



Barts Guild

Supporting St Bartholomew's Hospital since 1911

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Grants greatly appreciated

Two significant grants for medical equipment were agreed when the Guild Committee of Management met in February.

The King George V Theatre Department (KGV) received a grant of £9,700 to purchase two pairs of stirrups that can be used to support very heavy patients during surgery. The theatre's standard stirrups can support up to 159kg whereas the newly purchased stirrups will bear weights of up to 365kg.

The new equipment will be of great benefit to patients by helping theatre staff to deliver the highest standards of care.

The Guild received a letter of thanks from Diana O'Grady, Senior Theatre Sister. After thanking the Guild for the grant Diana went on to say:

"The staff in the KGV Theatre department, at Barts, are fully appreciative and grateful for awarding us this large amount of money. This will enable the staff to accomplish a high standard of patient care to the best of their ability. This will make a positive impact on patient care and patient safety. I can only express my thanks with words but your approval of the

application means much more. It fills me with hope and reassurances that people care."



*Patrick Norman,
Associate Team Leader with one pair of stirrups.*

The Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Anaesthesia was awarded £7,000 to purchase a Platelet Functional Analyzer. This piece of equipment tests platelet function in patients who are taking drugs such as aspirin and are therefore at risk of excessive bleeding during surgery because of platelet malfunction.

Virginia Brown, Consultant Anaesthetist, also wrote to thank the Guild and said:

"I am absolutely thrilled (so would be all my colleagues!) with this generous donation, which enables us to buy Multiplate - Platelet function monitoring.

visit our website www.bartsguild.org

The machine will be placed in the coag minilab at Barts which is part of POC testing in the operating theatre. Thanks again for transpiring this opportunity to us and helping to acquire this really useful equipment. We all, as clinicians, truly appreciate this donation which comes in an impossible financial time when any new clinical equipment is more than luxury!"

These kind letters sum up what we, as members of the Guild, hope to achieve for Barts patients and staff and it is encouraging to know how much our work is appreciated.

The Guild is always ready to consider grant applications and grants of up to £5,000 can often be approved very quickly. To make an application write to the Hon. Secretary at the Guild office or download the application form which, together with other details about Grants, is also now available on our website www.bartsguild.org

Other recent grants agreed are:
A lap top and mp3 players for use by the Psychology Department. These will allow psychologists working in cancer and palliative care to edit and produce recordings of therapy sessions. For example, patients will be able to receive individualised anxiety management recordings on CD or a loaned mp3 player. Such recordings will be specifically to focus on, helping patients manage the emotional impact of their illness and treatment **£525**

Two microwave ovens for use in the West Wing. (The Guild obtained a 2 for 1 deal on these items) **£250**

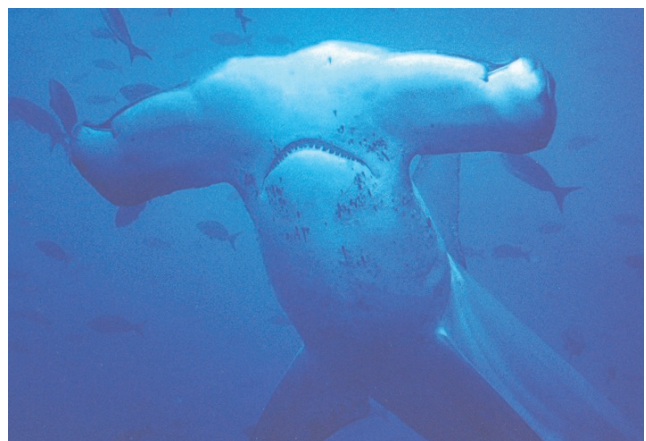
Four self-propelling wheel chairs for use on Kenton and Lucas Wards **£3000**

Three specialist trolleys for use in treating Lymphoma patients on Bodley Scott Ward **£4000.**

Un-missable Exhibition to aid Barts Research



Barts Great Hall will be hosting an exhibition of the work of photographer Julia Hember. *What Julia Saw* runs for one week only, Wednesday 28 August-Wednesday 4 September, 10.30am to 7pm, (closing 5pm on the 4th) (closed on Sunday 1 September) free entry. Julia was an artist who was beginning to achieve recognition for her photographic work when she died at the early age of 33.



