

published his major piece of research, a solid and clinically detailed follow-up study of 300 patients after leucotomy in 1950.

His interest in research did not develop, but he became a first class clinician, a stimulating and popular teacher and was, with his colleague and friend, Desmond Curran, for a time vice-dean of the Medical School. He was part author of the well known text book *Psychological Medicine* and the chapter on psychiatry in Coneybeare's *Textbook of Medicine*.

In addition to his work at St George's, and later with the Parole Board (an interest he maintained after his early retirement in 1968), he provided a much needed psychiatric service to the Royal Marsden Hospital, apparently quite unofficially.

He was a brilliantly amusing after-dinner speaker, with a dead pan delivery and professional timing and a judicious pause before the punchline. He was short and stocky, perhaps even tubby, but was quick on his feet, a good squash player, and an even better games man.

He was a most generous host and an entertaining companion, witty without much malice, very well read, full of arcane knowledge, and fond of travelling to remote and unexpected places, from which his postcard would sometimes arrive long after his return. He was immensely popular and deeply respected. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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**FREDERICK THOMAS THORPE, retired, formerly Medical Superintendent, Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield.**

Dr F. T. Thorpe (Freddie), who joined the staff of Middlewood Hospital in 1925, died on 26 May 1984 at the age of 85. He completed his medical studies at the University of Birmingham in 1925 and came to Middlewood immediately afterwards as an Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist. He took the Diploma in Psychological Medicine of the University of London in 1929. In 1936 he was appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer and in 1940 he became Acting Medical Superintendent, which position he held during the difficult days of the war years. During that time he was also associated with the War Emergency Medical Service Hospital known as Wharnccliffe Hospital which was at that time situated in the grounds of Middlewood Hospital and which dealt with many war casualties.

In April 1947 Dr Thorpe was appointed as the Medical Superintendent of Middlewood and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1964. He was, in fact, the last Medical Superintendent of the Hospital.

During his time at Middlewood he had an outstanding career in the practice of psychiatry and was awarded the Bronze Medal and Prize of the RMPA in 1938 and became a Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He published papers on many topics, notably on organic brain diseases, physical and surgical treatments in psychiatry and

as long ago as 1938 he wrote a paper entitled, 'Demolition Melancholia' which described the adverse psychological effects of re-housing.

Not content with having devoted his whole working life to Middlewood Hospital, he spent the whole of his retirement in the League of Friends of which he was life president, being actively concerned with the welfare of patients and former patients. He is survived by a widow and two sons, both of whom are consultants.

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**CYRIL EDDY WILLIAMS, Consultant Psychiatrist, Borocourt Hospital, Wyfold, Reading, Berkshire.**

Dr C. E. Williams, who was a Consultant Psychiatrist at Borocourt Hospital and in West Berkshire, died on 9 July, aged 62, after an illness borne with great courage.

Cyril Eddy Williams was born in India and was educated at Kelly College before reading medicine at Edinburgh University. He held appointments at the Cassel and Fountain Hospitals before being appointed Consultant Psychiatrist at Borocourt Hospital in 1960. Whilst at the Fountain Hospital he collaborated with the late Jack Tizard in the Brooklands Experiment which showed that mentally handicapped children removed from a large institution and cared for in a small homely group developed more rapidly than those left behind. These results influenced him in the planning and design of a Special Unit for blind and behaviourally disturbed children. It was the first of its kind in the country, opened in 1969, and was named after Mary Sheridan.

Under his direction the Mary Sheridan Unit provided a uniquely effective service, both in the promotion of development and in the reduction of behaviour problems. He was an acute observer of children and this led him to question the established views on the nature of stereotypic and self-injurious behaviours. His attempts to understand the problems of the children under his care was unceasing to the last. He has published many papers and was an acknowledged authority on the psychiatry of children with sensory handicaps.

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**The deaths of the following have also been reported:**

GRAHAM PATRICK CARTER, Senior Registrar, Stoke Park Hospital, Bristol.

RUSTAM FRAMROSE, Consultant Psychiatrist, Young People's Unit, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.

WILLIAM MAUDE, retired, formerly Senior Medical Officer, Bootham Park Hospital, York.

MARGARET ELIZABETH SETTON MCKENZIE, formerly Assistant Psychiatrist, Hartwood Hospital, Shotts, Scotland.

MOJZESZ DAVID REJSKIND, Senior Staff Psychiatrist, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.