



Barts Guild News

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Celebrating our volunteers



L-R Mandy, Helen and Gilly with their trophies

Photographs: Bob Cooper

The deferred 2021 Volunteer Christmas party morphed into an Easter celebration. On 13 April 2022 volunteers and Management Committee members gathered in the Lord Raglan pub to enjoy drinks, a plentiful buffet and a good catch up with colleagues. The Easter Bunny (aka our Hon. Sec. Judith Pleasance) had helped with

preparations and there were chocolate treats for all. The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Guild Chairman Chris Hayward of richly deserved awards. Elegant trophies were received by Mandy Handley, Helen Wilding and Gilly Braithwaite.

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Celebrating our volunteers cont.

This trio of volunteers not only enabled Andy Haddon to keep the Guild Shop open during the pandemic, but also volunteered to triage arrivals at the Hospital. Jackie Sanderson was presented with a Certificate of Acknowledgement for her longstanding loyalty and support of the Guild. All four were given a standing ovation.

All of our volunteers are very special people exemplifying the Guild's ideals of service and kindness to the hospital community.

Here's to the next Christmas party which we hope will be at Christmas time this year.



Jackie receives her certificate from Chris Hayward



Richly deserved standing ovation



Jan and Ros



Danny and Steve



Chris, Jenny and Arjun



Ros and Danny

Celebrating our volunteers cont.



Danny and Gilly



Jackie and Mandy



Neil



Guild President Ann Wickham



Chris, Judith and Lesley

Fancy becoming a Guild volunteer?

If you've got some spare time and would like to contribute to the community of St Bartholomew's Hospital by joining the Guild's band of volunteers, then check out our website for more details. We'd love to hear from you!

www.bartsguild.org.uk/volunteering-with-the-guild

Our new tradition



Walkers assemble for last year's inaugural Founders' Day Walk, and (below) on the Walk itself
Photographs: Bob Cooper

The first week of June will be an exciting time. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 4-day celebrations begin on Thursday 2 June, and on that day we'll be celebrating the founding of the Guild once again with a walk from Milicent Moore's home in Gloucester Place to the inaugural meeting in Harley Street.

Ian McDowell will lead the walk and give fascinating insights into places of interest that we pass along the way.

Help the Guild celebrate another year delivering help to Barts patients and their families, staff, visitors and students by joining in. The walk isn't long or arduous but if you wish to find sponsors please do!

We will meet outside Boots at Baker Street Station at 11am and the walk will end with another fine Guild tradition – a sociable pub lunch.



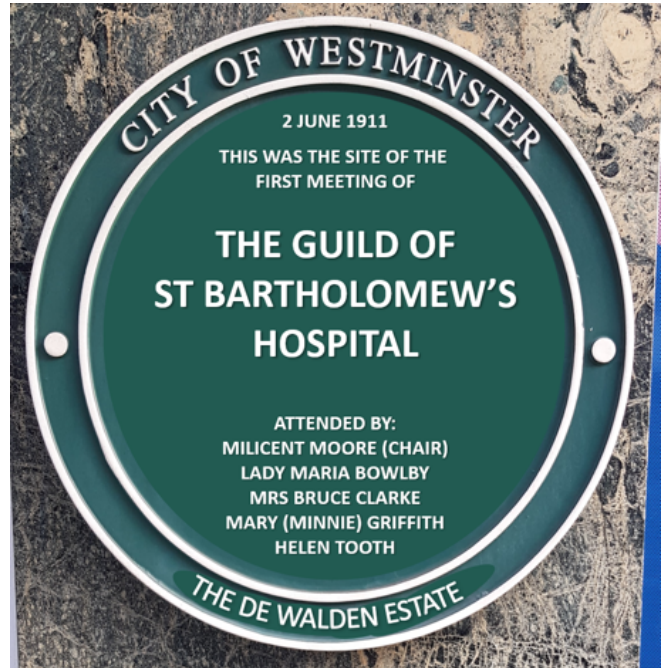
Progress on plaques

Blue Plaque at 84 Gloucester Place for Milicent Moore

After further consultation with English Heritage and with a local Blue Badge Guide who advises clients on the suitability of applications for Blue Plaques in Westminster and elsewhere, I have concluded that whilst the property at 84 Gloucester Place remains unoccupied and in serious need of renovation there is no possibility of obtaining approval from English Heritage to mount a Blue Plaque.

That is independent of the merits of Milicent Moore as a recipient; over which there are still some significant outstanding issues.

Whilst I believe that with a concerted effort from the Guild and the Moore Family, we could overcome those issues, in time, the state of the building means we need to “keep our powder dry” and await developments on the site.