Her well-known portrait of the late journalist Jeffrey Bernard is held at the National Portrait Gallery and she worked on projects for commercial clients including pictures for Channel 4 taken from a 29-storey building.



The wide range of her work will be apparent from the exhibition. Julia created images of wild life including underwater shots of sharks, landscapes, abstract subjects, large-scale pictures and portraits of famous



personalities. Some of the celebrities pictured will be signing prints of their portraits for sale at the exhibition.

Julia was treated for Myeloid Leukaemia at Barts and her family is determined to help raise funds for Barts research into this devastating disease. The exhibition will support this research and commemorates the 10th anniversary of Julia's death.

During the last year of her life Julia noticed an unusual apple tree in the family garden. It was confirmed as a new species, named *Julia's Late Golden* and is proving to be a very popular variety. Her Majesty The Queen has accepted one of the trees. A donation to Barts will be made for every *Julia's Late Golden* purchased. Trees are available from Triscombe Nurseries, West Bagborough, Nr Taunton, Somerset TA4 3HG Telephone: 01984 618267 www.triscombenurseries.co.uk or from



Barter's Farm Nurseries,
Chapmanslade, Westbury, Wilts. BA13
4AL. Telephone: 01373832294
sales@barTERS.co.uk

We hope that members will attend this exhibition of work by an exceptional artist and help to support this vital research.

Fantastic fair

In December the Guild joined with other Barts charities to host a Christmas Fair. Everyone loves a really good bazaar and more than 400 visitors flocked to the Great Hall keen to bag bargain Christmas gifts, enjoy some delicious home - made cakes and try their luck at some novel games of skill.

The Guild alone had eight stalls which raised £750 for Guild funds - all from donated items. Lloyds Banking Group once again proved staunch friends of the Guild by raising £500 from the games they ran which included the bizarre and very entertaining "human fruit machine".

Grateful thanks are due to Christine Ashby and Sarah Yandell for organising the event, to those who donated items for sale and to all the helpers whose hard work made the day such a success.

Many thanks, too, to Mariella and her colleagues responsible for North Wing services at Barts.

Plans are already afoot for a 2013 Fair to be held on 6 November so watch out for more information in future editions of Guild News.

New Shop location

There have been very helpful discussions between the Trust and the Guild about a new shop (which will combine the present General and Souvenir shops) when our existing premises close with the closure of the old Outpatients department. We have been promised new premises for the Guild Shop and in a favourable location. More information will be given as soon as we can provide it.

Barts Health Trust - publicity for the Guild

The Trust has agreed to include information in its own newsletter about the major charities that support it. Hopefully this will lead to some of the Trust's near 7,000 members becoming members and volunteers of the charities. The Guild will be one of the first to be profiled in this way.

Kelley Marriage, the Trust's Corporate Events and Membership Manager, writes below on membership of Barts Health NHS Trust. New members of the NHS Trust are welcome and we hope that this will be of interest to Guild members.

Barts Health 

NHS Trust

Become a member of Barts Health Proposed Foundation Trust

We want patients, carers and local residents to get involved with their health services and become members of the Trust. Becoming a member is an opportunity to show your support for Barts Health NHS Trust and play an important part in our future. Barts Health presently has 6,660 members and we are keen to recruit many more.

Health trust.....

