

When Ambulances had Bells

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Dr Ken Roberts, a retired Anglesey GP, was an Orthopaedic Clinical Assistant at the C & A Hospital Bangor, Eryri Hospital Caernarvon and Ysbyty Gwynedd from 1960 to 1990.

In 1968 he made a home movie with soundtrack on 'Hip Injuries in the Elderly'

This features in a DVD 'Looking back at Orthopaedics, 1968' which is the main part of this presentation. The first half describes how and why the movie was made. The film takes a step by step account of the causes of hip injuries in the elderly and the way they were handled at Bangor under difficult circumstances. We then view the administration of anaesthesia and each stage of the operations that were used at that time: the Smith Peterson Nail and Plate for per-trochanteric fractures and the Austin Moore Prosthesis for high fractures of the neck of femur. The surgeon was the late Mr G I Roberts, senior consultant at that time. Post operative care is shown with physiotherapy and finally the patient's return to home.

A copy of the film, transcribed on to a DVD disc, has been lodged with the archives of the HOMSW.

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