A mock-up of the proposed plaque for the site of 34 Harley Street

Image: Neil Ritson

Green Plaque at the Site of 34 Harley Street for the Founding of the Guild

Here we are making slow and steady progress.

The site of 34 Harley Street where the Guild's first meeting was held on 2 June 1911 is now part of a block of flats owned by the Howard De Walden Estate.

After discussions with Nickie Aiken MP an outline proposal has been prepared and it is in regard to that that the Guild would need to fund the cost of the plaque - currently £3,500. Nickie has indicated that she will assist in getting the proposal through the Council.

Two pre-requisites for the application are that we can confirm funding of the fee (£3,500). This has now been approved by the Guild Management Committee.

And secondly that we have written to the owner of the property seeking approval (even if not yet granted) which I have recently done.

I was going to wait for a response from the De Walden Estate, but may now simply file with Westminster Council as soon as the May local elections are over.

I have continued to keep Nickie Aiken informed and whilst she will step down as a Councillor in May her continued support as the MP will I hope have just as much, if not more, sway.

My aim is to have the plaque installed in time for Founders' Day on 2 June 2023.

NEIL RITSON

Can you spot the difference?



Photograph: Dean Gunn

Of course you can!

The colours of the Guild shield were reversed and the text was not quite correct on the original. Happily, this has now been put to rights on a new plaque, beautifully engraved by Dean Gunn and proudly displayed here by Guild President, Ann Wickham.

Princess Alice Garden

The Princess Alice Garden provides a relaxing respite from the busy hospital and the City and is enjoyed by staff, patients and visitors alike. The garden is located next to the Henry VIII Gate on West Smithfield and adjacent to the Maggie's Centre.



A new normal Christmas



*A reminder of Christmas past, the concert is now poised to return
Photographs: Bob Cooper*

Readers will be delighted to know that Christmas 2022 will be ushered in with the Guild's traditional Celebration of Christmas in the Great Hall on Tuesday 6 December, 7 for a 7.30pm start.

The Barts and The London Music Society will entertain us with a delicious mixture of music and lead us in singing traditional carols. Readings will be given by the Guild All Stars - a talented group of Guild members whose identities will be revealed on the night of the performance.

Tickets will be available in the Guild Shop from mid-October and on sale at the AGM so put the date in your diary and welcome Christmas back.



Speech and Language Therapy: What Do We Do?

Guild grant recipient Emma Power, pictured here with Guild President Ann Wickham, gives an insight into the world of a Speech and Language Therapist and how a specialist course enabled her to acquire additional skills to improve patient care.

Speech and language therapy is a relatively young profession, with its profession body only established in the UK in 1945. Brought to fame by Lionel Logue's work with King George VI, speech and language therapy has grown and developed into many different areas and specialties over the years. Typically, one might think of a speech and language therapist (SLT) as a professional who works solely with stammers, language delays in children, or communication changes following stroke in adults. While there are SLTs dedicated to these domains, there is a wide variety of other areas that SLTs specialise in too.

SLTs might work with anyone ranging from a new-born to those in their final days, addressing any of the following: speech, understanding, reading, writing, voice, feeding and swallowing. It may be surprising to learn that there is a (growing) speech and language therapy team based at St Bartholomew's Hospital; a tertiary centre that specialises in cardiothoracic surgery and oncology treatment. For example, we have a dedicated team of SLTs for those undergoing treatment of head and neck cancer, in which SLTs support with management of changes to voice and/or swallow as a consequence of radiotherapy (RT) side effects.

On the intensive care unit (ICU), SLTs often work with people who have artificial airways (eg. a tracheostomy*): this can involve upper airway assessment, swallow rehabilitation, and communication assessment. A person is unable to access their voice when an artificial airway is in place; and it is the SLT's role to assess and attempt to maximise other means of communication for a patient during this time, eg. provision of a bespoke communication chart, or suitability to use a 'speaking' valve.



Photograph: Neil Ritson

A large proportion of the patients that SLTs see in an acute setting have dysphagia (swallowing difficulties); this can arise from general weakness acquired during admission, be due to neurological complications such as stroke or a progressive disease, or be a complication of surgery. The presence of dysphagia can result in profound and far-reaching implications for a patient, the quality of their admission, and the quality of life after hospital. For example, if food or drink enters the lungs as a result of a swallowing difficulty, this might lead to a chest infection, medical complications and an extended admission. Therefore, early identification and management of dysphagia is paramount.

At St. Bartholomew's Hospital, we are also fortunate to have access to two means of objective swallow assessment, which SLTs can complete to inform differential diagnosis and rehabilitation: Fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallow (FEES: a tiny camera through the nose to look at a person's throat while swallowing), and videofluoroscopy assessment of swallow (VFS: a video x-ray of someone eating and drinking).