As a member, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate your support for our local hospitals - The Royal London, Barts, The London Chest, Mile End, Whipps Cross and Newham
- Contribute to the Barts Health future development
- Help and advise us on developing our services to best meet the needs of our patients, their families and the local community

- Stand for election as a representative governor in due course
- Receive regular information about the Trust and about healthcare issues in which you or your family have a particular interest.
- Be invited to special events and meetings where you can find out more about the trust and hearing about important health issues.

Medicine for Members' events

Members are invited to 'Medicine for Members' events 3 to 4 times a year. These are an opportunity for members to hear presentations on subjects they have told us they want to hear about. Recent presentations have been on cardiac services; diabetes and metabolism; the new cancer centre at Barts and trauma services. The most recent event on 9 July 2013 focused on Renal Medicine.

What is an NHS foundation trust?

Barts Health NHS Trust is currently working towards achieving foundation trust status.

Foundation trusts are not-for-profit, public benefit corporations. They are part of the NHS and provide and develop healthcare according to core NHS principles - free care, based on need and not ability to pay. NHS foundation trusts were created to devolve decision-making from central government to local organisations and communities.

NHS foundation trusts are free from central government control and are accountable to their local communities, through governors and members, to Parliament and to Monitor (which regulates and oversees NHS trusts).

Your membership questions answered :

Will it take up much time?

Membership is free and how engaged you are as a member is entirely up to you. You might want simply to receive an occasional newsletter, or receive more regular information about the work of our hospitals or about health issues affecting you or your family. Or you might want to play a more active role, participating in focus groups or surveys, becoming a volunteer, or standing as a governor. Being a member will not affect your treatment at any of our hospitals.

Who can become a member?

Membership is divided into different categories, known as 'constituencies'. The constituencies as currently proposed are listed below. If you are eligible for more than one constituency, you will need to choose which one you want to belong to – you can only belong to one.

Public members;

Anyone who lives in England or Wales is eligible to be a public member.

Patients and carers;

Anyone who is currently a patient or cares for a patient at our hospitals, or who has been treated or cared for someone in our hospitals in the last three years, can join our patient and carers constituency.

Staff at our hospitals;

Staff currently employed by the hospitals within Barts Health NHS Trust will automatically become a member of the staff constituency, unless they specify that they do not want to be a member. If you are a volunteer at any of our hospitals, you can also opt to join the staff constituency, but you will need to complete a membership application form to do this.

Associate membership

If you are not eligible to join one of the above constituencies, you can still enjoy many of the benefits of membership by signing up as an associate member. Associate members enjoy all the benefits of full membership, including receiving regular information and being invited to attend events and participate in specific activities. They do not have voting rights and cannot stand as governors.

Associate members include:

Those who live outside England and Wales

Those who are under 16 years of age.

Are there any restrictions on membership?

- You must be 16 years or over to become a full member, but there is no upper age limit
- No one who has been dismissed from any of the three legacy trusts' employment or has been involved in an incident of violence or abuse against our staff will be allowed to become a member of the proposed foundation trust
- Members can only join one of the above 'constituency groups'

How to join us

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call 0870 707 1598 or complete an online form by visiting our website:

www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/members

Office move

Please note that the Voluntary Services office has moved from Gloucester House to:

The Nursing Office
Ground Floor
North Wing
St Bartholomew's Hospital
Direct dial: **020 3465 5819**

What a swell party it was

Barts volunteers were joined by some of their opposite numbers from the London Chest Hospital for a party in February. Tempting tipples and tasty nibbles helped the evening to go with a swing. Every guest received a ticket for a free raffle and Christine had apparently persuaded Santa to give up some of his post-Christmas holiday to prepare a bag of goodies for each guest.

Thanks to Christine Ashby, Sarah Yandell and Sally Lyons (Barts Cancer Information Centre) for arranging a truly enjoyable event.

