

# Christopher Arthur Sunley Pegg

July 1937–January 2018

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Chris Pegg, a Nottingham surgeon who made notable contributions to the surgical management of the thyroid gland and endocrine tumours, and operated skilfully despite childhood burns to his hands, which required much plastic surgery. Born in Norfolk, he was educated at Taunton School, where his leadership qualities became apparent as Head Boy and Captain of Hockey. He also played for the first Rugby XV and became an under officer in the OTC in which he served as Silver Bugler and Drum Major.

Christopher trained at St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School where he met his future wife, Ann Jennifer Ault, in the anatomy dissecting room. They married in February 1964 between house appointments. He was house officer on the Surgical Unit under Professor Kinmonth at St Thomas' Hospital, and subsequently a Casualty Officer there after a stint as a Senior House Officer at Great Ormond Street under the paediatric urologist David Innes Williams and Professor Andrew Wilkinson, who persuaded him to take up a registrar post in Aberdeen.

He then spent a year in the United States at prestigious institutions doing research which earned him - as well as his 'BTA' - a Mastership in Surgery (ChM, Aberdeen) in 1969 for "Spleen Cell Infusions in Mongrel Dogs: Physiological Observations'. Back in Aberdeen he worked under Bill Michie from whom he developed his commitment to endocrine surgery, and was appointed as Consultant General Surgeon in Nottingham.

He was a member of many learned societies (and officer of some), including the London Thyroid Club (Past Secretary and Treasurer), British Association of Endocrine Surgeons, European Thyroid Association, International Association of Endocrine Surgeons, Nottingham Medico-Chirurgical Society (Past Secretary and Treasurer), Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

He joined the Travelling Surgical Society with his wife Ann in 1983, and was a keen attender until retirement, presenting many endocrine papers; he was always entertaining company. After Ann's death he remained at Burton Joyce, and indulged his love of horse racing. He and Ann had three children: James, the eldest, now a dentist who practises near Newbury; Nicholas, after graduating from Exeter University with a double first in English Literature and Language, became an actor, director and playwright; and a daughter, Clare, who became a theatre wardrobe mistress.

Christopher and Ann hosted a very successful meeting in Nottingham in September 1990. As the Editor of the report noted, "the first under the new secretaryship of Roger Marcuson. There was an auspicious start with excellent accommodation at the Donington Thistle within the perimeter of East Midlands Airport. Guests were greeted in their rooms with a personalised documentation wallet, and a lace handkerchief for the wives in tribute to the local industry". It was of course the first ever visit to the Club to Nottingham organised by the first member from that city. The meeting commenced at the United Services Club with a cordial welcome and excellent buffet meal arranged by Christopher and Ann Pegg for members and wives. Christopher was at pains to point out that being an Officer in the OTC

at school in Taunton, qualified him to use this delightful venue, the name of the caterer was Mrs. Green--- no relative of the then President.

Quotes from current Members:

- Chris was in Paris when we joined the TSS and gave a day long private tour of his favourite haunts (involving a little alcohol along the way).
- A wonderful warm and generous man who will be missed.
- Wonderful memories of Chris and Anne over so many years.
- I was his registrar in Aberdeen and learned a lot with him. He was a beautiful operator
- He was a great character and supporter of the TSS.
- I would agree about his great experience as a surgeon. He also had a very large practice of pancreatic tumours.
- He was a wonderful character and a great travelling companion.
- Chris was a fabulous raconteur who enlivened all the TSS meetings he attended. Amusing company, and generous with it. His contribution to endocrine surgery, the thyroid in a particular, was notable