



Barts Guild News

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Our Patron opens Shop

The redeveloped Guild Shop is now well and truly open. On 3 October our Patron, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, visited Barts and cut the ceremonial ribbon before a large audience of volunteers, trustees, staff and visitors.

HRH was welcomed by Barts Managing Director Charles Knight and Guild Chairman Patrick Jennings. In his welcoming remarks Patrick said: "It is a great honour for all of us at Barts Guild to receive our Patron, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, formally to open the redeveloped Guild Shop. We are most grateful to Barts Health for allocating the Shop space to the Guild and for all their help and support for our work, as well as to the Barts Charity, which helps us in very many ways, to our donors and sponsors who funded the Shop redevelopment and most importantly to our fantastic volunteers who make all our work possible."

Charles Knight added: "It is wonderful to celebrate and recognise the fantastic support that the Barts Guild's volunteers continue to provide to patients, their families and our staff after more than one hundred years."

Following the opening ceremony His Royal Highness visited the Shop and was introduced to volunteers Frances, Hilda, Janina and Jill, and Shop manager Christine. Guild President Ann Wickham presented him with gifts which



HRH The Duke of Gloucester cuts the ribbon to formally open the Guild Shop. Photograph: BOB COOPER

included a framed photograph of Princess Alice, his late mother, which was taken in 1950 when she visited Barts to inaugurate the Guild's trolley service.

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Our Patron opens Shop *cont.*

After a visit to the Barts Heart Centre HRH took a walk around the Princess Alice Garden before arriving for tea in the James Gibbs flat, where he chatted to all the volunteers present.

This was certainly a red-letter day for the Guild but the effort that went into redeveloping the Shop in only one week was considerable. Like the Windmill, the Shop never closed, our volunteers running a “pop up” Shop in a very small, and very hot, kiosk in the basement of the KGV building. Our most grateful thanks go to them.

Our thanks are also due to Steve Eames and the Trust's Facilities team for their valuable support and advice; to Forest Gate Construction; and to Phil Moss who acted as Project Manager for the redevelopment.

Special thanks must go to the Guild volunteers, trustees and supporters who gave up their Sunday(s) to come in and clear the Shop in preparation for the refit and then the following Sunday to restock it ready for our reopening – namely Pui Yan Sham, Clyde Castellino, Naheed Malik, Christine Ashby, Steve Bench, Phil Moss, Lesley Evans, Helen Cooper, Lorna Glace and Patrick Jennings.



HRH The Duke of Gloucester in the Princess Alice Garden with President Ann Wickham and gardener Noel Sheil.

Photograph: BOB COOPER

Further images of the Shop opening are on pages 6 and 7

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A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Seasonal Music and Readings
with
The Barts and The London Music Society
Conducted by Penny Homer
and
Actors Frank Barrie and Ursula Mohan
in
The Great Hall, St Bartholomew's Hospital
on
Tuesday 5 December 2017
7.00 for 7.30 pm

All proceeds go to help the Hospital's patients and staff

Tickets: £13 (BL students, OAPs & Guild volunteers £7)
To include a glass of wine and mince pie
(Children under 10 years free)

Obtainable from the Guild Shop, KGV Building, St Bartholomew's Hospital
or
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Did you know?

That a former Barts surgeon was for many years Board Chairman of the charity Mercy Ships?

Professor the Lord McColl CBE, who was a surgeon and Sub-Dean of the Medical College at Barts in the late 1960s, volunteered as a surgeon with the charity then spent 14 years as its Chairman until stepping down in 2015. He is now Emeritus Director.

The charity runs the world's largest civilian hospital ship offering free lifesaving surgeries for people where medical care is nearly non-existent; for this charitable work Lord McColl received the Great Scot Award 2001 and the Distinguished Maritime Award of the National Maritime Association, USA 2002.

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Guild benefits from RAG fundraising

The Guild was a beneficiary of this past academic year's Barts and The London Students' Association's (BSLA) RAG effort. As a result of the students' fundraising activities we received a very generous donation of more than £2,000 to support our work for the benefit of patients, staff and visitors.

RAG stands for 'Raise and Give' and is a yearly fundraising initiative by students at universities across the country. This year the BSLA team were led by medical student Tom Longbottom who said: "It has been a real pleasure to raise funds for the Guild and I have very much enjoyed learning more about the fantastic work the charity does".

The money was raised by a large variety of methods, ranging from students getting out on the streets of London and further afield with collection buckets, to sponsored events such as the annual Jailbreak, where students have to try and get as far away as possible with no money. This year some contestants reached Stockholm!

