

# THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHEST FUND LTD



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## OBITUARY

It is, with profound sadness, that the Trustees announce that Dr John Gareth Prior, MD, FRCP, MCCC, passed away suddenly on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

John, together with Mrs Doreen Roberts, a long suffering chest disease patient, and Dr Richard Butland, another Chest Clinician, established this locally based, medical charity in the autumn of 1991 for the purpose of acquiring specialist medical equipment, not normally provided by the NHS, and to also fund research into chest diseases.

Over the last 20 years many thousands of pounds have been spent on vital medical equipment for the hospitals in Gloucestershire, including the recent acquisition of Endobronchial Ultrasound Equipment for the rapid diagnosis of lung cancer.

In conjunction with Professor Hugh Barr, a cancer specialist, John was instrumental in the establishment of a scholarship at Cranfield University, which, together with funds provided by this charity, enabled research to be undertaken into trials with an 'electronic nose' for the detection, by smell, of tuberculosis, cancers and other pernicious diseases.

A Service of Thanksgiving for John's Life was held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Gloucester Cathedral. The service was attended by family, friends, colleagues and many hundreds of well-wishers who paid their respects to a true gentleman and a skilled chest physician. The retiring collection was for the benefit of The Chest Fund and the Cathedral Music Foundation.

John, you were a delightful, sincere friend and colleague, we will miss you terribly.

*give with confidence*

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