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*A tracheostomy is an opening created at the front of the neck so a tube can be inserted into the windpipe (trachea) to help you breathe [definition taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/tracheostomy/> on 23/03/2022 at 11:00]

Speech and Language Therapy: What Do We Do? cont.

In order to upskill my management of dysphagia, I completed a two-day training course about dysphagia assessment, the latest research around swallow rehabilitation and the use of VFS to objectively guide dysphagia management. I was very fortunate that Barts Guild saw the benefit of completing this course for improving patient care, and they provided me with a grant that afforded me a place on this course. It was hosted by the internationally renowned speech and language therapist, Dr Maggie Lee Huckabee, who has a long-ranging career in dysphagia research and treatment. Over the two days, attendees joined from all corners of the world to refresh knowledge about the neurophysiology of swallow, critically appraise the latest research relating to swallow diagnosis and rehabilitation, and to share case studies demonstrating current local practice.

As a result of my attendance on this course, I have had increased sensitivity to identifying those who require instrumental assessment, I have been able to re-enforce the theory I have learnt when completing VFS and have been more confident about prescribing targeted swallow rehabilitation programmes.

This has all contributed to improved safety and quality of life for our patients; for example, one patient reported that “it [establishing him eating and drinking] has transformed the quality of my admission”.

I am very grateful to Barts Guild for affording me this opportunity of continuous professional development. It is heartening to know that they continuously encourage staff to apply for support with funding for such a wide variety of developments to maintain an environment in which clinical excellence can flourish. They recently hosted an evening in which previous grant recipients were invited to share about what Barts Guild had supported them to accomplish. It was a privilege to mingle with such a great bunch of individuals and inspiring to hear about all the different work being done within the trust.

I hope readers have enjoyed a brief insight into the role of speech and language therapists at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital. We are always happy to hear from others, and would welcome anyone getting in touch to learn more about our team and the work we do.

EMMA POWER

*Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
St Bartholomew’s Hospital*

Barts Guild Grants

We award thousands of pounds each year in grants to improve the care provided to patients at St Bartholomew’s Hospital, including funding the purchase of additional equipment and contributing to staff development.

And in recent years we’ve provided grants to students at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry for their Elective Placements.

If you work at Barts and think we can help your department, then we’d love to hear from you.

www.bartsguild.org.uk/grants

The Lord Mayor's Show 2021

The Lord Mayor's Show returned last November.

Huge crowds flocked to welcome the new Lord Mayor and enjoy this glorious piece of pageantry. Guild members, volunteers, supporters and Management Committee members turned out in force to march the five-mile route through the City and, as always, were cheered enthusiastically by spectators.

Our late friend and colleague Lorna Glace always walked in the Lord Mayor's Show and last year her family joined us to carry the Guild's banner. We were also joined by Alfie Kingsnorth and his charming dog Tilly (right) whose ambition is to become a Support Dog for patients.

Enjoy the pictures below and put a date in your diary for this year's Show on 12 November 2022.

Photographs collated by Alfie Kingsnorth



The Lord Mayor's Show 2021



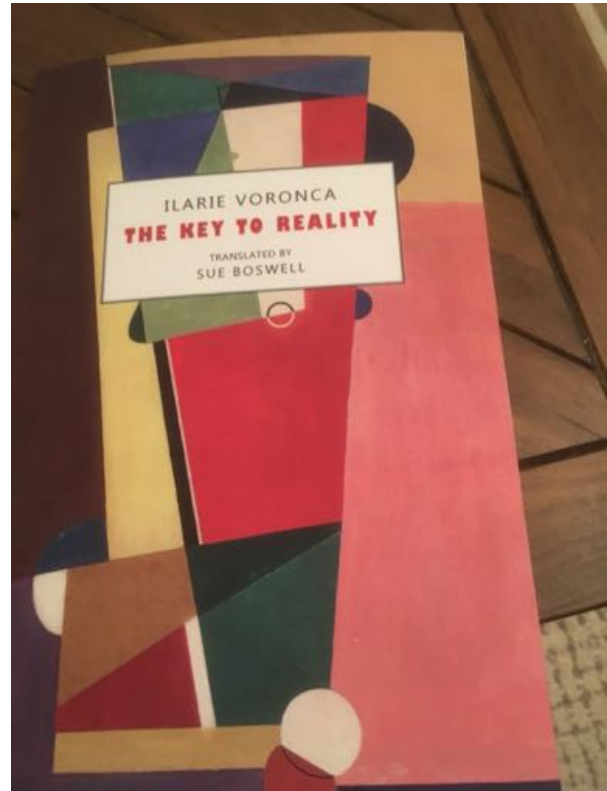
Two more from Sue

Sue Boswell, former Guild Hon Secretary, has had several translations from French published recently.

