

## **CST (News) Bulletin (1971-75)**

### **General socio-political background and legislation**

This period was socially and politically very volatile. The Conservative government under Edward Heath was replaced by Labour in 1974. A second election later that year confirmed Labour in government, but without an overall majority. A pay freeze in late 1972 and restriction on pay in the public sector in 1975 were relevant to the profession. OPEC oil prices rose dramatically and the government implemented a state of emergency in 1973 because of the energy crisis (including a television black-out after 10.30 pm). A three day week for industry was ordered in late 1973. Troops cleared 70000 tonnes of refuse after a nine-week strike by refuse collectors. The empire continued to decline – several countries became independent, eg Bahrain, Qatar. Britain entered the Common Market (EEC). The Group of Seven met for the first time. The Troubles continued in Northern Ireland, eg Bloody Sunday. A referendum in 1973 produced a large majority vote for Northern Ireland to remain part of the UK. Decimal currency was introduced in February 1971, VAT in 1973. New legislation included the Sex Discrimination Act, Immigration Act and the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Adopted children over 18 years now had the right to have information about their natural parents. Child Benefit was introduced (£2 per week per child). Contraception became free on the NHS. The birth rate was at its lowest since 1933 (12.2 per 1000). Women's pay in Britain represented 60.7% of men's (cf 80.1%) in Australia. On a lighter note, hot pants and glam rock predominated fashion and popular music in the early years of this period and Abba won Eurovision. Queen produced the first pop video (Bohemian Rhapsody). CEEFAX was launched in 1974. The proceedings of the House of Commons was broadcast live on radio. The first word processor was produced and the first McDonald's opened in UK. The first rabbit was cloned.

There were small and large inconveniences for CST, eg postponement of 1971 AGM because of postal strike (No. 227), the 1973 Directory had to be abbreviated because of uncertainty and change in LEA and NHS (No. 246) and there were difficulties with the delay in publication of the Quirk Report (Nos 242, 244). The change to decimal currency was implemented in advert rates in March 1971 and advert rates were raised in December 1974.

Correspondence was received by CST re: Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (Nos 227, 235). The Committee of Inquiry into reading and the use of English (Chaired by Bullock) welcomed evidence (Nos 246, 254). The Tunbridge report on rehabilitation (1972) was summarised in No. An

invitation was extended to CST members to contribute evidence to the Committee for Enquiry into Special Education (Warnock) (No. 275).

Reorganisation of NHS and local authorities: CST 'understands that the responsibility for the School Health Service is to be vested in the reorganized National Health Service' (No. 244). Speech therapists could go to professions supplementary to medicine's meetings re: NHS reorganisation as observers as speech therapy did not fall into this staff category (No. 245). (See also *Letters*.)

### **Bulletin**

Mrs Christopherson continued as General Editor and was joined by Mrs Gillmore (Mrs Whurr) as Literary Editor from No. 228 onwards. The appearance and content changed from No. 228: it became smaller with a mid-blue cover, was named *Bulletin* instead of *News Bulletin* and had a better paper quality. Job adverts still appeared in the middle of the magazine but were now in blue paper, described as *Advertisement Supplement* and with new commercial rates. 'Private and confidential' was deleted from the front page and new columns 'Comment' and 'Special Features' were introduced. Copy became due two days earlier (16<sup>th</sup> rather than 18<sup>th</sup>) and 'Extracts of Parliamentary Proceedings' started in No. 229. A new printer was used from No. 251, with resultant slightly modified presentation (different cover design, colour of cover brighter blue, change in paper quality). The bibliography continued and extracts from parliamentary proceedings started. Book reviews appeared with increasing regularity (Nos 242, 256, 260, 263, 268, 271, 276, 277, 279, 282, 284). 'From the Press [Officer]' appeared regularly from No. 241.

The main themes which dominated Bulletin during these five years were the Report from the Committee of Enquiry into Speech Therapy Services (Quirk), reorganisation of NHS/LAs, the National Research Trust for Speech Therapy, the profession's name and salary ([Halsbury] Committee of Enquiry into pay and related conditions of nurses and midwives, also professions supplementary to medicine and speech therapists).

