Frank Toner

13th September 1946 – 7th September 2015

Frank was born and brought up in Edinburgh where he was the middle child in a family of five. He moved on to study at St Andrews University, electing to go to Dundee for the clinical aspects of the course.

When he graduated in 1969, he started work in the practice in Cupar where he continued to practise until he retired. Like his father who was a headmaster, Frank knew the importance of education and was keen to pass on his knowledge to others. Early in his career he became an enthusiastic Visiting Tutor in Dundee Dental Hospital where he was popular with students and staff.

Frank was a long serving member of Fife Area Dental Committee and Fife LDC, both of which he chaired, being elected Chair of the Scottish Conference of LDCs 2004, 2005. He served on SDPC, was a member of Fife Area Clinical Forum and a Dental Practice Inspector. Laterally, Frank was Chairman of Scottish Dental Fund and in 2011 he was one of the first recipients of the Scottish Conference of LDCs’ Lifetime Achievement Awards in recognition of his contribution to the profession.

As if all of this was not enough, Frank had a very active life outside dentistry. He was a founder member of Cupar Sub-Aqua Club and an Advanced Diving Instructor. He enjoyed curling with the Pitlessie Curling Club and was a former Chairman of Cupar Round Table and member of Cupar Rotary Club.

This impressively long list of activities and achievements speaks not only to Frank’s varied interests in life but also to his keenness to be involved for the benefit of others.

The man himself had a great sense of humanity and fairness, having a healthy wariness of those in authority. He was especially irked when they perpetrated what he saw as an injustice, a circumstance when he used his dry sense of humour to remind us that “it was a good job he wasn’t at all cynical”!

He was a great raconteur with a seemingly endless stock of usually humorous stories but above all, Frank was a family man and his wife Jackie, their three children and grandchildren were what mattered most to him.