Many clubs and societies at BLSA also got involved in raising money for the Guild and other charities. The BL Drama society donated all profits from their production of 'Grease' and members of the Rugby club took part in 'Movember'.



*BL students shaking their buckets!
Photograph: TOM LONGBOTTOM*

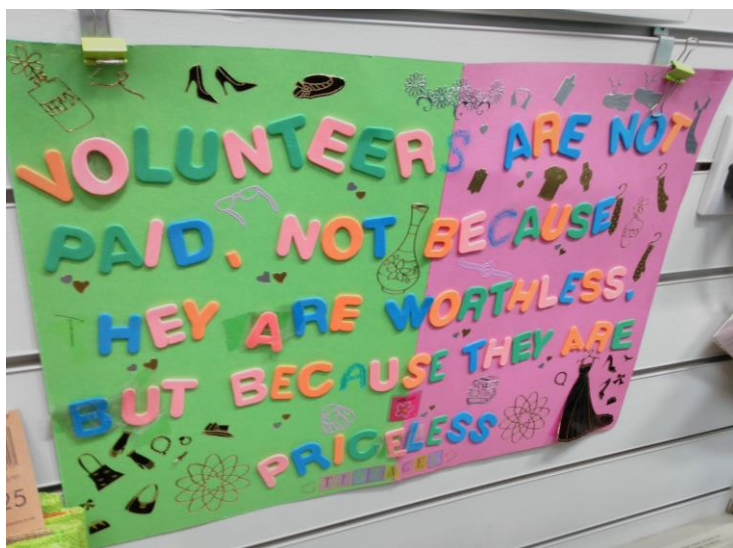
There were also some large events, including the Dance society's popular annual Dance and Fashion show, as well as the RAG Ball, hosted by the BL Netball club.

Our very grateful thanks to Tom, his team and all of the students, clubs and societies for their superb fundraising efforts. We hope that they had fun and, to judge from the picture, they did!

STOP PRESS!

The Guild is thrilled to learn that we have been chosen as a RAG beneficiary for the 2017-18 academic year as well. Thank you!

Never a truer word



I spotted this notice in a Cornwall Hospice Care shop in Tintagel.

It was put together by the manager from donated bits and pieces that hadn't sold.

Seeing it made my day.

Jan

Comings and Goings

Our new Hon Treasurer

We welcome to Keith Bottomley CC as our new Hon. Treasurer. Keith is a Chartered Banker and a communications professional with 20 years' City and business experience. His most recent business role was as Director of Communications for the de-merger of Williams & Glyn Bank from RBS.

A City of London Common Councilman, Keith is Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environment Committee, City of London Corporation. Currently he is also a trustee of: Central Foundation Schools of London, Housing for the Homeless Central Fund, Partnership for Young London, and a Governor of City of London Academy. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers.

New administrators

A warm welcome to our two new administrators, Sue Gilbert and Jacqueline Murphy. Both Sue and Jacqueline bring us an excellent set of skills and are currently being inducted into the workings of the Guild.

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## Keeping the books

We welcome Hilary Tarr who was elected as a Trustee at the AGM. Hilary will be undertaking bookkeeping duties for the Guild for which we are most grateful.

Find out more about Hilary in Volunteer Voice on page 10.

## Farewell to Christine

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Christine Ashby has announced her retirement after twelve years as our Shop Manager during which she has been a central figure of the Guild. We owe her a considerable debt for her management of the Shop and trolley service and our volunteers who work within them. She will be much missed.

Christine has been an expressive advocate for the Guild, encouraging donations of money and items to sell, advertising the Guild's service to patients, staff and visitors and helping to influence senior Barts Health staff by taking them with her on the trolley round. She has been steadfast in all this even at a time when she had a health concern.

But, above all, she has a heart made for charity and it shows in the service she's given generously to those who use the Shop and, even more, to the inpatients of Barts with whom she has such empathy and regard.



The Shop is not only a great helpmate of the Hospital and all those within it, it is the chief sustenance of the Guild's finance and organisational well-being.

Christine has safeguarded this for us and she retires at a time when the Shop services are flourishing in their new location and enjoying the spotlight of an attractive new refit, celebrated in our Patron's recent visit.

