



## Barts Guild

*Friends of St Bartholomew's Hospital since 1911*

# BARTS GUILD NEWS

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### Noteworthy and remarkable service recognised



*Ann with Lord Lingfield receiving the  
Badge of the Order of Mercy*

Guild President Ann Wickham's 50 years of service to the Guild has been honoured by the award of the Badge of the Order of Mercy. Lord Lingfield, President of the League of Mercy, said: "Mrs Wickham has done extraordinary work for the welfare of others and those most in need. She is a marvellous example of someone whose long-standing and voluntary dedication to the service and welfare of others is noteworthy and remarkable and we were delighted to make this well-deserved award to her."

Here are Ann's reflections on the award:

I felt so very honoured and very proud to have been recommended by the Guild to receive the very prestigious award of the Order of Mercy for "distinguished voluntary work as a member of Barts Guild for fifty years".

The League of Mercy was founded on 30 March 1899 by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria. It was instigated by the Prince of Wales who became the first Grand President. The object of the League was to establish a large body of voluntary workers who would assist with the maintenance of voluntary hospitals and otherwise relieve sickness and suffering. Central to the annual activities of the League was a ceremony when about 50 people each received a medal known as the Order of Mercy. These were often presented by King George V at Marlborough House.

When the National Health Act abolished these hospitals in 1948, the League was quietly wound up. The President at the time was HRH The Duke of Gloucester, who was also President of Barts Hospital at the time.

The League of Mercy was re-founded on 30 March 1999, exactly 100 years after the original foundation. The President was (and is) Lord Lingfield, supported by a Board of Trustees. The League today has, as its central aims, "the encouragement and recognition of distinguished voluntary work within areas of care which include the sick, injured or disabled, young people at risk, the homeless, the elderly, the dying and those who are impaired in mind".

Each year, throughout the British Isles, nominations are made by charities and other recognised organisations. The Trustees choose some 25 outstanding volunteers and invite them to receive the badge of the Order of Mercy. This is a hall-marked silver-gilt representation of the original 1899 design depicting Sir Joshua Reynolds's figure of Charity.

**Ann Wickham writes** (continued)

This year the ceremony took place on 4 July at the Mansion House. On arrival all the recipients were welcomed and ushered to their seats in the magnificent Egyptian Hall. Our guests – mine were my husband and Guild Chairman Andrew Phillips – were shown to a separate seating area in the room. At 2.30pm a fanfare of trumpets was played in the Gallery by trumpeters of the English Schools' Orchestra. We were then asked to stand whilst the Gentleman Usher led in President Lingfield followed by officers and Trustees of the League. We were then asked to be seated.

The President then presented the medal to each of the 29 recipients and spoke warmly to each one. A small string orchestra played light classical music during the ceremony.



*The Badge of the League of Mercy*

After the awards had been presented, the President said a few closing words. The National Anthem was played and the President and Trustees processed out of the Egyptian Hall. All the recipients were then photographed with the President. The recipients then joined their guests for a splendid afternoon tea.

It was a very humbling and inspirational to speak to the other recipients and learn about the volunteering work they did to help so many worthy causes. We were delighted that the Lord Mayor, Lord Mountevans, unexpectedly was able to join us all and spoke to many of the recipients. He was particularly pleased that Barts Hospital Guild was a recipient and congratulated us on this achievement.

A memorable day and I felt so proud to be a member of the Barts Guild.

**Andrew Phillips: A very special Chairman of The Guild (2012-2016)**



*Andrew Phillips photo Phil Moss*

Andrew Phillips was only the second man to chair the Guild since its foundation in 1911. Most of the previous Chairs had close associations with Barts, having either worked there or been relatives of someone who did.

Andrew's career had been as far removed from the world of medicine as it could be, having a background in Librarianship. For most of his career he occupied a variety of posts of increasing responsibility at The British Library.