### **CST/HQ**

Honorary Fellowships were awarded to Randolph Quirk and Ian Simpson (No. 257). Founder Fellows are listed [inaccurately] and given life membership of CST (No. 261). Fellowship by thesis had been awarded to 15 members by the end of 1973 (No. 260). MCST (11<sup>th</sup>) was awarded to Catherine Jones, with special field of study an investigation into speech and secondary methods of communication in

mentally handicapped children (No. 237). MCST awarded to Rayleen Eaton (No. 253). A Fellowship was awarded to Robert Fawcus (No. 264).

The professional body's office continued in rented rooms above car show rooms (No. 276). Financial difficulties in CST led to the appointment of a Ways and Means Committee (No. 227) to look at raising income for CST. Extra donations with 1973 subscriptions totaled £130 and all members were asked to donate £1, to raise £2400 (No. 259). An Advisory Committee on Policy was set up in 1971 (No. 235). Members were not always entirely supportive, eg only 53 members attended the 1971 AGM, including Council (No. 231). A request was made for a volunteer force to help out in the College office at times of emergencies (No. 255). The Joan van Thal memorial fund established (No. 258).

The functions of General Secretary and Director of Services & General Administrator were listed in No. 225. Mr Broadbent (Director of Services) resigned – 20 December 1972 (No. 248). No new director was to be appointed at that time (No. 251). Major Calver was appointed as full-time Development Officer (letter in No. 259).

Leaflets and publications: Betty Brown: 'Speak for Yourself' in the career series 'My life and my work' (No. 230). The technical aids pamphlet was mentioned (Nos 235, 274). 'Materials for language stimulation' pamphlet was published (Nos 248, 263). Margaret Fawcus resigned as Editor of College pamphlets (No. 248). Catherine Jones produced 'A guide to 101 organisations – concerned with handicapped children and adults' (No. 257). Reading list for returners became available (No. 263). A publications committee was established, convened under Renata Whurr (No. 269) and a list of publications available from CST was given in No. 279.

CST conferences: student conference 1973 (No. 254). Students were to be offered membership of CST (No. 269). Seventh national conference to be held in Cardiff in September 1975, with the theme of 'The seven ages of man' (Nos 266, 277).

A list of CST advisers appeared from time to time (Nos 234, 240, 247, 254, 262, 267, 271, 274, 278). The tape library was taken over by Rosemary Kelham from William Good who had been tape librarian since 1962 (No. 276) and was moved to City of Leicester College Department of Speech Pathology and Therapeutics (No. 284).

## **The profession – themes and developments**

Quirk: copy of CST evidence was available to members (No. 240). A national adviser for speech therapy was appointed by DHSS (No. 278) – Betty Byers Brown.

Post-graduate courses: an MSc in Human Communication started in Guy's Hospital Medical School (No. 235) (list of successful candidates provided in letters in Nos 251, 274). The Director of Services produced an article on grants for postgraduate courses of study (No. 235). Ann Wallace (No. 233) circulated a questionnaire on this topic. The results were printed in No. 240. Janet Tod was awarded an MPhil in clinical psychology (No. 240). There was a growing interest in post-graduate education for therapists working with handicapped children (letters in Nos 249, 253). A summer school was held in 1972 by the London speech therapy training schools (Nos 239, 241, letter in 245).

Information on special language classes attached to infant and/or primary schools was compiled by Ann Canning (Nos 226, 232, 235, 238, 244).

A change of name for the profession was raised by the Quirk Report (No. 250) and so was considered by Council, following comments and suggestions from the members. A voting paper was enclosed with No. 258. 1200 were returned (No. 262). Two-thirds of the membership voted for a change of name, but there was no conclusive vote on what the change should be (there was a large spread of votes over large number of proposed names). Therefore a further voting paper was issued in No. 265, with a choice of the seven most popular names. The membership gave no clear mandate on the second vote, with only a small proportion of the profession returning the voting paper. Council thus decided that the name of the profession would remain unchanged and the matter should be raised again in the future (No. 271).

Speech Therapy Publicity Campaign: a group was formed to work with but independently of CST and Union of Speech Therapists (UST) (letters in Nos 267, 268, 269, 270). A report of its work was given in No. 276.

