

David Applin

Medical Biology

David Applin obtained his BSc in Zoology from the University of Leeds before moving to Imperial College, London, where he obtained his MSc in applied entomology. Research into the reproductive physiology of the sheep blowfly *Lucilia sericata*, begun at Imperial College, became the subject of his PhD thesis at Birkbeck College, London. Since then David has published a number of papers on blowfly reproductive physiology and with Professor John Cloudsley-Thompson on the molecular and physiological mechanisms of biological clocks. As head of department he has taught biology for many years and is author of many highly successful biology course-books for all levels. Currently he is a freelance author, tutor and Head of Science at St Andrew's Tutorial College, Cambridge. David also teaches courses for the Institute of Continuing Education in Cambridge University and for Bucksmore Education as part of the World University Programme and CASP in summer school centred in the University. He continues to pursue his interests in biology and communicating those interests through books and on-line to a wide audience in the UK and overseas. He is an elected Fellow of the Linnean Society and the Royal Entomological Society of London.

David also enjoys writing poetry, posted on-line at hellopoetry.com and illustrated children's stories, as well as photography and music. Some of David's books carry his photographs, illustrating particular topics and highlighting interesting ideas. From time to time David is an extra in films and television. Credits include the highly successful series *Grantchester* showing on ITV.