The latest, to appear in March 2022, is 'The Key to Reality' by 'Ilarie Voronca', the pen name of Eduard Marcus (1903-1946), one of the greatest avant-garde writers of his time.

A Jewish Romanian by birth, he published numerous texts in his home country before permanently establishing himself in France, where he produced volumes of poetry and prose in French.

Originally published in 1944, this is one of the great surrealist short story collections, featuring fifteen pieces of prose, including a selection of dream-like 'notes'.

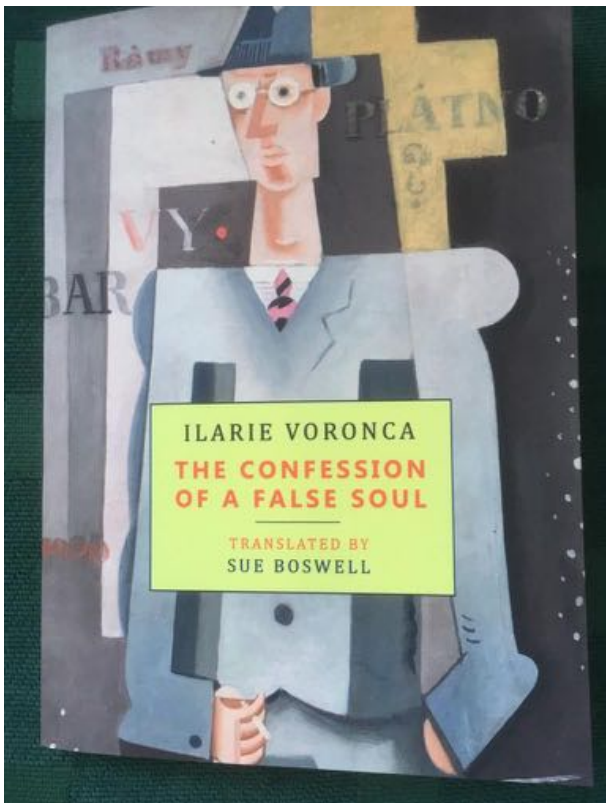


It follows the publication in May 2021 of Sue's translation of 'The Confession of a False Soul', also by Voronca, one of his most brilliant works of fiction.

Telling the story of a young man who has a specialist replace his damaged soul with that of a soldier who has died in the war, this short surreal novel, at once haunting and beautiful, carries with a powerful charm normally restricted to dreams, according to the book's publisher, Snuggly Books.

Sue also collaborated with her husband, Colin Boswell, in the translation of Gustav Kahn's 'The Mad King' which was published in July 2021.

www.snugglybooks.co.uk



Welcome to the new Hospitaller

The Reverend Evan McWilliams studied to be an architectural historian in the United States and received a PhD in History of Art from the University of York in 2016.

Having discerned a call to priesthood during his time in York, he moved to Durham and trained for the priesthood at Cranmer Hall.

The compassionate work of chaplaincy has been important to Evan ever since he spent a year as a volunteer mental health chaplain at St Pancras Hospital.

In his spare time Evan enjoys socialising, reading history and biography, and exploring new places.



Did you know?

That when an IRA bomb exploded at the Old Bailey on 8 March 1973 the porters at Barts, who were on strike that day, quickly rallied round and returned to work to help cope with the 160 casualties arriving at the Hospital?

Sadly, this was not the only connection between Barts and IRA bombs.

On 23 October 1975 the eminent oncologist Professor Gordon Hamilton Fairley, who had qualified at Barts in 1954, later becoming the Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Unit at the Hospital, was killed by an IRA bomb intended for someone else, the Conservative MP Sir Hugh Fraser.

Subsequently, the Professor Gordon Hamilton Fairley Memorial Fund, raised in his honour, donated £135,000 to Barts.

A ward at the Hospital was named after him and he is also commemorated by a memorial in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral.

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Did you know?

That HRH The Duke of Edinburgh took over as President of the Guinea Pig Club upon the death in 1960 of its founder and Life President, the renowned Barts surgeon Sir Archibald McIndoe?

McIndoe's pioneering work in plastic surgery for severely burned aircrew during World War II made a unique contribution to the war effort; some 649 airmen he saved with reconstructive surgery went on to form the Guinea Pig Club which met regularly until 2007.

McIndoe was the cousin of another pioneering Barts plastic surgeon, Sir Harold Gillies, who reconstructed badly mutilated faces of men wounded in WWI.

Richard E Grant plays McIndoe 'risking his life and career to save injured British pilots during WWII' in a forthcoming film about the Club.