## **Letters to the Editor - themes**

Re: UST (Nos 230, 232, 234, 236, 237, 238, 239, 266, 268) (ASTMS became official negotiating body for speech therapy profession – No. 279). Re: higher qualifications and lack of funding to attend courses/conferences (Nos 230, 233, 235). Re: mentally retarded children (Nos 231, 233, 236). Re: Surrey Speech Screening Test (Nos 233, 234, 235. NB and article in No. 237). Re: change of

profession's name (No. 235, 251 - NB suggestion to change name to speech and language therapist, 254, 256). Re: NHS reorganisation/speech therapy in health or education (Nos 236, 237, 238, 239, 241, 242, 244, 250, 256, 257, 259, 261, 264, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 273). Re: speech therapists not 'medical auxiliaries' (Nos 238, 240, 247, 271). Re: dyslexia (No. 239, 241, 244, 247, 249). Re: salary (No. 245, 261, 264, 266, 268, 270, 271, 281). Re: block practice/clinical examination (Nos 247, 249, 273). Re: syllable-timed speech (Nos 247, 250). Re: VSS work/worry about tapes (Nos 260, 262, 265, 267, 271, 274, 276, 278, 284). Re: laryngectomy clubs (Nos 275, 277, 278, 279). Re: group work skills for the speech therapist (Nos 281, 283).

### **Continuations**

The 'Gift of Speech' campaign, with Norman Jeffries as campaign organiser became the National Research Trust for Speech Therapy. However by 1970 only £8423 had been raised (letters in No. 225). Norman Jeffries died on 10 May 1971 (No. 230). His firm went into liquidation (No. 231). Accounts to 31 March 1971 (No. 232) and an update letter (No. 236) were printed. Christmas cards were planned for 1972 (No. 240, 245) - sales made £324.03 (No. 257). Recommendations made by the Wells study began to be implemented (No. 251). A technical advisory committee was formed (No. 255). New Trust deed was drawn up (No. 269). A report for the year August 1973-74 was printed (No. 269). The report from the Technical Committee in No. 277 was on research to date.

The Jansson lecture: 1972 – David Crystal: Linguistic mythology and the first year of life (No. 242).  
1974 - Laura Lee: Developmental sentence types (No. 266).

Technology: adverts - Wohl metronomes (Nos 241, 242), relaxometer (No. 242), Canon repeat-Corder L (No. 262), electronic stammering aid (insert in No. 282). Barts vibrator under development (letter in No. 248). SAM – the sound activated monkey – described (No. 256). Visual Speech Aid (No. 263). Article by Jefcoate (No. 267). Aid developed by John Flack (No. 272).

Lighter moments/pieces of humour: a speech therapy heroine appeared in a *Good Housekeeping* story 'The power of the spirit' (No. 235), little boy attends 'speak properist' (No. 257) and gems from my markbook (Rosemary Kelman, No. 277).

Refresher courses: the 1972 course to be held in Western area was to be replaced by national conference in September in Bedford, mainly to discuss Quirk (Nos 237, 239). However the programme had to be 'radically altered' due to the likely delay in publication of Quirk (Nos 242, 244).

The 1973 refresher course was to be held in the Scottish area 'Assessment, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of communication' (Nos 250, 253). The 1974 refresher course was to be held in Leeds (application form in No. 266). In 1975 the refresher course was integrated into the national conference (No. 273). The 1976 refresher course was to be held in Brighton (No. 283).

Notices of and programmes for Area meetings, meetings of more local discussion groups, various conferences and conference reports feature throughout the period as did adverts for books, eg dysphasia study group, National Children's Bureau and its seminars, Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children, the beginning of NHCSS post-diploma courses, Heddfa, Aphasia Screening Test.

### **International issues**

Reciprocal recognition of qualification in UK and USA was discussed by ASHA, but the CST proposal was rejected (No. 225). The IALP conference 1974 was to take place in Interlaken, Switzerland (No. 248)

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228	4.71	12			Renata Gillmore: Enquiry into the use of intensive treatment in clinics in the London area
229	5.71	16	*	*	Mary La Frenais: Mentally retarded children
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231	7.71	20	*	*	Kay McGuffie: The use of language laboratory techniques Chairman's AGM address Sister Marie de Montfort Supple obtained CCC from ASHA
232	8.71	20		*	Brigid Somerset: Speech for therapists List of officers, committees and working parties 1971/2 Form DP1(X) (became DP14 No. 237)
233	9.71	20			Marcia Wilkinson: Rehabilitation of young patients with cerebrovascular diseases List of successful candidates from qualifying exam June 1971 EG Barlow: Statement from CST re: NHS reorganisation consultative document
234	10.71	19	*		Penny Hunter: list of books on reading and list of suppliers of educational equipment and toys
235	11.71	24	*		Enid Wechsler: Voice signature display Obituary: Michael Morris Lewis
236	12.71	12			Christine Allen and Renata Gillmore: Main objectives in an aphasia test Obituary: Cecil Charles Worster-Drought
237	1.72	20	*	*	Mary Norfolk: The Surrey Speech Screening Test (and reprint of article from <i>Medical Officer</i> ) Conference reports Executive Committee – proposed terms of reference Administrative changes within local authorities and the national health services in England
238	2.72	20			MR Lee: Stammering – a case history Administrative changes within local authority and national health service in Scotland 11 January 1972 DRO Guide No. 2 – Communication Disorders (letter in No. 240)

