



Dear member

After some 30 years as Chairman of the BDAA Reg Andlaw decided to retire and stood down at the end of January.

Prior to him taking over the 'reins' in 1989, the 'Alumni Association' as it was then known, was run in what I am the first to admit was rather a haphazard fashion by Paul Baines, Phil Key, Alun Jones and myself. My leaving the country to go to Baltimore for a year was the catalyst for needing to put everything on a much sounder footing and Reg very kindly took up the role as Chairman. It was haphazard no more! He immediately forged stronger links with BDH and started the process of holding meetings in the hospital at the start of every term. He also instigated inviting the Dental Clinical Dean and two student representatives to sit upon the committee. Even though we no longer have Dental Clinical Deans, the arrangements involving the students still exist today and full credit is due to Reg for having the vision to see what was needed in order for the BDAA's continued successful existence. Although there have been many changes in the makeup of the committee over the past 30 years, Reg has been the one person that has held it all together and I sincerely doubt we would still exist today without all of his constant hard work and involvement.

During his thirty years as Chairman he has worked tirelessly and selflessly in ensuring that the Association maintained good working relations with both the Dental School and Hospital, and our dental alumni. The BDAA has always had a pivotal role in encouraging and supporting year-group reunions. The majority of these are understandably held in Bristol and Reg has always made a special effort to attend the bulk of these as he really enjoys meeting with past Bristol students, some of whom graduated in the 1950's and 60's!

Many of you will be aware of Reg playing trumpet in a jazz band, 'The Muskrats'. The band used to meet and perform regularly in the Black Swan (Dirty Duck), Stoke Bishop and we, as a committee, marked his retirement by inviting him to lunch there, presenting him with an engraved beer tankard as a mark of our gratitude and respect.



Following Reg's retirement, the BDAA committee unanimously supported the appointment of Ken Marshall as new chairman. Ken came to Bristol Dental School in 1967 as Lecturer in Conservative Dentistry and held the position of Dental Clinical Dean from 1993 until 2001. It was in this capacity that he first sat on the BDAA committee and he currently holds the position of Membership Secretary. He will continue in this role in addition to his new appointment.

I am sure many BDAA members will join me in congratulating Ken on taking up his new position as Chairman and wishing him well in the role.

Gary Mendham, Hon. Sec. BDAA