Thespians in the Museum

Spotted recently in Barts Museum: Timothy Spall fresh from his role as Lord Clarence Emsworth in BBC TV's *Blandings* but rather more whiskery and Frank Barrie, *Eastenders* erstwhile Edward Bishop. Both were at the same time (but separately) perusing the exhibits with great interest. Could we be about to see a fictional portrayal of Barts history on our TVs? **GS**

Visit to the Pathology Museum

On 23 April around 30 volunteers were privileged to visit the Pathology Museum which is not generally open to the public.

Curator Carla Valentine welcomed the party with a talk about the museum and her work. Many of the specimens have lost their original labels so Carla has had to undertake a great deal of research to correctly identify them. Older specimens also need conservation work as the liquid they are preserved in has discoloured with time. The specimens on view are fascinating and paint a vivid picture of past times

when working with machinery and chemicals were very dangerous occupations resulting in dreadful injuries and diseases. Also on display are some distinctly odd items including the skull of John Bellingham, who shot Spencer Perceval in 1812 and enjoys the dubious honour of being the only man to assassinate a British prime minister.



Pathology Museum

The Museum is a curator's nightmare as the glass roof, originally installed so that students could view slides in the days before light boxes, exposes specimens to natural light - never a good thing in a museum. However, the room is very spacious and the architecture beautiful and there are plans to use it as a function venue in future.

Grateful thanks to Carla and Sarah for giving their time in organising the visit.

Did you know?

That the inscription on the entrance to the old Pathology Building (on your right as you enter Outpatients) 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might' comes from the Bible (Ecclesiastes chapter 9, verse 10)? It continues: 'for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest'.

Joy Cross 1916 - 2013



Joy Cross with Sir John Ashworth, Chairman of Barts and The London Trust in 2004

Joy joined the Guild in 1974 and was elected Assistant Secretary in 1976 and Honorary Secretary in 1978.

She trained as a Lady Almoner at Barts Hospital in 1938-9. During the war Joy was based at Hill End Hospital returning to Barts in the 1940's.

For more than 30 years she organised the Christmas Party for up to 90 elderly outpatients. Not only were they given a splendid lunch but they were entertained by a conjurer and Pearly Kings and Queens who led the community singing.

On retirement Joy moved to Lyme Regis where she led a very active life in the local community and adopted a donkey from the Donkey Sanctuary in nearby Sidmouth.

Through her friendship with Pauline Hirst, Joy was able to attend the Centenary AGM of the Guild.

At her funeral at St. Michael's Church Lyme Regis which was conducted by her friend Bishop David Hawtin the theme was "love of God and love for one another" which reflected on Joy's career of service and caring.

Thank you Joy for all that you gave to patients and staff at Barts and to the Guild.

A tribute by Ann Wickham

Sunday Trolley Service

A Sunday Trolley Service began in May much to the delight of patients and staff. Thanks to Guild Shop Organiser, Christine Ashby, Trustee Steve Bench and the volunteers who have given up their Sunday lie-in !

Shop news

Much appreciated though they are by patients, visitors and staff the Shop's stock of confectionery, newspapers and drinks are not the Shop's only money-spinners for Guild funds.

Donated knitted garments, new items such as pens, cuddly toys and toiletries sell very well and over the first quarter of this year these items raised £320.

Weekly Book Sales, held every Monday, remain popular and twice monthly table-top sales have proved to be a great success. So successful, in fact, that stock is running low so if you have books, jewellery, unwanted gifts or any other saleable items cluttering your cupboards please take them along to the Shop. Oddments of wool are also gratefully accepted - even small amounts can be put to good use by the knitters making soft toys.

Christine is investigating the possibility of selling high value items on E-Bay to maximise the money raised so please watch out for more information!

Ready money is a ready medicine

(16th Century proverb)

Guild Chairman Andrew Phillips has had another rewarding trawl through Barts' archives and has come up with some fascinating facts on Barts benefactors.

In the Giltspur Street entrance of the

soon-to-close Outpatients Department is a Barts Hospital map from the 1990's showing the names of the then wards. Largely they are names of medical and nursing eminence, a couple are named after those who found fame elsewhere like the great cricketer W G Grace and the rest celebrate Barts' benefactors who came up with "ready money" and at whom we can look further.