He first fell under the spell of Barts because his wife, Valerie, gave birth to their three children in the Maternity Unit in the East Wing of Barts in the late 1970's and early 80's. Taking early retirement from the British Library in 1999, Andrew wanted to give something back to Barts, and using his professional skills in literature and history, became both a member of the Archives Committee in 2000, and a volunteer cataloguer of important archival material held by both Barts and The London Hospitals. His knowledge and experience of healthcare organisations widened with involvement at Homerton Hospital and the Management Committee of Hoxton Health.

**Andrew Phillips** (continued)

2010 marked his further commitment to Barts when he was recruited to the Management Committee of the Guild. He set about familiarising himself with the various departments, and skilfully opened managers', doctors' and nurses' doors in order to assess what the gaps were in patient care in the new super-specialised cancer and cardiac services, and not surprisingly he was elected to the Chair in 2012.

His leadership marked a quiet revolution, as he gathered around him new Trustees with the necessary skills to modernise the administration, and direction of travel of the Guild. Reviews and working groups were established to assess effectiveness of the Guild and its processes, and to seek out how its hard-fought funds could best serve the needs of patients and staff in their fantastic new state-of-the-art Departments. As Chairman he never forgot that amongst all this modern and at times frightening high-tech equipment, there was a patient (and family) subject to all the human fears and distress that illness brings. He even tested out some of the services himself!

He recognised the unique value of Volunteers, and under his wing, the decline in numbers has been reversed. The shop has taken off, the trolleys keep rolling, and the breadth of grants has extended into corners of high tech and soft comfort as well as the traditional services of The Guild continuing to be nurtured.

We shall miss his open, gentle but decisive chairmanship, his bottomless store of literary and historical quotations, and his words of wisdom. His diligence and dedication to the ship he steered so skilfully will be long remembered and cherished.

We are fortunate that he will remain a Trustee, not on the touchlines but firmly in the front line, and hopefully sprinkled with his humorous and literary references. Thank you Andrew for helping the Guild to keep Barts the special place it is. Enjoy more leisure



and those wonderful grandchildren.

**Marcus Setchell**

**Meet our new Chairman  
Patrick Jennings**



*Patrick on his travels*

I became a Trustee of The Guild in October 2010 and was delighted to be associated with Barts as my mother trained as a nurse here and always held the hospital in great esteem. I have been particularly involved in setting up the Shop committee and seeing the shop relocated to its new prime location.

As a solicitor, now retired, I spent my working life as a partner in one of the major law firms in the city, specialising in real estate and construction projects. I am a member of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers and more recently became a Freeman of the City of London, although I have yet to drive my sheep over Tower Bridge!

## Meet our new Chairman (continued)

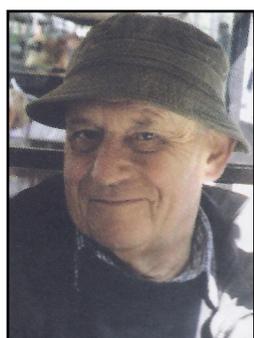
I enjoy the theatre and the opera but my greatest interest is in the outdoors and sport of every kind. I love the mountains and am a keen skier. I have also done some climbing and in 2006 made it to the top of Mont Blanc with two of my children which was brilliant. Prior to two knee replacements, I was a keen runner and after successfully completing the London Marathon, went on to join a team competing in the Macklehole Trail in Hong Kong. We managed to finish the 100km race but I have never felt so exhausted. Now with my bionic knees I am confined to skiing on the lower slopes with the grandchildren but have every hope of a comeback before they begin to beat me.

I live in Essex with my wife Jayne. We have three daughters, one son and four lovely granddaughters so with my wife at the helm my son and I are kept on an even keel.

I look forward to my term as Chairman of the Guild and hope to meet many of the members and supporters at future events.

