

Details of Nominations

Mrs Jean Johnson

Jean has been the chairperson of Armley Helping Hands for the last 6 years, supplementary to her duties within the charity Jean dedicates an extensive range of voluntary work to the local community.

Jean's Voluntary Service record is outstanding and even now at the young age of 85 years old and experiencing many day to day difficulties herself she still puts other people first. Jean has offered so much support and her free time to young and older people living in Armley through her life.

Jean's service record includes:

1. School Dinner Lady/Manager
2. Involvement with Brownies for over 50 years
3. Guild Guides service for 60 years in which her final role was District Commissioner for Armley
4. Scout Fellowship for 10 Years and currently Chairperson
5. 25 years' service supporting Armley Lodge Pensioners Group.
6. 10years' service on Armley Helping Hands Management Committee with six years' service as Chair of Management Committee & Board of Trustees
7. Reader for St Bartholomew's Church and also partakes in organising the Saturday Tea Dance at the church
8. Volunteer at Wesley Road Church every Wednesday providing lunch to older people in the community
9. Voluntary service with the WRVS at Armley prison.
10. In addition to all the above she also visits an elderly woman who is terminally ill and a lady with dementia, at their homes, to make sure they are eating and provide friendship.

Jean is a fundamental part of this Charity and the local community, I and many of the older people who know Jean would agree that she is a highly suitable person to be nominated for the Leeds Awards. I asked some of our members what were the key qualities of Jean, and their response was "a very caring, considerate person who is always there to listen and help you". Jean treats everybody equal and has a passion for her local community and older people. She is a true friend and a key player in Armley Helping Hands success and commitment to older people.

Jean is a valued member of the community and she is a key candidate to be recognised for the highly respectable Leeds Award.

Professor Emeritus Monty Losowsky

Monty Seymour Losowsky was born in London on 1st August 1931 and has a wife and two children. He qualified in medicine at Leeds University in 1955, took his Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in 1958, was awarded his MD in

1961 and became FRCP in 1969. After St James's Hospital in Leeds was granted University Status he was appointed Professor and established a Department of Medicine. He developed a prestigious department which under his direction promoted medical education and prolific academic research. He was also responsible, together with the late Geoffrey Giles, Professor of Surgery, for the development of liver transplantation in Leeds — the fourth such department in the UK. He held the post until his retirement in 1996.

The extent of his contributions to medical education and research is so great that a summary cannot do justice to his eminence. In brief, his contributions may be summarized as follows:

Medical education: During his tenure he made a great contribution to medical education at Leeds University, becoming head of the University Department of Academic Medicine and serving as Dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry from 1989 — 1994. However, he was also involved at a national level as an Examiner for Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, was on the United Examining Board and examined in medical finals at 10 universities in the UK. He has supervised and examined for many MD and PhD theses.

Medical research: His contribution to medical knowledge has been considerable. He has published more than 350 peer-reviewed papers on widely varied aspects of medicine including gastroenterology, hepatology, haematology, nutrition, Factor XIII deficiency, the history of medicine and general medical topics.

Other academic activities: He was author or editor of nine books on various aspects of medicine and has contributed more than 30 chapters in medical textbooks. He was on editorial boards and reviewed many scientific papers prior to publication. He was Research Advisor to the Medical Research Council and Wellcome Trust. At an international level he has been a visiting professor in India, Thailand and Australia and has given invited lectures worldwide.

Committee activities: Over 30 local, Regional, Department of Health and other national committees have been privileged to have his active involvement.

Thackray Medical Museum (www.thackraymuseum.org): Since his retirement, Monty has continued his work with national committees but his greatest efforts have gone towards the creation and development of the award winning Thackray Medical Museum at St James's Hospital in Leeds, of which he is the Honorary Executive Chairman. The museum was established in 1997 with funding from the Lottery Heritage Fund and private charitable donations. Monty's participation was invaluable in obtaining permission to open the museum in a disused Grade 2 listed Victorian block at St James's Hospital and he has guided the academic growth over the past 10 years. The Museum now has a collection of over 35,000 objects and 14,500 books and catalogues and there is a strong programme of education for schoolchildren.

In addition to guiding the academic progress of the Museum, Professor Losowsky has developed a course in the History of Medicine, now in its ninth year, with a series of monthly lectures by distinguished visiting academics, some of which have been published in book form and make instructive reading. He also supervises projects by medical undergraduates and postgraduate PhD students concerning the history of medicine.

He continued to be Scientific Governor of the British Nutrition Foundation and Medical Advisor to Coeliac UK.

Professor Losowsky is a wise but remarkably modest person who has made an exceptional contribution to scientific knowledge and medical education at local, national and international levels. Since his retirement he has continued to make contributions which very few could achieve, even in their working life.