JOHN DAVID ELLIOT EDWARDS

John David Elliott Edwards, retired Ophthalmologist. Born 1925. Died June 2016.

John qualified from Liverpool University in 1948 having spent time as Vice President of the Guild of Undergraduates.

He then spent 4 years at St Paul's Eye Hospital. Those were the days of huge outpatient clinics where he sat on a raised platform so as to be at the correct height to allow an examination of the eyes of each patient as they filed past. In those days seeing around 100 patients was not unusual. Time was then spent in general practice before taking up an appointment at Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey, as Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon. During the 70s and 80s he established the Pre-school Visual Screening Programme throughout the Wirral, which still run today. He was also instrumental in setting up eye clinics at Vauxhall Motors and Ellesmere Port, so that the workforce did not have to take time off work to get their eyes checked but could have it done on site.

He retired from work aged 70 and moved to Nottingham with his wife Joan. He enjoyed embroidery, making dolls' house furniture and gardening.

He was made a Life Member of the LMI in 2000.

Predeased by Joan in 2012 he leaves a sister, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Christine Cripps (daughter)