**Patrick Jennings**

## Chris Hudson steps down



*Chris Hudson*

With the election of a new Chairman, Professor Chris Hudson is no longer co-opted to the Guild Management Committee as immediate Past Chairman, that position now going to Andrew Phillips, and Chris is stepping down from the Committee after many years' service to the Guild. Chris was one of the first men to

become a member after the 'Women's Guild' first welcomed men as members in 1979 (changing its name at that time to 'The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew'). A Barts-trained doctor where he qualified in 1955 and held junior posts including Physician-Accoucheur, Chris has throughout his distinguished international career (including nine years as Foundation Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Sydney, and consultancy work in three continents) maintained his close links with his alma mater, where he was awarded a personal chair in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1993, becoming Professor Emeritus upon his retirement. Along with his many medical and scientific achievements – not to mention the political vicissitudes of the 1990s – he remained actively involved with successive generations of Barts students and alumni, in particular with both the women's and men's Boat Clubs. Later he became President of the Barts and The London Alumni Association when the alumni associations of the two Hospitals merged in 2000, following the merger of the two medical schools. He succeeded Dr Audrey Tucker as Chairman of the Barts Guild in 2007, serving for three years in that capacity and becoming the driving force behind our very successful Centenary Concert in 2011. As immediate Past President he continued to take a lively interest in the Guild and as a member of the Management Committee was always ready with good advice and sage comments; his wise counsel and extensive professional links will be greatly missed. Chris will maintain his interest in the Guild and we hope to see him at the Christmas concert on 6 December.

**Sue Boswell** (*former Head of Medical and Dental Alumni Relations at Queen Mary University of London, former Secretary to the Barts and The London Alumni Association and former Hon Secretary of the Guild*)

## Barts Guild Calendar 2017

Looking for the perfect present or a treat for yourself? We are delighted to announce that the Guild's 2017 Calendar is now available. The theme is 'Barts People', with each page featuring the story of an eminent figure in the world of medicine from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present day who has a close connection to our Hospital. With perhaps one exception...

### How to buy your copy

The Calendar is on sale in the Guild Shop in the King George V Building, Barts Hospital for just £5.

It is also available to purchase by post. If you live in the UK, it will cost £5 per Calendar, plus £2.50 postage and packing for up to two copies.

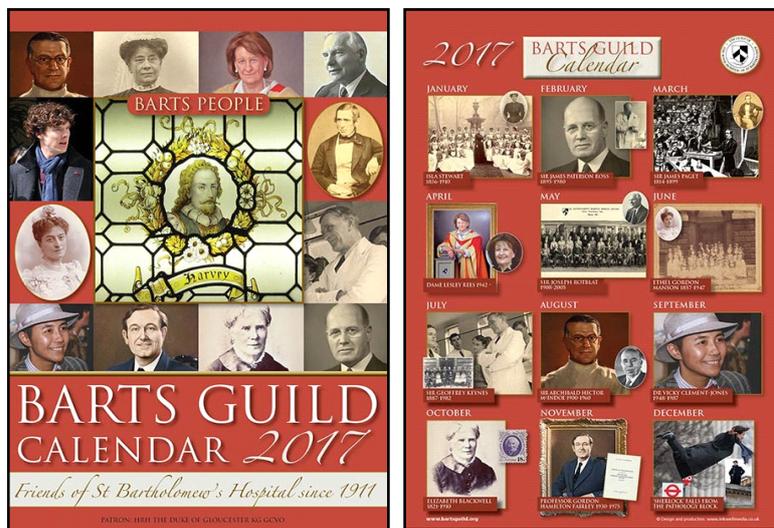
Please send your name, address and quantity required, together with a cheque payable to 'Barts Guild', to:

Barts Guild Shop  
KGV Building  
St Bartholomew's Hospital  
London EC1A 7BE

For non-UK orders, please email us at [bartsguild@aol.com](mailto:bartsguild@aol.com) with your address and quantity required. We will then calculate the postage and packing charges and advise you accordingly.

The shop also has an attractive selection of Guild Christmas cards.

**All proceeds from sales help our work supporting Barts Hospital, its patients and staff.**



## Praise for Shop volunteers

**Addenbrookes Sister Annie McNinch was a very satisfied customer when she attended a nurses' reunion in August - here's what she has to say:**

"I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOOOOOU to the volunteers who so very kindly gave up their time on Saturday 13 August to open up the shop for us! I've come home sporting a very precious mug of which I am SO proud! I just wish I wasn't so late and had more time.....but I shall return, with a shopping list!