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Lady Eleanor's distinguished friends - part two

Lady Eleanor Sandhurst's life and involvement in the Guild have been chronicled in BGN Issues 17 and 18, when we also met the first of her distinguished friends, Kathleen Scott. Guild President Ann Wickham concludes her biography of Lady Sandhurst by introducing us to three more distinguished friends.

Major General John Hay Beith CBE MC

John Hay Beith (1876-1952) was a very popular speaker at the Guild AGMs as his talks were always enlivened by a wry sense of humour. At one meeting he compared the Guild to the small hospitals he had visited in the Empire: "the spirit of unselfishness, goodwill and devotion permeated both". At a subsequent meeting he compared the organisation of the hospital and the Guild to the army: "general-ship and organisation were essential to an army and the same qualities were necessary in running a huge hospital". He was a schoolmaster and a soldier, but he is best remembered as a novelist, playwright, essayist and historian who wrote under the pen name Ian Hay.

During World War I he served as a soldier in France. His account of army life "The First Hundred Thousand" (Kitchener's Army) was a best seller. There were multiple editions, and it was published in Britain, the USA and France.

After the war he continued to write novels and plays including "Half-a-Sovereign" (1926) and "The Shallow End" (1924). His playwriting career was more successful, and he had plays produced in the West End, eleven of which were written in collaboration with other authors including P.G. Wodehouse, Edgar Wallace, AEW Mason and Guy Bolton and Seymour Hicks.

He also became interested in cinema production and co-wrote several screen plays including "The 39 Steps" and "Tommy Atkins". In all Beith's work featured in 25 films between 1921 and 1940.



Ian Hay Beith

He wrote 36 novels as well as non-fiction about school and military life. Beith's prose was praised by The Times for its "lightness and deftness". He popularised the phrase "Nothing to write home about" and from "The First Hundred Thousands" "War is hell and all that but it had a good deal to recommend it. It wipes out all the small nuisances of peacetime".

He died in a nursing home in Liss near Petersfield in Hampshire in 1952. His wife outlived him and there were no children. He is buried in Brookwood Cemetery.

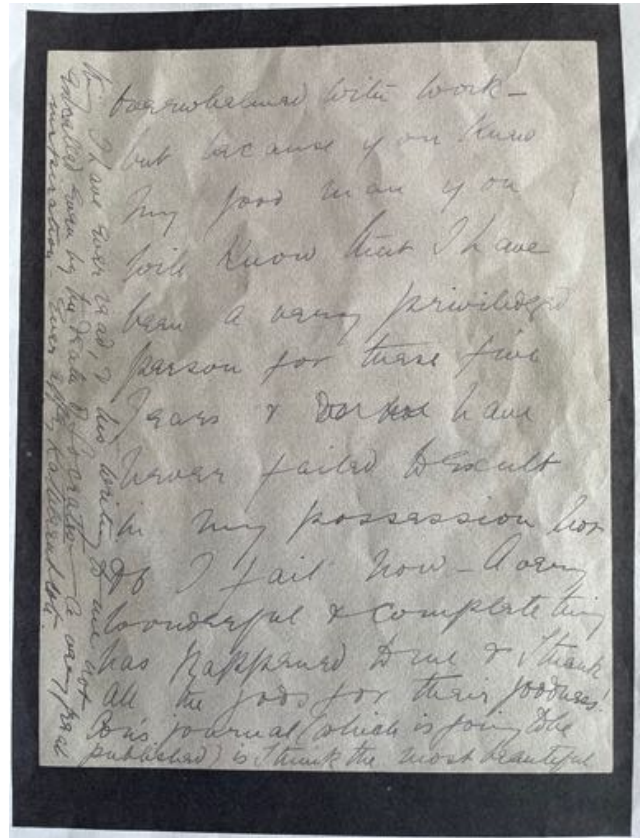
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Catherine Taylor

Catherine Taylor was an American nurse who arrived in England in 1917 and returned to America in 1918. There is a collection of 49 letters from Lady Eleanor Sandhurst to Miss Catherine Taylor from 1917-1933 and are on file in Waterloo University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Catherine Taylor (1874-1967) trained as a nurse in St Luke's Hospital, New York where she became head nurse in the private patients Pavilion. In 1917 she went to England and was given charge of a hospital in Shipston-on-Stour for the British Red Cross. She assisted in opening a hospital in Liverpool for the American Army and converted a mansion in London into a showplace hospital for the American Navy. On her return to the States, she was involved in combating an influenza epidemic, she initiated a public health programme in New Mexico and she also organised summer camps for under privileged children. In 1951 she moved to Ontario, California and died in 1967 in Barrier, Ontario (Canada).



