



## obituaries

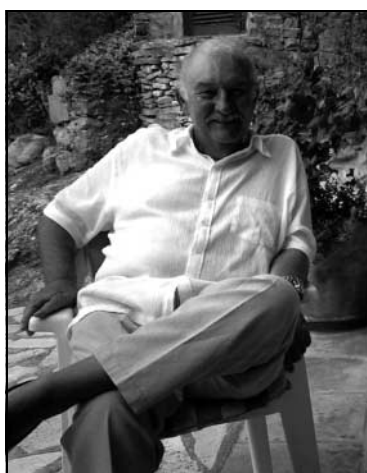
### Graham Harry Austin Tate

Formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Marchwood Priory Hospital, Southampton

Dr Austin Tate was born in Shrewsbury on 7 February 1942 and died on 19 February 2006. He attended the Priory School, Shrewsbury and in 1959 Birmingham University where he obtained MB, ChB. His house appointments were at Birmingham General Hospital where he was awarded the George Heaton prize for house officers.

He was commissioned in the Royal Army Medical Corps and following a course in tropical medicine at Millbank was posted to Malaysia where he served for 2 years. Soon afterwards he decided to specialise in psychiatry and in 1969 he began training at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. He obtained the DPM in 1971 and transferred to the National Health Service (NHS) as a registrar at Knowle Hospital. Three years later, following his appointment as consultant at Knowle, he joined one of the teams developing community psychiatric services in the Southampton district.

In 1979 Austin took leave from the NHS to work in Saudi Arabia. He worked at Al Kharij Hospital, Riyadh and later at the King Khaled National Guard Hospital, Jeddah. He returned to England in 1986 and was appointed the first medical director of a new Priory Hospital unit at



Marchwood where he stayed for the rest of his life.

He undertook this new task at Marchwood with energy and vision. Once the basic services were in place he established links with colleagues in the NHS and at Southampton University. He took the clinical lead in the addictions treatment programme and subsequently became involved with the Medical Council on Alcohol and the UK Alcohol Forum, which he chaired from 1996. On several occasions he made contributions to the Radio 4 programme 'All in the Mind' on the topic of addiction. As the range of services expanded at Marchwood his qualities of leadership were characterised by an easy-going warmth, sense of humour and calmness in moments of crisis.

He passed his MRCPsych in 1972 and was awarded FRCPSych in 1994. He was Group Director, Priory Hospitals from 1999 to 2003. At Marchwood, he took a keen interest in the social functions, which were stylish and memorable. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Southampton Football Club and by regular attendance at the Dell and St Mary's Stadium he did his best to help the team avoid relegation. He became a specialist advisor to the Football Association, having a particular interest in some of the problems which beset players today.

Austin died at the Countess Mountbatten Hospice, Southampton, as a result of cancer of the thyroid which had been troubling him for over a year. On 2 March 2006 his friends and family gathered at St Johns' Parish Church in the village of Marchwood to pay their respects. Twenty minutes before the service was due to begin the church was full. This was a tribute to how much he was respected and loved. During the service various friends and colleagues drew attention to Austin's achievements and especially his warmth of personality, sound judgement and commitment. His daughter Sara read a poem and there was music in keeping with his particular interests.

Austin is survived by his wife Joan and his children, Justin, Anna and Sara of a previous marriage. Anna is studying medicine at St George's University of London.

**Brian Crossley and Philip Milln**

### Mary Morison

Formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Horton Hospital, Epsom

Dr Mary Morison died in February. She always considered herself first and foremost a 'hands-on' clinical psychiatrist. The achievement of which she was most proud was having founded a flourishing mother and baby unit at Banstead Hospital, which provided a much needed service. Her expertise, sympathy and common sense earned her the gratitude of many vulnerable patients, and the admiration and respect of her staff.

Mary was born in New Zealand; both her parents were doctors and she herself trained at St Andrews University, a fact of which she was extremely proud: she graduated MB, ChB in 1943. After her house jobs she served in the Women's Royal Naval Service. Then, after demob, she was appointed at Banstead and later was appointed consultant at Horton Hospital in Epsom where she brought her usual flair to the running of her wards. She also ran a busy out-patient clinic at the Nelson Hospital in Wimbledon as well as being honorary consultant to the newly established Cheshire Home nearby.

She lived on Richmond Hill for some years and after her retirement she was more easily able to indulge her many

interests which included ballet and travelling.

Mary was widowed when still in her thirties and she brought up her children, Sandy and Fiona, in her flat at Banstead Hospital. She had a grandson, Laurence, of whom she was extremely proud. She is sorely missed by many friends who will remember her for her warmth, sense of fun, generosity, kindness and engaging personality.

As a footnote, I would like to add that 'Onward Christian Soldiers' was chosen as a hymn at her funeral service and 'All you Need is Love' was played at the close – admirable choices, perhaps reflecting the essence of her individuality.

**Diana Shields, secretary to Dr Morison**