Very best wishes to you all and again many thanks, for Saturday and for ALL you do!" **Annie**

## Sue Boswell & Malcolm Crisp - An Appreciation

### Sue Boswell

Having been Head of Alumni Relations at Queen Mary, University of London, and founder editor of the *Barts and The London Chronicle* Sue



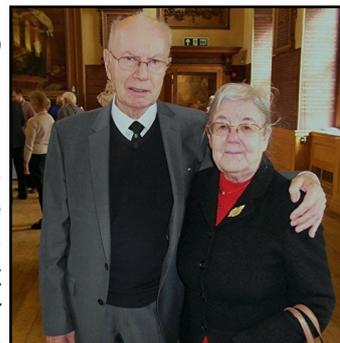
*Sue Boswell:  
photo Colin Boswell*

Boswell said in 2006 "I hope to find a worthy cause – perhaps a small medical charity - which can make use of my skills and experience as an editor and proof reader, unpaid of course". So, Sue and the Barts Guild were made for each other. Fortunately for us, for the last decade we have made full use of Sue's skills and positive, can-do personality. During this time she has been Hon Secretary for three years, a Management Committee member and the Guild's editor in chief.

The Annual Report has been largely 'Sue's annual report' really (all ten of them), she has brought the Guild Calendar together, helped much with Ann Wickham's fine Guild history, edited and/or written numerous programmes, leaflets, posters and plaques, played a big part in composing and updating the website's text, launched our Facebook page and provided *Barts Guild News's* intriguing 'fillers' masquerading as 'GS' (Granny Sue - ed). She and her husband Colin have spent an increasing time in France (the Guild's Narbonne office) but in no way has this lessened her work for us and her contribution. Very many people write adequately, far fewer write notably, but Sue is a real writer and though, too, I've worked with a lot of good proof readers I can't think of one that has bettered Sue. It's very good news that she is willing to continue writing her erudite captions for the Calendar and, as yet another sign of Sue's great value to her Guild colleagues, a strenuous effort is still being made to keep her involved in some measure in the demanding task of producing next year's Annual Report!

### Malcolm Crisp

Malcolm Crisp joined the Guild in 1995 and in the succeeding twenty years he and his wife Elizabeth have been prominent and popular figures within the Guild and in the Hospital.



*Malcolm and Elizabeth Crisp*

Malcolm has been one of the Guild's principal 'go-to' men. He has been a Management Committee member, long-standing shop volunteer, photographer, grants co-ordinator, visual displays creator, visitors' and patients' meeter and greeter and general helper and supporter. His skills and commitment have been recognised by his award of the prestigious Order of Mercy, one of five Guild holders of this now – a stunning record for a numerically small charity. Malcolm's role of grants co-ordinator has assumed even greater importance in recent years as the Guild has sought to increase its financial grants to Barts. In this he has been assiduous: visiting departmental applicants, assessing cases, researching and advising where price discounts might be found, making recommendations to trustees and authorising some grants himself within an agreed limit.

I admire as well Malcolm's photographic expertise and we are fortunate that he is ready to continue his work as Guild 'court photographer'. I hope, too, he will continue his role as a 'welcomer' within the Hospital. Surreptitiously, I've observed Malcolm fulfilling this. Many are anxious or nervous to some degree when entering a hospital. So, it's greatly reassuring when they encounter Malcolm: the slightly shy smile, the courteous 'Can I help?', the steering of the visitor towards his or her destination accompanied by friendly chat. No wonder Malcolm has been so lauded as a 'welcomer'.

**Malcolm Crisp** (continued)

In the institutions in which I worked during my career there were a good many very able people and ‘users’, some of whom thought a great deal of themselves (often with some justice, sometimes not). But colleagues like Sue and Malcolm not only have their own considerable ability but also share readily their expertise and experience to help others and with a modesty of manner. It’s the combination that the best people possess.

**Andrew Phillips**

however that is the reality for millions of people around the world. That’s why I was honoured to be delivering WaterAid’s #ToiletSaveLives petition to the government. With the right political will we can ensure that no one has to go without these basic human rights.”

