

Who's who on the NIS Committee?

David Stewart, Chairman

David began his library career as a library assistant at the Barnes Medical Library, University of Birmingham. Having also done a spell in the Treasurer's Department of the local health authority he went on to take the Postgraduate Diploma in Librarianship at the Birmingham polytechnic in 1981.

1982 was a very bad year for jobs and David was unemployed for nine months until taking a temporary post as Deputy Librarian at Bilston College of Higher Education - an eye-opening experience!

In October 1983 David was appointed Librarian to Greenwich and Bexley School of Nursing, a dual district school with over 600 students and five site libraries. In December 1986 he became District Librarian to Medway Health Authority, responsible for library services to eight hospitals, four community areas, schools of midwifery and nursing and the postgraduate medical centre. A new multi-disciplinary library will be opening in early 1990.

David has been secretary and chair of the SE Thames Nursing Librarians' Group and is presently on the Regional Training Group, Computer Strategy Group and the Quality Assurance Group.

In his spare time David is a keen opera-goer, likes eating out, does a little gardening and is struggling into the second year of a Masters Degree in Library and Information Service Management.

Jean Yeoh, Secretary

Jean Yeoh has wide experience of working in educational libraries of various kinds. Her present post as Tutor/Librarian involves a 50/50 split between teaching activities in the School of Nursing and work as a senior member of staff in St George's Library. Educational activities include teaching information retrieval and study skills to students, running and participating in in-service training activities, and involvement in the management structure of the School. She also manages the School's Learning Resources Centre. Much of her time is spent meeting newly appointed nursing staff on an individual basis, talking to them about library services and how they can make the best use of its resources. Other times she might talk to nurses in the clinical area and meet them on their home ground.

Her work in the multidisciplinary library involves dealing with reader enquiries, promoting library use and raising the profile of the library amongst nursing staff.

Trina Goddard, Treasurer

Trina Goddard has served on the NIS Committee for the past two years as Newsletter Editor, but has recently taken over the position of Treasurer.

She has been Head of Medical Library Services for the Ministry of Defence since 1988, before which she spent eight years as Librarian at the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital in Woolwich.

Trina's hobbies include travelling the canals of England by narrowboat and collecting milk bottles. She is currently studying GCSE Ancient Greek and has a husband and three cats.

Sue Hawkins, Newsletter Editor

Sue Hawkins has spent the last two years on the NIS Committee, working on publicity and typing the newsletter. This year she has been 'promoted' to editor of the newsletter. Please send her short articles, interesting snippets and news.

She worked in the Department of Community Medicine at St Thomas's Hospital for five years, and at the King's Fund Centre for one year before moving to set up information systems at the Midwives Information and Resource Service in 1985.

Sue's more respectable hobbies include cycling, environmental and animal rights issues, and classical music. She has been known to see eight Shostakovich concerts in two weeks. She would like three cats to call Huey, Louie and Dewey.

Judith Fairweather, Study Day Organiser

Judith has worked for Sefton School of Nursing in Merseyside for nine years. The job has grown so much that one staff became three and she is now in charge of all learning resources and an audiovisual technician for a school covering four sites and providing services to learners and trained nursing staff. A few years ago she developed a library and study skills theme which was integrated into the curriculum and spoke on this subject at the 1986 conference.

She became a committee member of the Nursing Information Subgroup last year and has taken on the role of study day organiser. She says she is still a novice but the day on Time Management went well and she is now co-ordinating the day about community staff to be held in May.

In her spare time she is a volunteer with the Central Liverpool Victim Support group, counselling people who have been burgled or assaulted. On Sundays she works for the National Trust on conservation projects or goes for long walks in the Lake District. It all sounds very energetic but she also likes just flopping in front of the T.V. or going to the local wine bar with friends.