He was probably the most published ‘GP in practice’ in the North West — having over 100 publications in peer-reviewed journals, including Cochrane reports. But from a general practice point of view he will be most remembered as a true role model and mentor to many of us, and the GP who made clinical audit and significant event analysis popular in Cheshire and Merseyside in the early 90s, before they were universally accepted as quality improvement and learning tools.

John was undoubtedly a wise Yorkshireman who listened well and had much to say on general practice. He was a devout Christian and spent time fundraising and working in Africa and more recently Pakistan, being part of a wide church family at home in Ashton, where he was a lay reader. John enjoyed a partial relocation to the Lakes in the last couple of years.

His first love was, however, his family and he more recently often spoke of his joy at becoming a grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alyson, his daughters Jenny, Emily, and Rosie, his friends, and colleagues.

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