cardiff. Details from Dr M L Cattell, BMA Welsh Office, 195 Newport Road, Cardiff CF2 1UE. (Tel 0222 25336.)

**Winchester and Central Hampshire Medical and Dental Federation**—GP weekend refresher course, 15-16 and 29-30 November, Winchester. Details from the Secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Romsey Road, Winchester, Hampshire. (Tel 0962 63535, ext 422.)

**Silver Jubilee Session of the Neurological Society of India**—17-20 December, Chandigarh. Details from Professor P N Tandon, Neurological Society of India, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110016, India.

**"Issues of Life and Death"**—Series of lectures, November/December, organised by the Langham Trust. Details and enrolment forms from the Registrar, London Lectures, St Helen's Vestry, Great St Helen's, London EC3A 6AT.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

### Monday, 20 October

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY**—1.15 pm, Dr George Selby (Australia): Thoughts on the pathogenesis of trigeminal neuralgia.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**—At Guy's Hospital, 5 pm, Professor Bengt Samuelsson (Stockholm): Prostaglandin endoperoxide and thromboxanes short-lived bioregulators.

### Wednesday, 22 October

**CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE**—5 pm, Dr C S Darke: Vinyl chloride disease.

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY**—6 pm, Sandoz Foundation lectures, Dr G Curzon: Role and control of brain 5HT. Dr C M B Paré: The neuropharmacology of depression.

**INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS**—6 pm, Dr J T Bruce: Orthopaedic manifestations of hysteria. 7 pm, Mr David Turner-Samuels, QC: The medical witness.

**INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY**—5.30 pm, Dr D L Davies: Alcoholism: a socio-medical approach.

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL**—5 pm, Dr G Selby (Australia): Current thoughts on Parkinson's disease.

**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**—5 pm, Dr Francis Crick: The structure of chromatin.

### Thursday, 23 October

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE**—8 pm, Miss P Downie: Physiotherapy with the progressively ill patient.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON**—5 pm, Teale lecture by Dr Barbara M Ansell: Chronic polyarthritis in childhood.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL**—5.15 pm, Alec Bourne lecture by Dr J H J Bancroft: The relevance of sex education to the medical profession.

**WORSHIPFUL SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON**—At Apothecaries Hall, 5.30 pm, Joseph Strickland Goodall memorial lecture by Dr Grant Lee: Learning by measurement in medicine—some examples from studies of the cardiovascular system.

### Friday, 24 October

**INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY**—12.30 pm, Surgeon Captain N J Blacklock, RN: The prostate gland The seat of the soul of man

## BMA NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

OCTOBER	
21 Tues	Joint Consultants Committee (Royal College of Surgeons, London WC2), 9.30 am.
22 Wed	Council, 9.30 am.
23 Thurs	Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
24 Fri	Working Party on Services for the Elderly (Board of Science and Education), 10.30 am.
29 Wed	Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 10.30 am.

29 Wed Private Practice Committee, 10.30 am.  
29 Wed Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.15 am.

### NOVEMBER

4 Tues Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.  
5 Wed Standing Orders Working Group (GMS), 2 pm.  
6 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.

### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Aldershot and Farnham Division**—At Frimley Park Hospital, Wednesday, 22 October, 7 pm, autumn clinical meeting. (Followed by supper.)\*

**Brighton and Cuckfield Division**—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Brighton, 7.30 for 8.15 pm, Tuesday, 21 October, annual meeting.

**Bury St Edmunds Division**—At St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Sunday, 26 October, 10.15 am, St Luke's Tide service.

**Coventry Division**—At Stratford Hilton, Tuesday, 21 October, 7 pm, dinner.\* Principal speaker Dr J Cameron. (Guests are invited.)

**Croydon Division**—At Mayday Hospital, Tuesday, 21 October, 8.30 pm. Dr Peter Walden. "Role of the oncologist." (Followed by business meeting.)\*

**Dudley Division**—At Guest Hospital, Wednesday, 22 October, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

**Dundee Division**—At Queen's Hotel, Nethergate, Thursday, 23 October, 8 pm, agm.

**East Surrey Division**—At Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 21 October, 7.30 pm, chairman's evening.\*

**Ipswich Division**—At St Nicholas Church, Sunday, 19 October, 6.30 pm, St Luke's Tide service.

**Midstone Division**—At Kimberly Clark Limited, Wednesday, 22 October, 8 pm, visit to see manufacture of tissue products followed by buffet.\*

**Manchester Division**—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 21 October, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting: "Angina pectoris: causes and management." Speaker Dr Philip Markman.\*

**North Northumberland Division**—At Alnwick Infirmary, Tuesday, 21 October, 8.30 pm, joint meeting with social workers from North Northumberland. Dr Christine Cooper: "Baby battering."

**Roehampton Division**—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Monday, 20 October, 8.30 pm, Dr David Owen: "Health care rationing."

**Scarborough Division**—At Scarborough Hospital, Thursday, 23 October, 8.30 pm, talk by Professor I G Taylor.

**South-east Essex Division**—At Southend General Hospital, Wednesday, 22 October, 8 pm, open meeting to discuss "The current medicopolitical situation."

**South Tyneside Division**—At Seaburn Hotel, Saturday, 25 October, 7.30 for 8.30 pm, annual ball.\* (Guests are invited.)

**South Warwickshire Division**—At Warwick Hospital, Wednesday, 22 October, 8 pm, meeting to discuss present political issues.

**Waltham Forest Division**—At Whipp's Cross Education Centre, Wednesday, 22 October, 8.30 pm, BMA Oration of the Year by Professor Paul Polani: "Practical applications of chromosome studies." (Preceded by supper, 7.30 pm.\* Guests are invited.)

**Wandsworth and East Merton Division**—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Monday, 20 October, 8.30 pm, Dr David Owen: "Health care rationing."

**Worcester and Bromsgrove Division**—At Postgraduate Centre, Ronswood, Saturday, 25 October, 6.45 pm, joint meeting with Royal College of Midwives, obstetric symposium.

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