



Barts Guild News

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Time to celebrate

On Friday 24 March Barts staff and volunteers gathered in the atrium of the KGV building to enjoy the first event celebrating Barts 900.

The Guest of Honour had been a closely guarded secret. At the event it proved to be Sir Michael Palin who received an enthusiastic welcome from the audience.

Sir Michael expressed his thanks to Barts for the treatment he had received at the hospital saying that Barts would always be in his heart – “especially in the aortic artery”. Sir Michael was invited to cut the birthday cake. He brandished the very large knife and raised a roar of laughter when he asked: “Is there a surgeon in the house?”



Sir Michael Palin cutting the cake.

Photograph: Bob Cooper

The climax of the event was the unveiling by Sir Michael of Topographical Artist Adam Dant’s magnificent 900 Years in 900 Stories. This complex artwork celebrates events in Barts history and the personalities involved from the Hospital’s foundation to the present day. A copy of this work will be on permanent display and characters and events will be recognised by Guild members who have a long connection with Barts.

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Time to celebrate *cont.*



Guild Volunteers join in the fun.



Sir Michael discusses 900 Stories with Adam Dant.



A little light music.
Photographs: Bob Cooper

Foundation Day

The 900th anniversary of the foundation of the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great – the beginning of Barts – was celebrated with a service of thanksgiving on 25 March 2023.

The church service was preceded by a procession of Barts notables, clergy, members of the City Livery Companies and the Common Council, the League of Barts Nurses and members of Barts Guild.

The company processed singing hymns accompanied by a brass trio and were joined in song by the crowd of spectators. There were pauses along the route for readings and prayers.

The procession was welcomed at the gate of St Bartholomew the Great by the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally, and the children of the Family Service at St Bartholomew the Less who read a brief history of Rahere's acquisition of the land for the Priory.

Following the service, the congregation were invited to enjoy a celebratory glass of champagne in the churchyard. A very enjoyable conclusion to a remarkable celebration.



Photographs: Bob Cooper

Sharing Historic Barts - project update



His Majesty King Charles III cuts a celebratory cake in the Great Hall, November 2022.

Photograph: Matthew Andrews

With the 900th Anniversary now upon us, Barts Heritage has been forging ahead with plans for the restoration of the North Wing.

2022 reached a spectacular climax with a visit by His Majesty King Charles III. The King met major donors to the Heritage project as well as some of the specialists who will be carrying out the conservation work to the North Wing. He cut a celebratory cake and went on to greet staff and members of the public in the Hospital Square.

The royal visit heralded the announcement, made in January 2023, that Barts Heritage had met its fundraising target of £9.5m for the first phase of works – reached thanks to a spectacular grant of £4.92m from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



Historic paint specialist Patrick Baty applies colour samples to the walls of the Great Hall ahead of the restoration project.

Photograph: Patrick Baty

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Sharing Historic Barts - project update cont.

The match-funding came from a range of benefactors, including the Guild and prominent Guild member Elizabeth Shaw, both pledging a hugely generous £50,000. We are extremely grateful for the wonderful support we have received from so many members of the Barts 'family'.

With the funding secured, Barts Heritage has been busy making preparations for the start of restoration works in July this year. Those of you who have been into the Great Hall recently might notice some colour samples on the walls, including an 'olive green' based on James Gibbs's original specification!

Meanwhile, builders have been crawling over the building, lifting floorboards, examining plasterwork and carrying out test-cleans to the exterior masonry. All this work will help anticipate costs and inform our decisions as the project is formalised.

As well as the restoration project Barts Heritage has been busy with two major commissions.

The first is a huge and intricately detailed art work, 900 Years in 900 Stories by the Topographical Artist Adam Dant, which was unveiled by Sir Michael Palin in the foyer of the Hospital at the beginning of Foundation Week. The original picture will be replaced in June by a facsimile which has been funded with the help of a £3,000 grant from the Guild.

The second is a new book, St Bartholomew's Hospital: 900 Years – a lavishly illustrated history of the Hospital featuring essays by leading historians. The book is available to order via the shop on the Barts Heritage website: bartsheritage.org.uk/

We will soon be announcing dates for our programme of open access conservation tours to the North Wing once work starts on the building, so do keep an eye out and make sure you book your places!

WILL PALIN
Chief Executive, Barts Heritage



Sir Michael Palin unveils Adam Dant's spectacular art work in the foyer of the Hospital in March 2023.

Photograph: Matthew Andrews



Guild President Ann Wickham viewing the newly painted acknowledgement of the Guild's benefaction to Barts Heritage.

Photograph: Bob Cooper

Tea at Buckingham Palace

On Wednesday 3 May Guild volunteers Mandy, Jilly, Jackie and Helen took afternoon tea at Buckingham Palace.

The invitation was an acknowledgement of their exceptional service in keeping the Guild Shop open and helping on the Front Desk welcoming patients throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event, which celebrated the work of volunteers, was attended by Their Majesties King Charles and Queen Camilla, Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales, Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and our Patron, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.

Mandy told BGN: "We were delighted to meet The Duke of Gloucester on the day. He asked us how things were at the Hospital after Covid and we told him that Barts is getting busy.

"A lot of volunteers could not come in when Covid began and we helped our manager, Andy, out in those troubled times to keep the shop open for the doctors and nurses who were under a lot of pressure."

