

Sir Bryan Askew

Colleagues will be sorry to learn of the death, on 27 February 2021, of Sir Bryan Askew, former member of the Council and the Court.

After graduating in History from Cambridge in 1949, Bryan began his varied career, which included periods working for ICI (1952-59) and Consett Iron Co Ltd (later part of British Steel, 1959-71). He ran his own consultancy company between 1971 and 1974 and, finally, moved to Samuel Smith's Old Brewery, from where he retired as Personnel Director in 1995. He stood three times for Parliament (Penistone, 1964 and 1966; York, 1970), but never made it to Westminster. He was part-time Chairman of the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority (1983-94) which led to his becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1988. He was knighted for services to healthcare in 1989.

Bryan was a member of the University Court from 1985 to 2006, and the Council from 1988 to 2000, and was also a long-serving member of the Audit and Risk Committee. He was a great friend of the University, generous with his time, sharp in his counsel and humane in his values.

Bryan's funeral will be held in Tadcaster on 24 March 2021, on which day the flag on the Parkinson Building will be flown at half-mast in his memory. Donations can be made to the British Polio Fellowship through J G Fielder & Son Funeral Directors, 48-50 Clarence Street, York YO31 7EW.