Turner Ashby, the "Knight of the Valley", was a Confederate cavalry leader of the American Civil War, heralded for his dash, enthusiasm and protectiveness towards his troops. Sound familiar? – There must be a familial connection somewhere! In the South they made a song about him and there will be many associated with this great Hospital, too, singing Christine's praises today and tomorrow. We wish her a long, enjoyable, interesting and rewarding retirement.

ANDREW PHILLIPS

## Farewell to Helen

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After three years' high-achieving service our Administrator, Helen Cooper, retired in June.

Helen agreed to work two days a week initially but worked far more hours than this paid

service by also freely volunteering her time.

Helen raised the bar of our administration with her commitment to proper outcomes and bridge-building with Hospital staff. She oversaw particularly well the move from Gloucester House to St Martin's Le Grand.

That so many events, occasions and procedures have gone so well in the last years is due in significant measure to Helen's organisation and conscientious willingness. An accomplished classical musician herself she masterminded, and played in, the terrific Spring Serenade Concert of 2015 which will remain a most enjoyable and memorable experience for all who attended.

ANDREW PHILLIPS

## Farewell to Tony

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Tony Dickenson officially retired as the Guild's Honorary Treasurer at the Guild's AGM on 23 October 2017.

Tony became Treasurer in April 2014 and during his time with the Guild

he has served on the Investments, Membership and Shop Committees.

He has instigated the much-improved Shop accounting data, enabling Christine to provide weekly reports on the Shop takings and he has paved the way for the operation of the Shop smart till. In addition to the preparation of the Guild's Management and Annual Accounts, Tony has meticulously attended to the Guild's bookkeeping and ensured the timely payment of invoices. Tony's ready humour has lightened many of his emails as well as entertaining us with his array of Accountant's jokes at last year's AGM. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his service during his time with the Guild.

PATRICK JENNINGS

## Richard Gordon

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Richard Gordon, author of the Doctor in the House books, died in August aged 95.

Readers may recall one of GS's popular 'Did you know?' series published in issue 8 of BGN which we feel is well worth repeating below:

"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."

The characters from Doctor in the House reached a wider audience when Dirk Bogarde played the young medical student Sparrow in the 1954 film version of the book. James Robertson Justice played Sir Lancelot Spratt. Donald Sinden and Kenneth More were also in the film – quite a cast!



## HRH The Duke of Gloucester visits Barts Guild



*The Duke is introduced to Prof. Chris Hudson, the Guild's first male Chairman.*



*All smiles as The Duke prepares to cut the ribbon to formally open the Guild Shop.*



*The Duke meets Guild Volunteers (L-R) Jill, Hilda, Frances and Janina.*



*Shop Manager Christine Ashby (L) and President Ann Wickham (R) with The Duke.*



*The Duke chatting with some of the Guild's Volunteers, including trustee Valeria Locatelli.*



*The Duke meeting long-standing Guild Volunteer and Editor-in-Chief Sue Boswell.*

*Photographs: BOB COOPER*



## HRH The Duke of Gloucester visits Barts Guild



*The Duke poses with Chairman Patrick Jennings  
President Ann Wickham in the Princess Alice Garden.*



*The Duke with Andrew Phillips, Wendy Mead,  
Patrick Jennings and Ann Wickham.*



*The Duke is presented with a photo of his mother,  
The Duchess of Gloucester, at Barts in 1950.*



*The Duke shares another joyful moment in the Shop  
with Patrick, Ann and Christine.*



*The Duke chatting with more of the Guild's  
Volunteers, including Naheed, Lorna and Steph.*



*The Duke with another group of Guild Volunteers,  
including Ian, Mandy and Rita.*

*Photographs: BOB COOPER*

## JOHN WICKHAM



Readers will be sorry to learn that our President's husband, John Wickham, a distinguished former Barts surgeon, has died after a long illness.

BGN received this sad news as this newsletter was about to go to print, and we send heartfelt condolences to Ann and her family.

An obituary and an appreciation of John's life will appear in the next edition of BGN. Meanwhile, we have decided to print the review of his book "An Open and Shut Case" which was written for this edition.