For more information and to find out more about WaterAid’s #ToiletsSaveLives campaign go to: [www.wateraid.org/uk/toiletssavelives](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/toiletssavelives) or visit their website: [www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org)

**Campaigning for a good cause**



*Elizabeth at Number Ten; photo WaterAid/Leyton Thompson*

Guild Trustee Elizabeth Sparrow is a WaterAid volunteer speaker giving talks on the charity's work to many schools and groups across London.

In September Elizabeth headed to Number 10 Downing Street to deliver the

charity’s #ToiletsSaveLives petition, a campaign that calls on world leaders to reach everyone, everywhere, with taps and toilets by 2030. Elizabeth joined three other volunteers sporting #ToiletsSaveLives t-shirts as they delivered the petition, which draws attention to the startling fact that more than 650 million people are living without clean water and 2.3 billion people live with nowhere safe to go to the toilet.

Elizabeth said: “It’s difficult for any of us to imagine living without a toilet or clean water to drink;

**More comings and goings Management Committee**

Following the AGM in October we welcome two new trustees:

**Lesley Evans** is a relative newcomer to the Guild but has already established herself first as a member and now Chair of the Shop Sub-committee and as a Trolley volunteer. Please turn to Volunteer Voice to learn more about Lesley.

**David Frank** has been re-elected to the Management Committee – welcome back David.

We say goodbye to another Management Committee member:

**Sadie Ferris** has resigned as a trustee. Sadie has contributed greatly to the work of the Guild both as a volunteer, trustee and main flower arranger for many Guild events including the AGMs to which task she brought a wonderful creative imagination.

## Recent Grants

### Clocks for wards

A request for a grant of £1,400 from the Matron of Barts Critical Care and Surgical wards has been approved by the Guild. The grant will be used to provide 32 high-quality wall clocks which show the time, date and day *"...so that our patients can orientate themselves to time and place which has a massive impact on their recovery long term [particularly from intensive care]."* The clocks will be used across the wards and in relatives' rooms. The grant will also fund four small radios for the use of longer-term patients. The Matron also hoped to buy calendars and naturally we have promised that Guild Calendars will be supplied.

As Trustee Dr Andrew Smith remarked: *"...hospitals can be disorientating places and patients are very vulnerable to 'acute confusional states' following inpatient stays and procedures. Simple additions of clocks and calendars are known to reduce these problems so this seems a great simple initiative to support."*

### Remembrance Service

Jaryn Go, Clinical Nurse Specialist Renal Supportive & Palliative Care Service wrote to thank the Guild for our continued support. Jaryn said:

*"Kindly extend our THANKS to the Guild for your continued support towards the success of our annual Remembrance Service. The Sound System was really very good – which is one of the major factors that contributed to the success of the service. Thanks to all of you for putting this in The Great Hall!"*

## Mrs Joan Nichol

Readers will be sorry to learn that long-serving Guild member, volunteer and Vice-President since 1991 Joan Nichol died in September.

Joan became a member of the Guild in 1972, and immediately joined the "trolley pushers". From 1977 to 1992 Joan organised the "Ward Comforts Fund" supplying the wards with clocks, torches, cushions, fans, plant pots etc. funded by the Guild.

In 1991 the Guild celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Patron, HRH Princess Alice, attended both the Thanksgiving Service in Barts the Less and the AGM and luncheon. Joan embroidered a kneeler (designed by Mrs Nini Fuller) to commemorate the event, which was dedicated during the service. It is still used today in the Church.



*Joan (far left) and Guild friends on their way to a garden party at Buckingham Palace*

Joan served on the Management Committee for several years during her time as Ward Comforts organiser. She was also a stalwart helper for the outings for elderly outpatients to Much Hadham and Margate. Her willingness to help at all the events organised by the Guild – fairs, suppers, concerts, flag days etc. – was legendary and she was always so cheerful.

Thank you Joan for everything you did for Barts Guild and Barts Hospital.

**Ann Wickham**

## Good Ship Sue Boswell

It was the idea of BATLAA, the Barts and The London Alumni Association, to give my name to the boat which the Association had bought for the students' Boat Club. This was just around the time, 10 years ago, of my retirement from Queen Mary, where I had for the



last few years been Head of Medical and Dental Alumni Relations. I greatly enjoyed my time working closely with the alumni of both Hospitals as well as



with the current students—indeed, I'm an honorary Life Member of the Students' Association.

