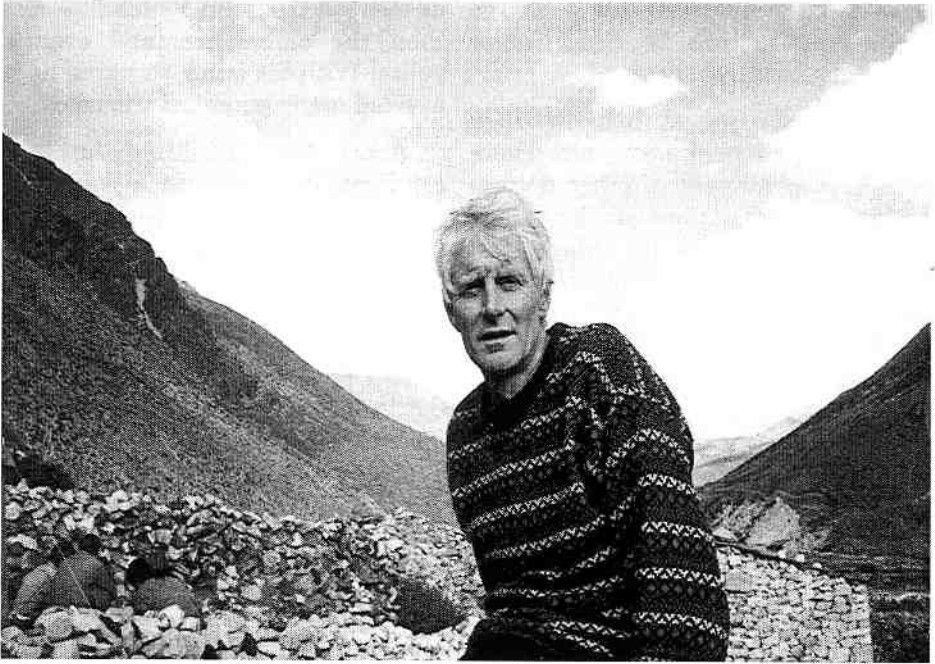


DOCTOR "SANDY" SCOTT



ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1971, a young man returned to work in the Wychwoods after many years away attending boarding school, university and hospitals, gaining the required knowledge, practical and technical training for his future career.

There were those who remembered him as a baby in a pram, then as a toddler in a knitted blue suit and a little later as a small boy in short trousers!

Son of a doctor and a nurse, Dr. Gordon Scott Junior (now better known as Dr. Sandy) came to join his father in general medical practice.

At that time Dr. Scott Senior was assisted by his secretary/dispenser and his wife who from their home would 'hold the fort' answering telephone calls and coping with emergencies in Dr. Scott's absence.

The practice population in 1971 was approximately 2,400 and there were three surgeries, one in each of Milton, Shipton and Ascott.

Sandy settled into the practice and in April 1972 married Wimpy. The couple had met at St. Paul's Hospital in Cheltenham where they were training in Obstetrics and Midwifery respectively.

An alliance of two medical/nursing families which included four doctors and six nurses.

Upon Dr. Scott Senior's retirement in 1972, Dr. Sandy was in sole charge of the practice with Dr. Scott Senior deputising in his absence.

Dr. Beazer joined him in 1978 until his retirement last year. There have been a number of other doctors working in the practice for short periods, culminating in today's full complement of three full-time and one part-time medical team members. Similarly the supporting staff numbers have risen to a total of 12 – some part-time. The total patient population is now 4,700.

Throughout his time as Senior Partner, Sandy has been responsible for many imaginative changes. The closure of the surgeries at Shipton and Ascott necessitated enlarging the Milton premises. Over the ensuing years three more major alterations have taken place to improve and upgrade services and space.

The advancement in technology has resulted in the purchase of much equipment – and finally to fundholding. He has had the foresight, energy and enthusiasm to organise so much for the benefit of all concerned, both patients and staff

The Breakspeare Clinic is yet another brainwave, much appreciated by the many people who have already benefited from treatment there.

Sandy's lifesaving skills may or may not be so well known.

Apart from his excellent care of the sick he has made several "lifesaving dashes" to the John Radcliffe – faster than the ambulance, and even the police! With his quick thinking he has averted many potential tragedies.

Apart from medicine he is an excellent chef and has a comprehensive knowledge and appreciation of fine wines. He 'likes' mountains, from the Cairngorms which he discovered as a youngster, to the Himalayas, Mount McKinley in Alaska and lesser known peaks in Bolivia. His illustrated lectures are most popular both in their delivery and excellent photography.

Alerted to the fact that a group of people were going to tidy up Base Camp in the Everest region of the Himalayas in 1987 he volunteered his services as a Medical Officer to the team.

This visit was the first of several, the last being that which saw the successful ascent of Everest by Rebecca Stephens.

What next? You never know with Sandy.

Our thanks and best wishes to a well loved, respected and excellent doctor who has served the community so well in many ways during the last 25 years.

(And so say all of us – Ed.)