

# Mr Gary Pollock

**Past president: 2012-2013**



Gary was a product of Latymer school in North London. He studied at the Royal London Dental Hospital and graduated BDS in 1981, which was quickly followed by LDSRCS the following year. After house jobs at the London he entered general practice in Berkhamstead, and then returned to the London as a registrar in conservative dentistry. At this time Gary realised that he wanted to become a specialist and work in hospital practice. He undertook a two-year part-time Masters course in Conservative Dentistry at the Eastman Dental Hospital (1986-88) which ran concurrently with a part-time Registrar appointment. He continued Registrar training in Prosthetics at the Royal London Hospital before gaining promotion as a Lecturer and later as an Associate Specialist. He gained his Diploma and later Membership in Restorative Dentistry from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh during this time. He was awarded his Fellowship in Dental Surgery in 1999 and was appointed Consultant and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Royal London Hospital in 2003. Gary also had attachments to Parkside Community Trust, The Central Middlesex Hospital and Great Ormond Street Hospital. During his hospital career he had spells in private practice in Harley Street and in industry with Unilever. Most recently he ran a successful private practice in Buckhurst Hill.

Gary was at the peak of his profession. He was widely respected by his peers and the undergraduate and postgraduate students that he taught. He had good judgement and a “good pair of hands”. He was popular, sensible and caring. He was approachable and it was easy to discuss professional and personal matters with him. He had a good sense of humour often tinged with cynicism when dealing with NHS matters. In 2012 he was President of the British Society for Restorative Dentistry. His meeting was entitled ‘Sensible solutions to frequent problems in dentistry’. Nobody will forget the dignity and bravery that he showed when presiding over the May meeting in Cambridge that year whilst confined to a wheelchair or the use of sticks.