Letter sent by Catherine Taylor to Lady Eleanor Sandhurst

The letters from Lady Eleanor Sandhurst to Catherine are very warm and full of kindnesses and compassion. Catherine was very ill when she arrived in England and spent the first two months recuperating in various hospitals including the Florence Nightingale Hospital in Marylebone Road. Catherine often stayed in The American Red Cross Club in Grosvenor Place but frequently changed her address. She also met many influential people through the Sandhursts.

Some quotes from the letters from Lady Eleanor Sandhurst to Catherine Taylor:

July 18th 1917

60 Eaton Square

A bomb dropped in the road just after we got in. Everyone was sent down to the tubes and the lifts and the station was cleared. The servants had gone in with the luggage and they were all tired out too. Everyone behaved very calmly.

July 25th 1917

60 Eaton Square

That dreadful raid at Euston as we reached there, and saw the whole wonderful sight of 3 aeroplanes in battle formation it was quite wonderfully beautiful and so awful too.

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Lady Eleanor's distinguished friends - part two cont.

Catherine Taylor cont.

July 30th 1917

60 Eaton Square

It was touching to see the soldier's pick up the dirty little children and carrying them and comforting them. Then an old woman was found, under my care, by her distracted daughter who had lost her children. She was only half dressed and in a dreadful state of collapse, so I revived her by buttoning her boots, poor old thing.

October 10th 1917

Barley End, Tring

Our house in Eaton Square was hit in that last morning raid. A bomb fell from just around the corner of our house. Every single window at the back has been shattered. My maid's room and the kitchen maid's room were wrecked and of course the smell of soot and filth everywhere, and everywhere was pierced with glass. We are indeed fortunate to have a house. There are 40 homeless families in our own Parish. We heard the firing very plainly. If anyone had been in the house, someone must have been killed.

In 1918 Catherine Taylor returned to the States.

Lady Eleanor talks of her loneliness and depression. Her brother-in-law who had lived with her after her husband's death in 1921 had died and her sister, Lucy, who lived in America had had three strokes and wanted to return home to England.

And "I have been laid up with a poisoned toe and very bad circulation so we are all rather in a bad way and none of us can afford to do much". Then she writes about the changes to Park Lane:

I remember dear old Sir Thomas of Park Lane Hospital and that has gone, pulled down and monstrous flats raised up. You would hardly know Park Lane with its enormous hotels and buildings where the lovely old houses were. Dorchester House and Grosvenor House are now hotels.

How I would love to see you again with such remembrance and my love and the truest good wishes.

Yours so sincerely

Eleanor Sandhurst

This was her last letter.

The letters were always addressed to "Dear Miss Taylor" and signed Eleanor Sandhurst.

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Two of the letters that Lady Eleanor sent to Catherine Taylor are shown on pages eighteen and nineteen.

Lady Eleanor's distinguished friends - part two cont.

Bishop Luke Paget

Bishop Luke Paget (1853-1937) was the son of Sir James Paget (1814-1899) the eminent Barts Surgeon and pathologist. Bishop Paget was educated at Shrewsbury and Christ Church, Oxford. Ordained in 1877, he later became Suffragan (assistant) Bishop of Ipswich in 1906 and Bishop of Stepney in 1909 and in 1919 he translated to be Bishop of Chester, returning in 1932.

Bishop Paget and his wife Elma, nee Hoare, were strong supporters of the Barts Guild and he frequently spoke at AGMs, often recalling his visits to the wards with his father. His sister, Mary Paget, also spoke at Guild meetings and was a member of the Guild.

Elma Paget joined the Guild in 1932 and was a member of the then Council from 1935 and the Executive Committee until her death in 1958. She and her husband lived in Cloth Fair and their home was a frequent rendezvous for members of the Guild who enjoyed the warmth of her hospitality. In the Annual Report for 1958 the Chairman, Mrs Franklin wrote: "The light which shone from her burned brightly to the last and as a joy and an inspiration to her host of friends". Mrs Paget wrote a biography of her husband.

The Pagets had a son, Paul Edward Paget CVO, FRBA, FSA (1901-1985) who, with his partner John Seeley, later Lord Mottistone, were responsible for the restoration of many war damaged churches after World War II. In 1963 he was appointed surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral and later in 1971 he was Master of the Art Workers Guild.