### An Open and Shut Case

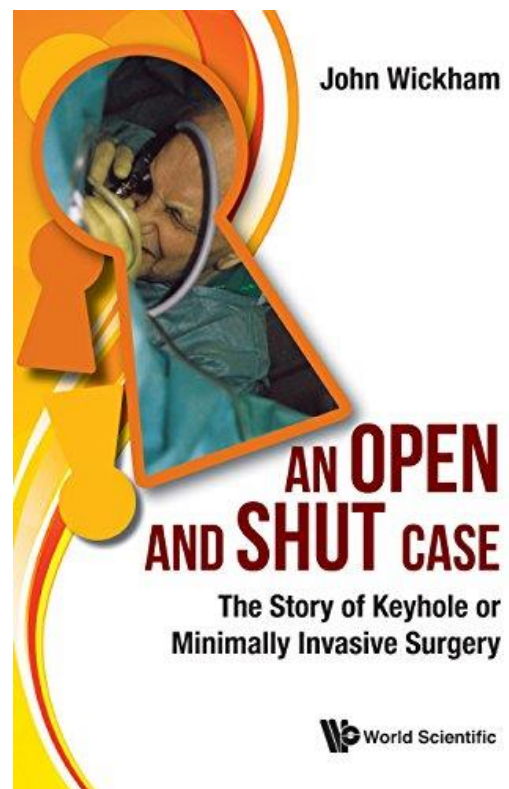
John Wickham, Barts first consultant urologist and the "godfather" of robotic surgery, reflects on his long career and his work on the development of minimally invasive (keyhole) surgery in his book 'An Open and Shut Case'.

The book charts the development of new surgical techniques and other treatments for kidney and other urological diseases, and John's own career as a pioneering surgeon, teacher and a shrewd observer of the National Health Service.

'An Open and Shut Case' will fascinate not only clinicians but any reader who enjoys biography and takes an intelligent interest in medical history. Helen Cooper has written a "lay woman's review" of the book.

Written with elegance, passion and infectious style this is an extraordinarily entertaining and accessible tale of high drama, seemingly insurmountable hurdles, not a little frustration and revolutionary vision. It was an enormous pleasure to accompany John on his personal journey to become a distinguished and inspirational leader in the fields of minimally invasive and robotic surgery.

We first encounter the author as a grammar school boy experiencing the thrills, spills and terror of life on the south coast during the war. He describes the preparations for D-Day, overhead dogfights and foraging for pieces of crashed aircraft to gleefully swap with his friends!



John's highly engaging and frank account of his years as a Barts medical student and junior doctor leads the reader to his fascinating reasons for electing to train as a surgeon, not physician, and to subsequently specialise in urological surgery.

His first research opportunity was as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Having witnessed as a trainee surgeon the precision and delicacy of neurological and



## An Open and Shut Case *cont.*

ophthalmic surgery he was determined to dedicate this precious time in the USA to reducing physical and mental trauma for patients undergoing urological procedures. His research formed the basis of his thesis for the degree of Master of Surgery.

In 1968 John returned to Barts as a newly appointed consultant and within two years undertook the formation of the new urology department. In the five years that it took to build the staffing structure many new initiatives were introduced: development of a timed outpatient appointment system, a streamlined process for discharging patients back to their GPs, hyper-specialised ward facilities and groundbreaking computerisation of the entire department.

John's extraordinary story then continues through several dramatic twists and turns as he pursues advanced research, progressing towards

the first keyhole surgery, which subsequently featured on the BBC's 'Your Life in Their Hands'. His relentless pursuit of innovation and invention in collaboration with his colleagues soon broke new ground in renal stone surgery, pioneering treatment by shock waves (Lithotripsy) and the development of the first autonomous surgical robot.

A thrilling read; John's warmth, humanity, modesty and wry humour shine brilliantly through every page.

HELEN COOPER

Visit our website to read John's article on 'An Open and Shut Case':  
[bartsguild.org.uk/minimal-invasive-surgery/](http://bartsguild.org.uk/minimal-invasive-surgery/)

'An Open and Shut Case' is published by World Scientific and is available from Amazon in hardback, paperback and Kindle formats.

## Barts Guild – the next generation

Last year the Guild decided to offer Barts and The London medical students free student membership. The scheme has proved a great success with 93 students signing up in the first year of operation.

On Wednesday 22 September the Guild took part in the 2017 Freshers' Fayre which was held in the Garrod Centre at the Royal London Hospital. Our team of recruiters led by Guild Trustee Dr Andrew Smith and Guild Membership Secretary Phil Moss signed up more than 100 new members.

The students were, understandably, interested in the Guild's financial support for students but they were also impressed by our system of grants to the wards. Students who had already spent time in the Hospital were unanimous in their praise for the trolley service because of the direct benefit it provides to patients. New members received a 25% discount voucher to be used against the purchase of a Barts Hospital



Dr Andrew Smith and Phil Moss set out our stall.  
Photograph: WILLIAM ATKINS

sweatshirt – a Guild Shop best seller which has become a firm favourite with staff and students.