Rahere Ward one of the oldest from the 18th century, commemorates Barts' Founder. The British Library holds the *Book of the Foundation of St Bartholomew's* describing his life and work. Recovering from Rome's "Italian fever" (malaria) and inspired by a dream of St Bartholomew telling this "humble born man" of Frankish descent to build a church and hospital in Smithfield, Rahere determined that it would be a hospital for the sick poor of the City of London. King Henry I granted land to this favoured courtier and the first stone was laid in 1123. The earliest document in the Hospital's archives is a grant made by Rahere in 1137. He lies buried in his Priory which survives as the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great.

Edward Colston became a Hospital Governor in 1683 at the behest of King Charles II. The ward name dates from the 18th century. In 1684 and 1693 he gave a total of £1,350 (almost £90,000 today) which purchased 387 acres of Essex's Mayland Estate for Barts. At Colston's death a further £500 (almost £40,000 today) was bequeathed which bought Giltspur Street property, now the site of the Medical College Library. He was a wealthy London and Bristol merchant and his generosity is remembered in several Bristol landmarks, not least the Colston Hall for concerts. His 1694 portrait "school of Sir Godfrey Kneller" hangs in the North Wing.

Prominent in it, as in other Colston portraits, is his elegant hand and a Colston descendant remarked “that great and good man was known to have the most beautiful hand[s] in Europe of his time.”

Benjamin Kenton was born in Whitechapel in 1719 becoming a waiter and then a tavern owner in Warwick Lane. He made his fortune inventing a method of bottling beer for transport to India. Through his friendship with the Hospital President, Thomas Harley, he was a Governor for 30 years and when he died in 1800 he left the Hospital £5,000 (£155,000 today). The ward name was first used in 1815.

Matthew Lucas a former Lord Mayor of London, was Hospital President from 1831 to 1848. When he died he left £200 (almost £9,000 today) to be endowed as an annual prize for the most deserving nurses and sisters “as an encouragement to them to be kind and attentive to the poor patients”. Lucas Ward was first opened in 1842 and the Lucas Prize was awarded every year from 1850.

Fleet Street journalists had raised money for Barts since the 1920’s in an annual “Fleet Street Week” appeal. Notable fundraising occurred in 1926, a total of £32,315 (almost £940,000 today) being found which paid for an operating theatre and two wards, “Fleet Street” and “Harmsworth”, both opening in 1930.

Geraldine May Harmsworth was the mother of the 1st Viscount Rothermere, one of the most famous newspaper barons owning with his brother, Viscount Northcliffe “The Chief”, several national newspapers including the greatly successful *Daily Mail and Daily Mirror*. As Treasurer of the Barts Fleet Street appeal Rothermere personally gave it £10,000 (almost £300,000

today) granting him the right to name a ward. His mother’s portrait is held by the Hospital.

Smithfield meat market traders are Barts’ long-standing neighbours and friends. For the hospital’s 800th anniversary in 1923 they raised £10,043 (almost £290,000 today) and a ceremony was held to rename “John” Ward “Smithfield”. The name was discontinued in 1984 but reintroduced for the Renal Unit opened by HRH The Princess Anne in 1985.

Mrs Kathleen Rees-Mogg a daughter of the Wills/Imperial Tobacco family, became a Hospital Governor in 1929 giving £1,024 (almost £30,000 today) for platinum needles, an expensive essential for radiotherapy at that time. In 1930 she gave £10,000 (over £300,000 today) to endow and name a ward.

