

Sir George Pinker (1924-2007)

Surgeon Gynaecologist

George Douglas Pinker, a former Vice Captain of School, is distinguished by his pre-eminence and innovation in his chosen field.

He qualified at St Mary's in 1947 and his subsequent career was illustrious, bringing him the Presidency of the British Fertility Society and the Royal Society of Medicine, all three great offices of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (culminating in his Presidency from 1987 to 1990) many professorial and consultancy appointments, and honours from Universities throughout the world.

Sir George became a well known public figure as Surgeon Gynaecologist to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – the youngest man ever to hold the post. Between 1973 and 1990 he attended nine royal births (including the Princes William and Harry). Sir George achieved a quiet revolution in that all these births took place not at a Royal Palace, which had hitherto always been the case, but in hospital.

He was a respected writer in his field and gained, also, a reputation as a remarkable teacher and a considerable philanthropist. He was a man of great loyalties to his family, to his School, to his friends. He was President of the OR Association in 1985.