Now I have the privilege of watching 'my' boat when she competes, along with her valiant eight-woman crew, in the University of London 'Bumps' on the Thames, and of attending the occasional meeting and/or social event of the Boat Club. Most of the students are bemused to find that 'SueBo' is an actual living person!

**Sue Boswell**

## Wedding bells for Lynne

We are delighted to announce that Lynne Peabody was married to her fiancé, investment banker Callum Warnock, on 10 September. The ceremony took place at La Siesta in Javea, Spain and their wedding picture proves the truth of the adage: "happy the bride (and groom) that the sun shines upon".



We warmly congratulate the new Mr and Mrs Warnock and wish them many years of happiness together.

### Did you know ?

That author Richard Gordon, whose many books include the Doctor in the House series, is the pen name of Dr Gordon Ostlere, who qualified at Barts? He became a highly successful author after working as an anaesthetist at Barts, as a ship's doctor and as an assistant editor at the British Medical Journal. Characters in the Doctor in the House books, in particular Sir Lancelot Spratt, are said to be recognisable Barts people. **GS**

## Volunteer Voice

Lesley Evans



I answered an ad for volunteers in the paper and was invited to come along to a recruitment day in March. I have been volunteering for a few months now and already I feel very much part of the Guild family.

I stopped working just over a year ago. I reckoned 45 years was enough – I started young! I've had a variety of jobs over the years. Mostly desk jobs but I did train and work as a hair stylist for a number of years and ran my own salon for a while until I got the opportunity to work on board a cruise liner, which I did for 9 months, cruising around the Canary Islands and Madeira, which was a wonderful experience.

My recent background was in operational management and account management. I managed large teams of people who in turn provided documents, presentations and research for international investment banks and a US legal firm. These were 24 x 7 operations, very deadline driven and fast moving. Exciting, at times exhausting.

I now consider myself retired, although should an opportunity arise that was interesting (and part-time!) I might be persuaded to return to work.

Meanwhile, when not volunteering on the trolley / shop or attending Guild meetings, I spend as much time as I can at my static caravan in West Wittering, West Sussex, which is a beautiful place.

I have volunteered a few times in the past, but it was very much on a one-to-one basis which can be quite a responsibility and challenging in terms of personal commitment to the individual. This time I was excited by the idea of working with a team to support the Guild in any capacity.

What I've found in volunteering with the Guild is that any time you can give to help out in the shop or on the trolley is much appreciated by the patients, hospital staff and visitors and is very much valued by the Guild.

Taking the shop trolley around the wards can be quite physically demanding and tiring (when you are as unfit as I am!) but oh so rewarding. Some patients want a newspaper or some chocolate and some just want to chat! The staff on the wards are without exception friendly and helpful towards us volunteers.

I would say to anyone who likes working with a team of people from a diverse range of backgrounds and circumstances, constantly meeting new and interesting people and being appreciated for whatever you can do, then get involved and you may find that you enhance your own feeling of wellbeing. You will certainly make a difference to others every time you volunteer.

**Lesley**



## Coming Soon...to your computer, tablet and smartphone

Exciting news! The Guild has commissioned a Westminster-based firm to design and build a new website. Our current site has limited functionality and we want to upgrade the user experience to enable more people to know about and interact with the Guild.

One of the key features of the new site will be the facility for the Guild to take online payments for the first time. This will hopefully lead to an increase in subscription memberships, an increase in the number and value of donations received, and give us the opportunity to sell calendars, souvenirs and concert tickets online. Of course these will all remain for sale in the Guild Shop as well as via the site.

In addition to online payments, the new site will include a regular news feed reflecting Guild activity and also feature updates from the Hospital. The 'About us' section will be expanded to provide profiles of our key people as well as continuing to provide downloadable copies of the Annual Report and Accounts, and this newsletter. And don't worry, the new site will reflect our proud history, as well as looking forward to future developments and collaborations.