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240	4.72	31		*	R Kelham: Area representation: a changing scene Ketron Morrison: Comment (on Area Representatives) JP Poole: The investigation of hearing by pure-tones and speech in the neuro-otological clinic Speech therapy services in the future
241	5.72	27	*		JR Shields: An approach to therapy with immigrants Standing orders for CST Council meetings Review of LL Emerick and CE Hamre (eds): An analysis of stuttering
242	6.72	16			Jeanette Rosen: A comparative study of professional preparation for speech pathology and audiology in English speaking countries
243	7.72	16	*		WG Good: Comment on NW Area Kay Wood: The use of intensive therapy and involvement of the family in treatment of the aphasic patient
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245	9.72	16		*	Avril Scott: Comment on Scottish area Obituary: Leonard Willmore Larry Fotheringham: The educational versus the medical model Council from 15 September 1972 List of successful candidates from qualifying exam June 1972
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248	12.72	16	*	*	Susan Edwards: Comment in London area Alison Neaves: Unit for children with severe problems in communication Ann Irwin: Syllable-timed speech
249	1.73	16	*	*	1972 Winston Churchill scholarships (three awarded to speech therapists) Quirk Report versus the report on management arrangements for the re-organised NHS
250	2.73	16			Caroline Boulton: Speech therapy – language stimulation Change of name for the profession The Quirk Report – reorganization of NHS/LA services Review of J English: Value added tax and the Bill explained
251	3.73	16	*		Jill Gregory: Tuesdays D Kilby: Remedial education and the speech therapist
252	4.73	20	*	*	Profile <sup>1</sup> : Muriel Morley (addendum in No. 254) Scottish Health Act The Quirk Report, Comments on the Report of the Committee
253	5.73	10			Profile: Joan Pollitt Obituary: Emil Froeschels
254	6.73	15	*	*	Carol Miller: Feeding therapy NHS and LA re-organisation in England, Scotland and Wales and the Quirk Report
255	7.73	24	*	*	Michelle Roslin: A neurological case Speech therapy within health centers Further development concerning the Quirk Report and re-organisation of national health and local authority services, Future speech therapy services 1974 onwards (England and Wales) AFASIC reading list 1973

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261	1.74	12		*	Jennifer Swallow and Sheila R Hakll: Pre school and first-term Andover speech therapy playgroup Diana Law and Joan Ellams: The gift of speech Muriel Ferrie: Founder Fellows Ruth Goodwins: Functions of the Area Speech Therapist
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266	6.74	20			Betty Brown: Joan van Thal and the IALP Margaret Evesham: A preliminary report on a residential course for teenage stammerers The Quirk Report and reorganisation of the National Health Service, National advisers
267	7.74	20	*		Miss Renfrew awarded MBE Roger Jefcoate: Electronic equipment for the handicapped – an aid to the speech therapist Implementation of the Quirk Report within the reorganised National Health Service S Strudwick and F Graham: Intensive speech therapy at an infants school summer play-group
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270	10.74	15			Committee of Enquiry under Lord Halsbury – salary increase for speech therapists Chairman's AGM address Christine Green, Johanna Laird, Wendy Wellington & Susan Wright: Talking – learnt or taught? Progress report - Quirk
271	11.74	17	*		Letter to Barbara Castle Obituary: Margaret Ashworth WG Good and GM Porter: Re-organisation in a metropolitan area Proceedings of Council 13 September 1974

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274	2.75	19	*		Obituary: Kate Bugler International Association of Logopaedics and Phoniatics Progress report – implementation of Quirk Report; Press Officer's Report; From Professional Relations Spokesman, Letter from Barbara Castle
275	3.75	18	*		Proceedings of Council 10 January 1975 Obituary: Joanna Dakin Obituary: Marguerite Cullin
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