

# The Minutes of the meeting of the Derby Medical Society

Held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in the Derby Medical School

**Apologies:** Mr Cargill, Dr Hodgkin

**Welcome:** Dr J Charlton, President

**Royal Medical Benevolent Fund** collection was taken during the meeting

**Minutes for the meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015:** Read by Mr Stephen Milner, Junior Secretary, and approved.

**Presidential address:** Dr John Charlton - "Kirk Langley International and General Practice"

Dr Charlton's presidential address described his career in General Practice and his hobby of building and flying aeroplanes. The lecture was liberally illustrated with aerial photographs, clinical cases and anecdotes.

Born into a medical family, he was educated in Northern Ireland at Campbell college where he joined the cadet force. He obtained a flying scholarship to Leeds University where he flew Cessna planes. On graduating, he joined the Bradford GP Vocational Training scheme and was sent to Bradford Children's Hospital. Almost the first case he encountered here was a child with severe epiglottitis. His GP trainer, Dr Gavin Craig, was a traditional GP whose depth of knowledge of his patient population proved invaluable at times. In 1983, Dr Charlton joined his father's practice in Derby. He described a number of unusual events, such as medication dispensing errors (promazine instead of Piriton, perindopril instead of penicillin), and patients hoarding their medicines for years. He recalled one patient who cut up and swallowed intact blisters from her blister packed tablets, and another who bleached the colour out of her tablets with washing powder, because of an allergy to food colouring.

Dr Charlton owns one plane and a 1/3 share in another. Although small 'kit' planes are quite expensive to buy, overall running costs are relatively low, and it is possible to fly to almost anywhere in England on one tank of fuel. He has purchased a field behind his house, which can be used as a landing strip – affectionately known as Kirk Langley International Airport. He showed a number of aerial photographs of local landmarks.

**Register:** signed by 35 members and 2 guests

**Next meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

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Dr J Charlton, President

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