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Calendar of Forthcoming Meetings
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Date 2015 & Organisation	Title	Venue	Contact Details
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Thursday 26 February	Hot Topics/Current Issues Management Day	Hallam Conference Centre 44 Hallam Street London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 June	ACP National Leadership Skills Meeting	Hallam Conference Centre 44 Hallam Street London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Wednesday 2 Friday 4 Sept	29th ACP Management Course	Hardwick Hall Hotel Sedgefield	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk

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War Memorial, Knaresborough Castle

Invitation to Contributors

In addition to the constant flow of material from ACP Council, ACP committees and ACP branches, *ACP news* needs new material from you, the members of the ACP.

Pathology news items (1200-1500 words): Any items related to the ACP or the College, pathologists in general, or medical and management matters that may have an impact on pathologists.

Articles (1500-2000 words): These can be papers, reviews, essays, commentaries, critiques or polemics. Submitted articles are always very welcome, as well as suggestions for articles and/or details of people whom the editor may approach.

Reports (1000 words): These may be personal views and reports on interesting meetings, travel or anything else of interest to the readership. Travel reports are specifically for holders of ACP travel fellowships; however, other reports from abroad are welcomed.

Columns (600 words): Regular and irregular columnists exercise their thoughts. Please feel free to rant.

Pathological creative writing: All literary forms, including short stories, serials, surrealism and even poetry.

Appreciations (1000-1500 words): We prefer appreciations on retirement, rather than obituaries. Please discuss these with the editor before submission.

Photo-journalism: Favoured subjects include pathologists doing something interesting, or College and ACP officers doing anything at all. Interesting or artistic photographs are welcomed.

Cartoons: Suggestions are welcomed.

Curettings: Jokes and humorous titbits are always needed.

Debate: Letters to the editor are welcomed, but may be shortened for publication, or even converted into articles. Please try to refrain from writing unless you are prepared to be published. All criticisms of organisations or named individuals will entitle the parties to a right of reply. Please bear in mind the UK libel laws!

Trainees: Trainees are especially encouraged to submit material in any and all of the above categories. These will normally be placed in the trainees' section. Appointments committees in particular value publications in *ACP news*.

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All suggestions are welcome; however, the editor's decision is final.

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Please send email submissions direct to the editor at edcarling@doctor.com and edward.carling@stees.nhs.uk

Editorial

Welcome to the winter 2014 issue of *ACP news*. Firstly, I must issue an apology, having failed to acknowledge the source of the cover image from the previous issue, which was kindly provided by Dr Richard Bishop of St James Hospital in Leeds. This was entirely my error, and I apologise.

Two events have struck me since the previous issue of *ACP news*. The first is the one hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War, and the events to mark this anniversary. I can only comment by sharing my picture of the war memorial from my home town, the image on the cover of this issue of *ACP news*. I have tried to write words, but I simply fail to say anything that doesn't seem trite.

The second event was the Scottish independence referendum, which finally burst into the national consciousness south of the border, but now seems to be rapidly returning to being ignored by the English media. Having many connections with Scotland and also being a frequent visitor to Sutherland, I of course had my own views, but I shall keep them to myself for the sake of editorial objectivity. Notwithstanding the referendum result, something significant has changed in the relations within our United Kingdom, and the aftershocks will be felt for some time yet. The NHS in Scotland has been charting its own course for some time now, and will, I suspect, steer further from its neighbours in the future. I would greatly welcome views and analysis from Scotland (and the other nations of the United Kingdom) to publish in *ACP news*, even from secessionists wanting to divide the ACP into four ...



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Finally, I must thank those stalwarts who continue to support *ACP news* with their writing, whilst calling for others to contribute. I can only publish what I receive.

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