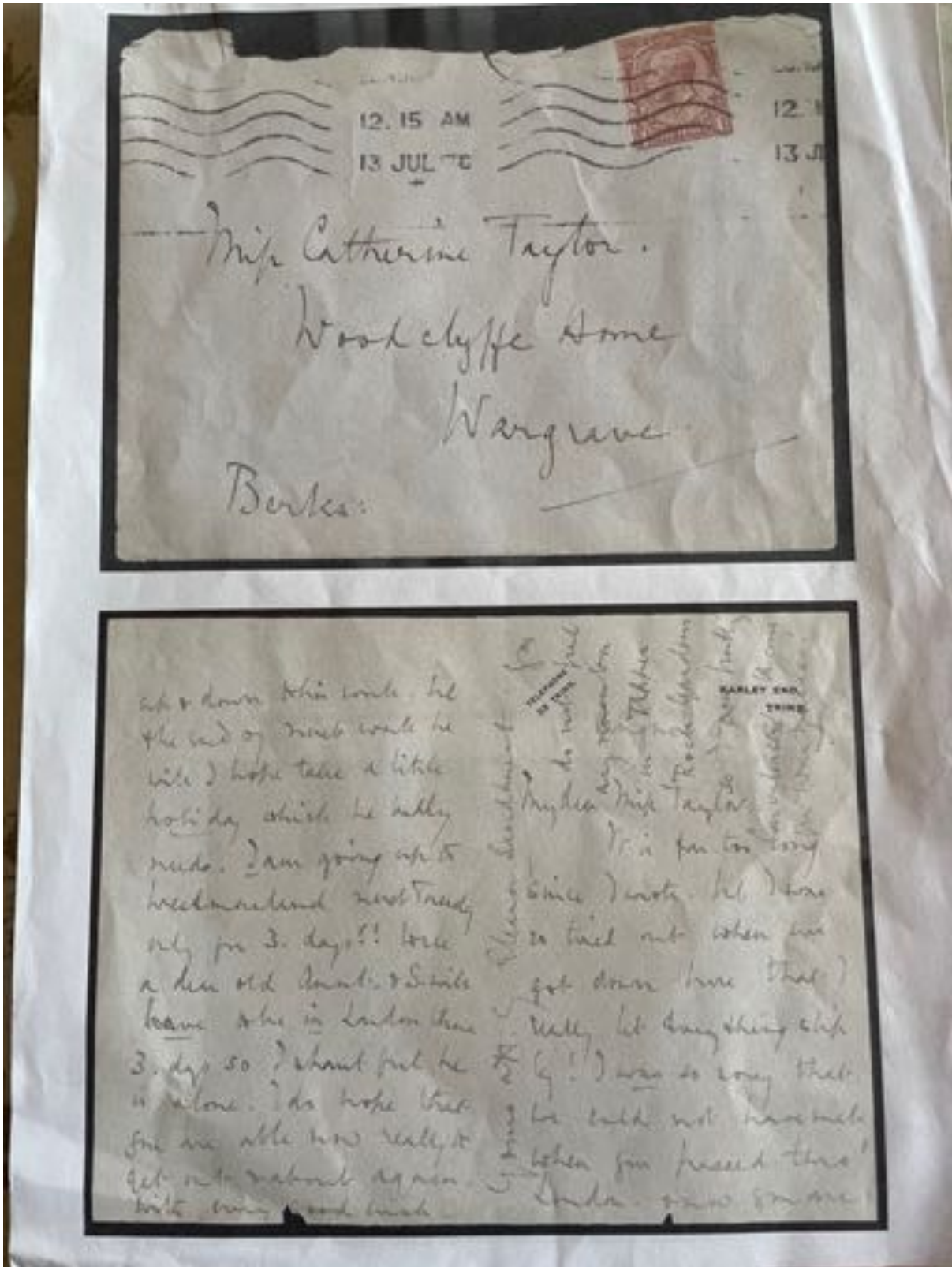
In 1971 aged 70, he married Verity Anderson, a widow with two children and he retired with his new family to live in a house which he had designed for his uncle Samuel Hoare, Viscount Templewood, his mother's brother.

The house was called Templewood, and was situated in Frogshall, Northrepps, Norfolk. Frogshall was his home with his family until he died in 1985.