Thomas Vicary Sergeant-Surgeon to King Henry VIII, was not a benefactor and may not even have practised surgery at Barts. However, he was almost certainly influential in persuading the King to be the Hospital’s great Re-founder together with pressure from the City of London concerned at the worsening plight of the sick poor, after the confiscation of church and hospital lands and their money, and the prospect of plague. On 27 December 1546 Henry (in one of his last signed documents before he became too ill to write) undertook to grant Barts to “the Mayor and commonalty and citizens” of London. In January 1547, two weeks before his death, Henry issued under the Great Seal of England letters patent endowing Barts with property (returning much of what had been confiscated!) and income. Governors including Vicary and representatives of “Henry’s new men” and paid officers were appointed;

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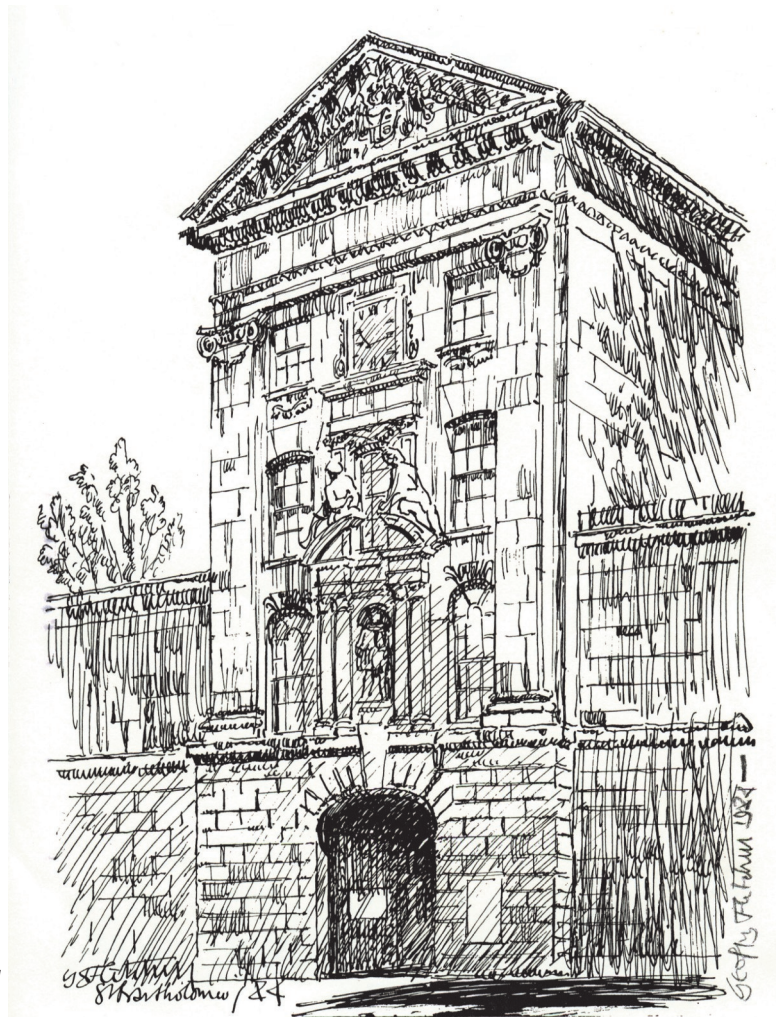
Henry ruled that the hospital was to accommodate 100 poor patients; the former governance was abolished and an organisation set in train that formed much of the basis of the next 400 years. It is remarkable that Henry did this in his last days, when shadowed by death and beset by state anxieties particularly the succession of the young Prince Edward “appointing many executors, spreading his net widely to win support for his son”. He was practical and decisive to the end: asked if he wanted to see a priest he replied: “Only [Archbishop Thomas] Cranmer-but he not yet.”

Henry VIII that mighty, harsh, gifted monarch who with his father’s cleverness and his younger daughter Elizabeth (“in the fullness of her genius

the superb and matchless flower” of the Tudors) played such a part in forming the English nation state. His portrait “after Hans Holbein the Younger” gazes imperiously down the Great Hall as though surveying his benefaction. There was no **Henry** ward in the 1990’s but there had been in two periods before. Instead his statue, his only public one in London, dominates Edward Strong Junior’s 1702 north gate and West Smithfield just as, in life, Henry dominated England for 38 years.

