

## President's Reception For Retired Members and Associates 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009

The 15th Reception for Retired Members and Associates, hosted by the President Professor David Haslam, took place this year on the afternoon of 29<sup>th</sup> July at 14 Princes Gate.

The Reception gave Retired Members an opportunity to meet: Past Presidents, Heritage Committee Members and Members of College Staff.

Some 70 people attended, including 6 Past Presidents, 6 Foundation Members. Members and their guests came from: Berkshire, Cardiff, County Tyrone, Dorset, Dumfries, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, London, Nottinghamshire, Oxford, Preston, South, Yorkshire, Surrey, Swansea, Tamworth, Warwickshire, Wolverhampton, Middlesex, Yorkshire

Professor David Haslam, President, welcomed members to the reception and gave a brief report on current College news e.g. [Membership](#) matters, Accommodation Review, The [International Programme](#) – in countries such as Pakistan, Thailand, Kuwait, Dubai, Brunei, India, Malta, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Oman, Egypt, Kosovo, Japan, Qatar, Nepal, Afghanistan and many more.



**Professor David Haslam**  
**President**

The President then took questions from the floor.

<p><b>SPEAKERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Julian Tudor Hart</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr John Horder</b> Past President</li> <li>• <b>Professor George Freeman</b> Visiting Professor of General Practice, St George's, University of London, Emeritus Professor of General Practice, Imperial College London</li> </ul>	<p>Following the introductory talk by the President, <b><i>The Key to Efficiency in Primary Care: Continuity in Three Dimensions</i></b></p> <p>Dr Julian Tudor Hart looks at the effects of changes to the “personal doctor” and the role and practice of generalism. He discussed why continuity of care and understanding of social context and society are still essential and how they can be achieved.</p> <p>Dr John Horder and Professor George Freeman responded to Dr Julian Tudor Hart’s presentation.</p> <p>The presentations were warmly received.</p> <p>There was a question and answer session during the presentations.</p>
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During the later, informal, part of the afternoon members and their guests were able to meet over refreshments, and there was an opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Finally there was a showing of a video from the College’s archives. **Title: Looking Back** Dr Alastair Donald talks to Drs Ekke Kuenssberg and Willie Fulton about what general practice was like in Scotland at the start of the National Health Service, includes BBC Scotland footage of patients, inner cities and doctors at work at that time, as well as stills from Dr Finlay’s casebook!

This video is available to borrow from the College Archives. Please contact:  
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