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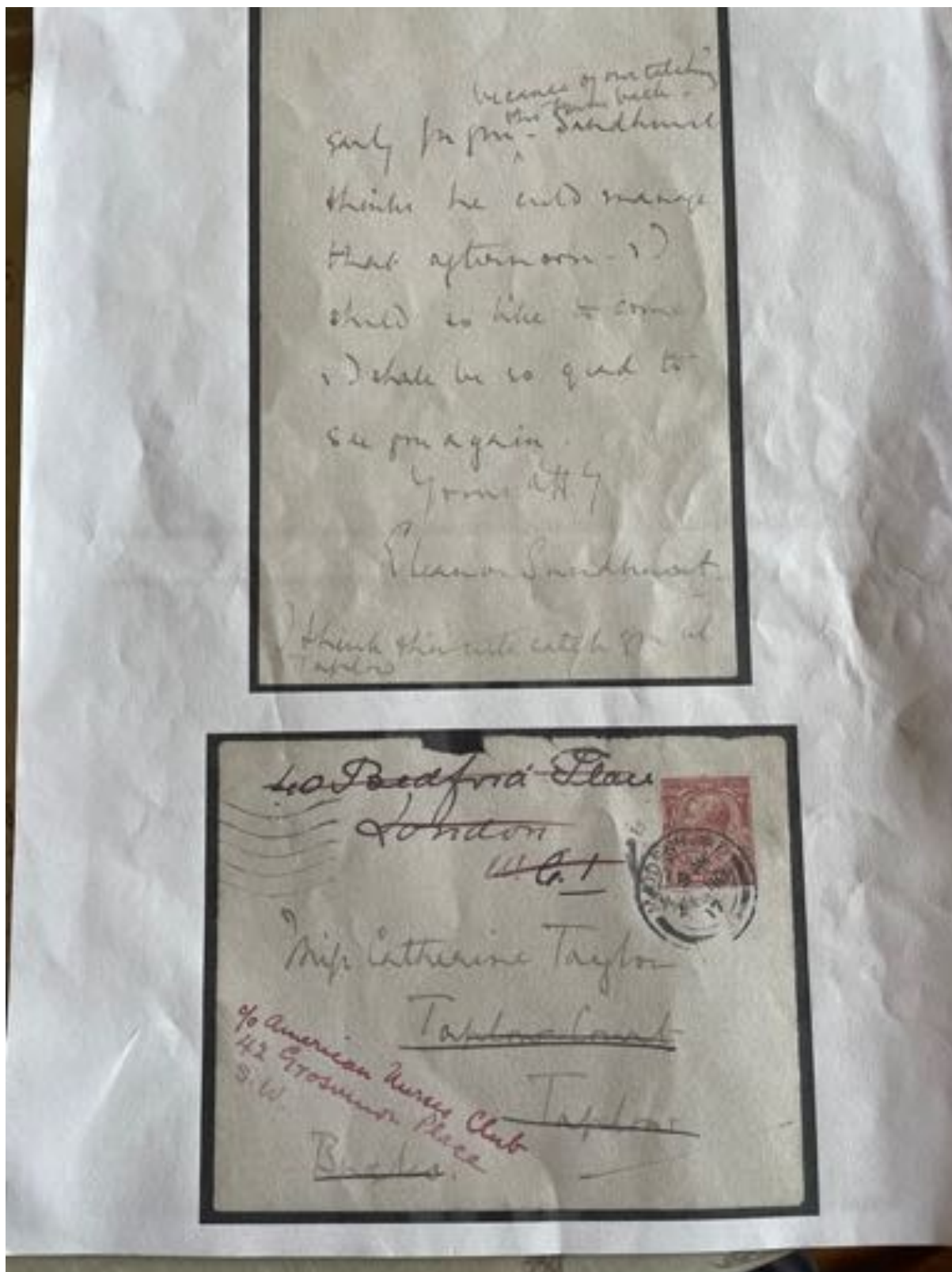


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Letter sent by Lady Eleanor Sandhurst to Catherine Taylor

Lady Eleanor's distinguished friends - part two cont.



Letter sent by Lady Eleanor Sandhurst to Catherine Taylor

Barts View Day 2022

Wednesday 11 May, 12pm - 4pm
The Square, St Bartholomew's Hospital

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19, the annual View Day is back, featuring stalls, live music and entertainment.

View Day has been an important part of the Hospital's calendar for nearly 500 years and it's great to see the event return to The Square.

Visitors will be able to learn of Barts' achievements during the pandemic, discover what's happening across the Hospital's campus, and find out more about the plans for the 900th anniversary celebrations of Barts in 2023.

The Guild will have a stall where you can buy a variety of souvenirs and exciting donated items, including a glamorous jacket worn by Graham Norton to be sold by silent auction. We will also be distributing information about the Guild and hoping to attract new members.

The event in The Square is free, with no ticket required, and open to all, so please come along and join in the fun on what promises to be an enjoyable and informative afternoon.



Ian and Lesley staffing the Guild stall at 'Smithfield 150'



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 June 2022
FOUNDERS' DAY WALK
11am, outside Boots, Baker Street Station

Thursday 3 November 2022*
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Great Hall at Barts **to be confirmed*

Saturday 12 November 2022
LORD MAYOR'S SHOW
For more information, contact Wendy Mead:
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Tuesday 6 December 2022
A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS
The Great Hall at Barts

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