Volunteers and other Guild folk will be invited to write guest articles that will be featured on the site, and we hope to encourage those who receive grants from us to contribute details of how they've spent the money and the benefit that it has brought to them personally or their patients.

A Website Implementation Group, chaired by Dr Elizabeth Sparrow, has been formed as a sub-committee of the Management Committee to oversee the design and build of the new site. Alongside Elizabeth will be trustees Ian McDowell and Dr Andrew Smith,

membership secretary and myself and we're delighted to say that Revd Dr Sara Batts has joined the group as an external volunteer.

Sara was recently ordained in Chelmsford Cathedral, and is currently Assistant Curate at St Edmund's Chingford. Prior to ordination training at Westcott House Cambridge, Sara was a specialist legal librarian with a longstanding interest in online communication and learning. Her PhD, completed at Loughborough University in 2013, was an investigation into how churches are using websites and social media to communicate with congregations and the wider world. We are lucky that she has found time in her busy parish commitments to contribute to the success of the Guild's new website.

Updates on the progress of the project will be provided to the Management Committee, but should anyone wish to know more about the project, please feel free to contact me via email: [Phil.Moss@bartshealth.nhs.uk](mailto:Phil.Moss@bartshealth.nhs.uk)

The new website will go live in the first half of next year, alongside a revamped Facebook page and a new Twitter account. **Phil Moss IT Coordinator**

### Did you know?

That a laboratory in the Pathology Block at Barts was the location chosen by Arthur Conan Doyle for Sherlock Holmes' first meeting with Dr Watson, a Barts-trained doctor? This is recounted in the first Holmes novel, *A Study in Scarlet* (1887), and is commemorated with plaques donated by the Amateur Mendicant Society of Detroit and by the 'Baker Street Irregulars' whose plaque states: "At this place New Year's Day 1881 were spoken these deathless words 'You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive' by Mr Sherlock Holmes in greeting to John H Watson MD at their first meeting." This fictional connection led to a donation of £650 by the Tokyo Sherlock Holmes Appreciation Society to the Save Barts Campaign in the 1990s. **GS**

## Celebrate Christmas in the Great Hall

It just wouldn't be Christmas without the Guild's Christmas Concert and on Tuesday 6 December the Great Hall will be filled with glorious choral music from the Barts and The London Music Society who have won a special place in the hearts Christmas concert goers. As always the musical numbers will be punctuated with seasonal readings and this year we are delighted to introduce two distinguished actors, husband and wife Gary Raymond and Delena Kidd, who have kindly volunteered to perform for us. RADA-trained Gary Raymond began his career touring in Shakespeare with Sir John Gielgud and Dame Peggy Ashcroft and went on to further success as a film actor, appearing with many celebrated actors including Sophia Loren, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Gary is also a familiar face on TV in Britain and the USA and in West End theatre. Delena Kidd trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama and honed her acting talent in Repertory before heading to the West End. She has played more than 150 roles in TV in the USA and the UK and was most recently seen playing an old tramp in the BBC's hospital drama Holby City. With Gary Delena was a founder member of the London Shakespeare Group and together they toured 60 countries with the company.



Gary Raymond and Delena Kidd

There is still time to book for what promises to be a wonderful evening of music and drama to usher in the Christmas season. The Guild's good friends Saunderson House have once again agreed to sponsor the event and thanks to their generosity we have been able to repeat last year's prices: £12 full price and £7 for concessions (Guild volunteers, OAPs and BL students). Children under 10 admitted free. Tickets are available from the Guild Shop in the KGV building, by post (see below) or on the door subject to availability. A glass of wine and a mince pie are included in the ticket price. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

**Booking form:** Send to: Helen Cooper, Barts Guild, St Bartholomew's Hospital, EC1A 7BE

To: Barts Guild

Please send me \_\_\_ tickets for 'A Celebration of Christmas' to be held on 6 December 2016, and/or I wish to make a donation to the Guild of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (Gift Aid forms available)  
I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ and a stamped addressed envelope

Name and address (block capitals please) \_\_\_\_\_

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