Dr Smith and Phil were supported by a team of student members and our thanks are due to William Atkins, Tom Longbottom, Emma Norris and Nina Younsi for giving their time and enthusiasm to help us recruit new members.

## Volunteer Voice: Hilary Tarr

This time last year I had no thoughts about volunteering with Barts Guild or anywhere else; I was employed by my local authority and was weighing up whether to be part of the impending 'spin out' of education services which would involve carrying on with ever-decreasing resources. I decided it was time to retire instead, and a colleague then remarked "I can see you as a volunteer somewhere".



I encountered the Guild earlier this year, and after several discussions I was delighted to be invited to help with different initiatives, commencing with the production of the Annual Report for 2016-17. Now that this exercise is complete, I am due to start bookkeeping for the Guild in the near future.

I am fortunate to have had a varied career, every element of which has re-emerged as useful at a later stage.

I started my working life in Geneva in the (then) tiny headquarters of the International Baccalaureate; this was an ideal background for employment, back in Britain, in administering professional exams for valuers and auctioneers several years later.

I have trained as a teacher and taught in two girls' grammar schools, and I worked as volunteer Church Administrator around the time that my youngest child started school, before returning to paid employment.

A complete change came when I joined Mazars LLP who were looking for a PA who could speak French. There I became immersed in the world of accounting, especially in connection with charities which formed a significant proportion of clients. I learned a considerable amount of IT at the same time. Eventually I moved on to my local authority, where latterly I was responsible for the procedures for the LA's monitoring of the

provision of elective home education, as part of its inclusion strategy.

I am grateful to the kind people I have met in the Guild for making me so welcome. I look forward to an on-going partnership with fellow volunteers and hope to continue to contribute to the Guild's work for the foreseeable future.

During other moments in my life I enjoy regular long walks, I love to climb mountains especially in

wild and beautiful parts of NW Scotland, I am interested in anything to do with landforms and geology; we have rock specimens all over the house.

I like to sing in a local choir and we have just performed Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'. My quirkiest interest is a fascination with dismantled and disused railways. This is of course transport archaeology, not 'anorak'!

### Did you know?

That Robert Bridges (1844-1930), the Poet Laureate 1913-1930 and author of 'The Testament of Beauty', was a Barts-trained doctor? He qualified in 1874, and worked as a Casualty Physician at Barts, publishing amongst various medical papers a critical account of the Casualty Department (1878) and his Latin poem 'Carmen elegiacum' (1876) describing some of his colleagues there.

He practised until 1881 and then devoted himself to writing – among those who set his poems to music were Parry, Holst and Finzi. Having met Gerard Manley Hopkins at Oxford he arranged for the posthumous publication of the latter's poems in 1918. Later he became a founder member of the Society for Pure English.

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## Time to Celebrate!

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We all know that autumn has arrived when charity gift catalogues start to thump through the letterbox and shops clear their stocks of garden furniture and swimwear to make room for Christmas gifts and decorations. Love it or loathe it we can't help but be aware that the run-up to Christmas has begun. Guild members know, however, that Christmas truly begins with our traditional seasonal entertainment A Celebration of Christmas.

This year's concert will feature the traditional mix of music and readings with plenty of opportunity for audience members to join in with lusty renderings of favourite carols.

Music will again be provided by the Barts and The London Music Society and we welcome back actors Frank Barrie and Ursula Mohan to perform their choice of seasonal readings.

Our good friends Saunderson House Ltd have kindly agreed to sponsor this year's concert and their generosity will ensure that the evening will raise funds to further the Guild's work for Barts patients, visitors and staff.

Join in the celebration on Tuesday 5 December at 7.00 for 7.30 in the Great Hall.



*Last year's concert. Photograph: BOB COOPER*

Tickets at £13 (£7 for BL students, OAPs and Guild Volunteers) are on sale in the Guild shop. As always the ticket price includes a glass of wine and a mince pie.

Tickets can also be ordered by post. Please make your cheque payable to 'Barts Guild' and post to Jenny Jeyarajah, Barts Guild, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, EC1A 7BE. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your order.

You can also buy your tickets online using a credit/debit card on our website.  
**[bartsguild.org.uk/product-category/tickets/](http://bartsguild.org.uk/product-category/tickets/)**

## Stocking up for Christmas

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There's no better place to start your Christmas shopping than the Barts Guild Shop.