Andrew Phillips

Revalued £ figures in brackets based on the Bank of England Historical RPI across centuries.



The Henry VIII Gate at Barts

Volunteer voices

Guild News would greatly value contributions from members and volunteers. We would like to hear your stories about volunteering and would welcome fundraising ideas and further ideas on how we might increase the membership. Don't be shy! We really want Guild News to feature members and volunteers. Drop us a line today at the Guild office or send your contribution to Jan O'Neill, Editor of Guild News, janoneill9@msn.com or call Jan on:07530785539

Glad News and Sad News

Wedding belles

Volunteer Co-ordinator, Sarah Yandell, has shared some happy news with us. On 7th September Sarah will marry her fiancé Jonathan Mills.

Coincidentally, the Guild's Sue Boswell and her husband Colin will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on the same day.

We send our warmest good wishes to both happy couples.



Sue and Colin on their wedding day

Many Happy Returns

Congratulations to Alison Fenwick who celebrated her 50th birthday on 7th June. For many years Alison, despite her disabilities, painted Christmas cards and notelets for the Guild.



One of Alison's designs

We sent Alison many happy returns on the day and send her our further regards now.

Did you know?

That W G Grace, the famous and bushy-bearded cricketer, qualified as a doctor at Barts in 1879? A ward in the QE2 block was named after him in 1961, and a cricket bat autographed by him given to the Hospital in 1971 was displayed there. An outstanding all-rounder but best known as a batsman, he played first-class cricket for a record-equalling 44 seasons, from 1865 to 1908, during which he captained England and various other teams, playing in the first Test Matches against Australia. He practised in Bristol, but was said to have earned more from cricket, despite his amateur status. He died in 1915.

Jill Linnett

It is with sadness that we report the death of Guild member, Jill Linnett, who died on 6th June aged 89 years.

Jill was an active member of the Guild for many years serving as Vice-President and as Chairman. Jill ran the Shop and Trolley Service for 18 years until she retired in 1995.

Jill's life was celebrated in a Memorial Service held at Saint Bartholomew the Less on Saturday 20th July.



Jill Linnett in the Guild Shop

Congratulations to Pauline Hirst

Pauline was recently awarded the Badge of the League of Mercy - The Order of Mercy. This prestigious award acknowledges exceptional voluntary service to the sick and vulnerable.

Pauline joined the Guild in 1973 as a shop and trolley service volunteer. In 1974 she was elected to the Council of the Guild (now the Committee of Management) and served in several roles as Assistant Hon Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman. Pauline has continued to serve in the Guild Shop from 1998 to the present. We are delighted that Pauline's 40 years of voluntary service has been celebrated and offer her our warm congratulations.

Did you know?

That Britain's first woman medical doctor and champion of medical education for women worked at Barts? She was Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), who after qualifying in the USA in 1850 worked at Barts with Dr James Paget, becoming in 1859 the first woman to be registered with the British Medical Council. She founded the London School of Medicine for Women with several other pioneering women doctors, including Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (the sister of Millicent Fawcett, a well-known advocate of women's suffrage). Elizabeth Blackwell became a Professor of Gynaecology in 1875, and retired in 1907.

Dates for your diary

What Julia Saw

Exhibition of photography by Julia Hember.

The Great Hall. Admission free.

Wednesday 28 August to Wednesday 4 September, 10.30am to 7pm, (closing 5pm on the 4th) (closed on Sunday 1 September)

October 10

*Guild Annual General Meeting.
The Great Hall*

November 6

Christmas Fair. The Great Hall

November 9

The Lord Mayor's Show

December 5

Proposed date for the Guild Christmas concert. Details to be confirmed.