Accelerator physicist Godfrey Saxon has retired from the Daresbury Laboratory. He began his career with Metropolitan-Vickers where he worked on radio and radar techniques. In the late 40s these techniques were applied to pioneering work on small linear accelerators used for cancer treatment. This resulted in the installation of many such linacs around the world and led to larger machines for scientific use, culminating in the first DESY injector in the early 60s. He also worked on Alvarez proton linacs for the first CERN injector and for the PLA at the Rutherford Laboratory.

He joined Daresbury in 1964 and expanded his interests to include electron synchrotrons and storage rings, making major contributions to the 5 GeV NINA synchrotron and the 2 GeV SRS storage ring. He will not be inactive in retirement, becoming a consultant for LEP, for the European Synchrotron Radiation Project, Rolls Royce Ltd., the Daresbury SRS and the SOR-Ring facility at Okazaki in Japan.