



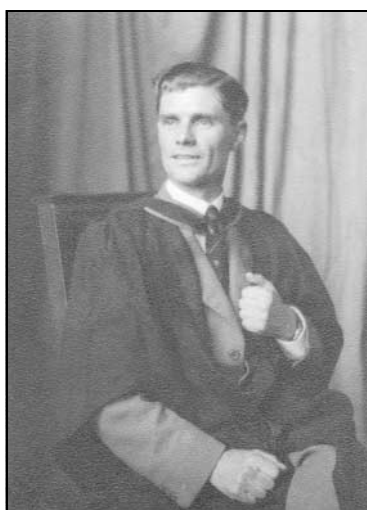
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## James Warner

Formerly Consultant in Children's Psychiatry and Medical Director of City of Coventry Child Guidance Service (Gulson Road Clinic)

James Warner, or Jim, as he was generally known, died suddenly at home on 19 April 2003. He was born in Coventry on 13 August 1919. On leaving school he studied ophthalmic optics with Lloyd Avers Opticians in Warwick.

Shortly after the outbreak of war, Jim was conscripted to the Forces and served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. During an air raid on Singapore in 1942 he received a shrapnel wound that caused a



compound fracture of the femur. While recovering in a military hospital, Singapore fell to the Japanese and he became a prisoner of war in Singapore and later in

Japan, until the War in the Far East ended in August 1945.

After demobilisation, he studied medicine at Birmingham University, graduating MB ChB in 1953. He gained the DPM in 1958 and was a Foundation Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists on its inauguration in 1971.

In 1962, he was appointed Consultant in Children's Psychiatry in Coventry, a post he held for 18 years. He had a particular interest in family therapy based on systems theory, writing and lecturing on this subject.

In addition, Jim lectured part-time at the Lanchester Polytechnic College, now the University of Coventry.

In 1954, Jim married Amy Warner. She survives him along with four children and seven grandchildren. Jim was very much a family man who enjoyed an active retirement, pursuing a wealth of hobbies in North Devon.

**Mrs Jennifer Parsons (daughter)**

## forthcoming events

**The International Conference on Schizophrenia (ICONS)** organised by the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) India, a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Mental Health Research & Training, and co-sponsored by the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) will take place on 29 January–2 February 2004 at Chennai (formerly Madras), India. This meeting will showcase the best of schizophrenia research from around the world. There will be a one-day workshop by Dr Judith Jaeger on Cognition in Schizophrenia (2 February 2004) with limited registrations.

Themes will include: Epidemiology, Phenomenology, Course & Outcome, Biology, Neuropsychology, Drug Treatment, Disability & Rehabilitation, and Culture & Psychiatry. Key note speakers will be Professor Ahamed Okasha, President WPA and Dr Benedetto Saraceno, Director Mental Health Division, WHO. For further details please contact Dr R. Thara, Director, SCARF (e-mail: [info@icons-scarf.org](mailto:info@icons-scarf.org) or [scarf@vsnl.com](mailto:scarf@vsnl.com)). Alternatively, visit <http://www.icons-scarf.org>.

The **Art Works in Mental Health Exhibition 2003** will take place on 31

October–16 November 2003 at the Royal College of Art, London and will open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. The exhibition will then tour nationally to Cardiff, Manchester, Edinburgh and Birmingham. The exhibition provides a unique opportunity to disseminate knowledge on the subject of mental health and to underline the value and significance of acceptance by individuals, families and communities who have a significant impact on recovery. As many entries as possible will be included in the gallery on the Art Works website [www.artworksinmentalhealth.co.uk](http://www.artworksinmentalhealth.co.uk).

## miscellany

Mental health services in Iraq have been ravaged by chronic neglect, sanctions and war. Mental health professionals in Iraq have suffered from 20 years of isolation imposed by the previous regime. There is now the opportunity to re-open communication channels with Iraqi psychiatrists and mental health professionals generally. As a group of Iraqi psychiatrists working in the UK, we are

proposing the formation of an 'Iraqi Psychiatric Association (UK)' which has as its sole aim the support of mental health services in Iraq through the support of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and training, external examining, planning of services, as well as voluntary clinical work in Iraq. It also aims at promoting formal links between British and Iraqi academic departments of psychiatry and

teaching centres. Any Iraqi psychiatrist who is interested please contact: Dr Riadh Abed, Rotherham District General Hospital, Moorgate Road, Rotherham District General Hospital, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2UD (tel: 01709 304331); e-mail: [abedrt@btinternet.com](mailto:abedrt@btinternet.com). We also welcome offers of help from non-Iraqi psychiatrists in the UK.