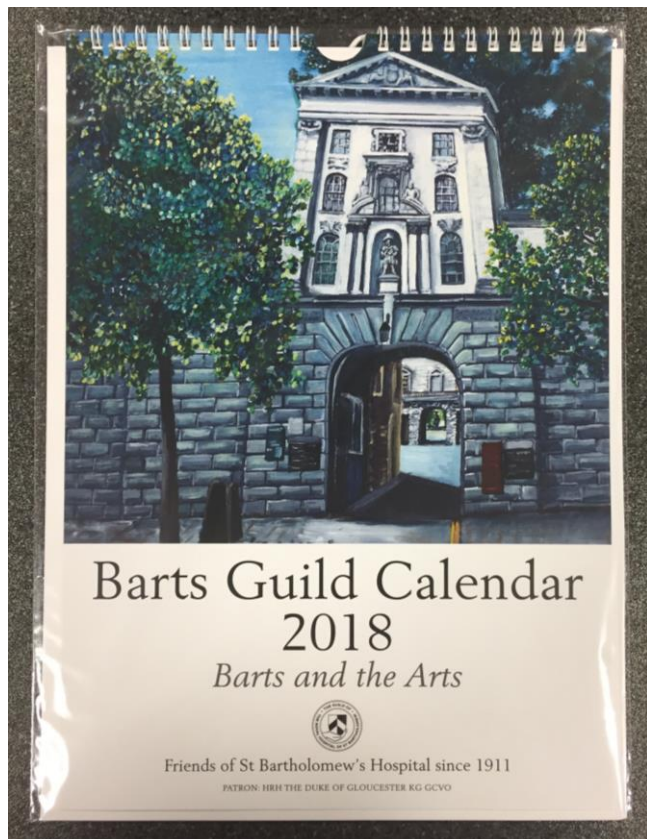
Our new and exclusive range of toiletries should fill out a stocking nicely and there's a splendid selection of souvenirs and publications to tempt you to a little seasonal extravagance – especially since all profits will contribute to the Guild's work for Barts.

One of the many features of the Guild's new website is an online shop so you can do your shopping with the click of a mouse.

Orders are made up by our volunteers and it can take up to five days from receipt of your payment before your order can be dispatched – a very good reason to Guild Shop early for Christmas.

**[bartsguild.org.uk/souvenir-store/](http://bartsguild.org.uk/souvenir-store/)**

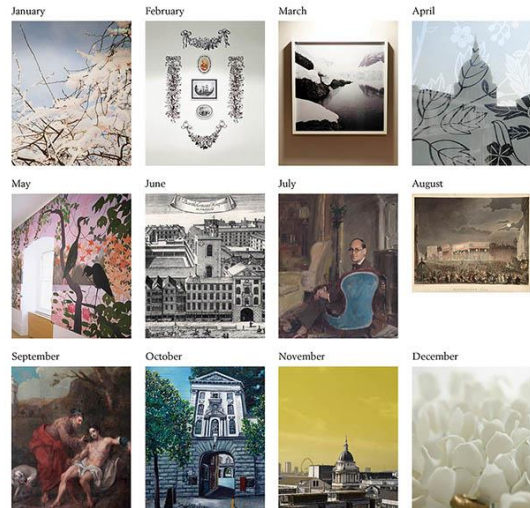
## Barts Guild Calendar 2018



### Barts and the Arts Calendar 2018

Seasonal quotations are from Shakespeare

Like all Londoners of his time, William Shakespeare (1564-1616) would have known Barts Hospital as an established landmark, part of his city's medieval heritage. The first official physician to be appointed to Barts, the ill-fated Dr Rodrigo Lopez, who disastrously lost Queen Elizabeth I's favour and was executed, is said to have inspired the character of Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*.



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A positive and uplifting hospital environment is proven to be beneficial to both patients and staff. The calendar highlights the work of Barts Health Trust and Vital Arts who have created a truly world-class Hospital environment that is both modern and visually uplifting. Barts archivist, Kate Jarman, has provided many memorable images to illustrate the long tradition of high-quality art at Barts which is celebrated in the calendar.

The 2018 calendar is available from the Guild shop or online at £6 per copy.

**[bartsguild.org.uk/product/guild-calendar-2018/](http://bartsguild.org.uk/product/guild-calendar-2018/)**



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Tuesday 5 December

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

The Great Hall at Barts, 7 for 7.30pm

Tickets on sale now!

#### Thursday 7 December

VOLUNTEERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Watch out for your invitation!

#### Thursday 25 October 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Great Hall at Barts

Save the date!