Congratulations to Mandy, Jilly, Jackie and Helen. You did the Guild proud during a terrible time proving, once again, that Guild volunteers are very special people indeed.



(L-R) Mandy, Jilly, Jackie, Helen.

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

View Day breaks records

The sun shone on Wednesday 10 May and the Square was crowded all day with staff and visitors keen to see what was to be seen.

The Guild's stall proved to be a popular attraction with eager buyers crowding round to choose from our selection of books, prints and Barts 900 souvenirs. Stocks were constantly replenished throughout the day and at closing time only a single Barts 900 notebook and a few pens and prints remained unsold. Meanwhile, volunteers Jenny and Jilly were on duty in the shop and were kept busy satisfying their customers' demands for the same items.



*Guild members (L-R): Hilary, Neil, Monique, Lesley, Jan.
Photograph: Bob Cooper*

The day was hard work but a great pleasure. Customers were very chatty so there were many opportunities to promote the Guild and encourage new memberships.

Total sales for the stall amounted to almost £2,663. When combined with takings from the shop and trolley takings for the day, sales amounted to £4,645.54, £1,000 more than average takings for a whole week, which is quite the result!

The Lord Mayor's Show

On Saturday 12 November Guild members, volunteers and supporters marched in the Lord Mayor's Show raising, as always, enthusiastic cheers from the crowd lining the procession route through the City of London.

The Show was an excellent opportunity to add a curtain raiser for Barts 900 with adapted placards bearing the 900 logo.

This year's Show will be on Saturday 11 November, so put the date in your diary and come and join in for an unforgettable experience. Your friends and family would be very welcome to join us, so rope them in so that the Guild can have a magnificent turnout during this very special year.



*Ready for the off.
Photograph: Bob Cooper*



A very merry Christmas

On Tuesday 6 December the Barts and The London Music Society made a triumphant return to the Great Hall for the first live performance of A Celebration of Christmas since 2019.

Despite various tribulations, which included a flooded rehearsal room and instrument store and the absence of a conductor, the Society delivered a wonderfully varied mix of music from Joni Mitchell to Gustave Holst and, for the first time, readings. Readings were also given by the Guild All Stars – better known as Keith Bottomley and Ian McDowell.



Photographs: Bob Cooper and Neil Ritson

Grateful thanks to everyone who made the concert possible with anonymous donations in cash and in kind to help fund the evening and to The Cook and the Butler Events Company for a donation of tempting wines.



Party time

Due to the curse of Covid-19 the 2021 Guild volunteers' Christmas party was postponed until Easter 2022.

Happily, volunteers and members of the Management Committee were able to congregate at the Lord Raglan pub in December of last year for an evening of Christmas cheer in the best of company – another welcome return to the Guild's calendar.



Cool drinks and hot gossip.

Photograph: Bob Cooper

Discovering Barts past

Another treat was in store for staff and volunteers on 24 March 2023. The Trust's Archivist Kate Jarman and her team had set up a splendid exhibition of documents and objects from the Hospital's foundation to the 20th Century.

If you missed this opportunity to visit the Archives a free outdoor exhibition, *Life and Death in the Archives*, is on display in the Guildhall Yard which runs until 7 June when it moves to Aldgate Square until 5 July. From 6 July until 1 August the exhibition will be on show in the Square at Barts. A display of key stories is also on view in the KGV building until autumn.

If you want to do some research of your own you can book an appointment to visit the Archives. Call 020 3465 7608 or email barts.archives@nhs.net

Before making an appointment, please visit the online catalogue in order to select the material that you wish to view.

<http://www.calmhosting01.com/BartsHealth/CalmView/>

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/barts-health-archives>



Andrew and Jan with the original charter.

Photographs: Bob Cooper



Kate Jarman with her favourite exhibit - a plan for dispensary equipment from 1867.



Primitive AI diagnosis? No - a fund-raising slot machine.

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RULES

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE

PATIENTS

OF

St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

ORDERED,

THAT the Patients shall be obedient to the Regulations respecting the Admission of Visitors, and that Visitors are on no account to drink Tea, Wine, Beer, or other Liquor; or remain longer in the Ward than the time allowed by the Governors.

THAT no Patient go out of the Hospital without permission from the Physician or Surgeon under whose care such Patient may be placed, and without the knowledge of the Steward or the Matron. Any Patient having obtained Leave of Absence must return on the same day, before the Gates of the Hospital are closed.

THAT no other Provisions, or Liquors of any kind, be brought into the Wards, than those which have been regularly ordered and supplied for the Use of the Patients.

THAT every Patient who may be able, shall attend the Divine Service on the Sunday Morning, at the Church of St. Bartholomew the Less, if not contrary to their religious principles.

THAT no Patient drink in a Public-House, or play at Cards, Dice, or Gamble, or Quarrel, Blaspheme, or Smoke Tobacco, in the Wards.

THAT every Patient must strictly obey the Directions of the Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, under whose care he or she may be placed.

THAT no Reward, in any shape, be given, by a Patient, or his or her Friends, to any Beadle, Sister, Nurse, or other Servant of the Hospital.

THAT any Patient acting contrary to the foregoing Rules will be reported by the Sister of the Ward to the Steward or Matron, and by them to the Treasurer:—such Patient will then be admonished or discharged.

How to behave at Barts.

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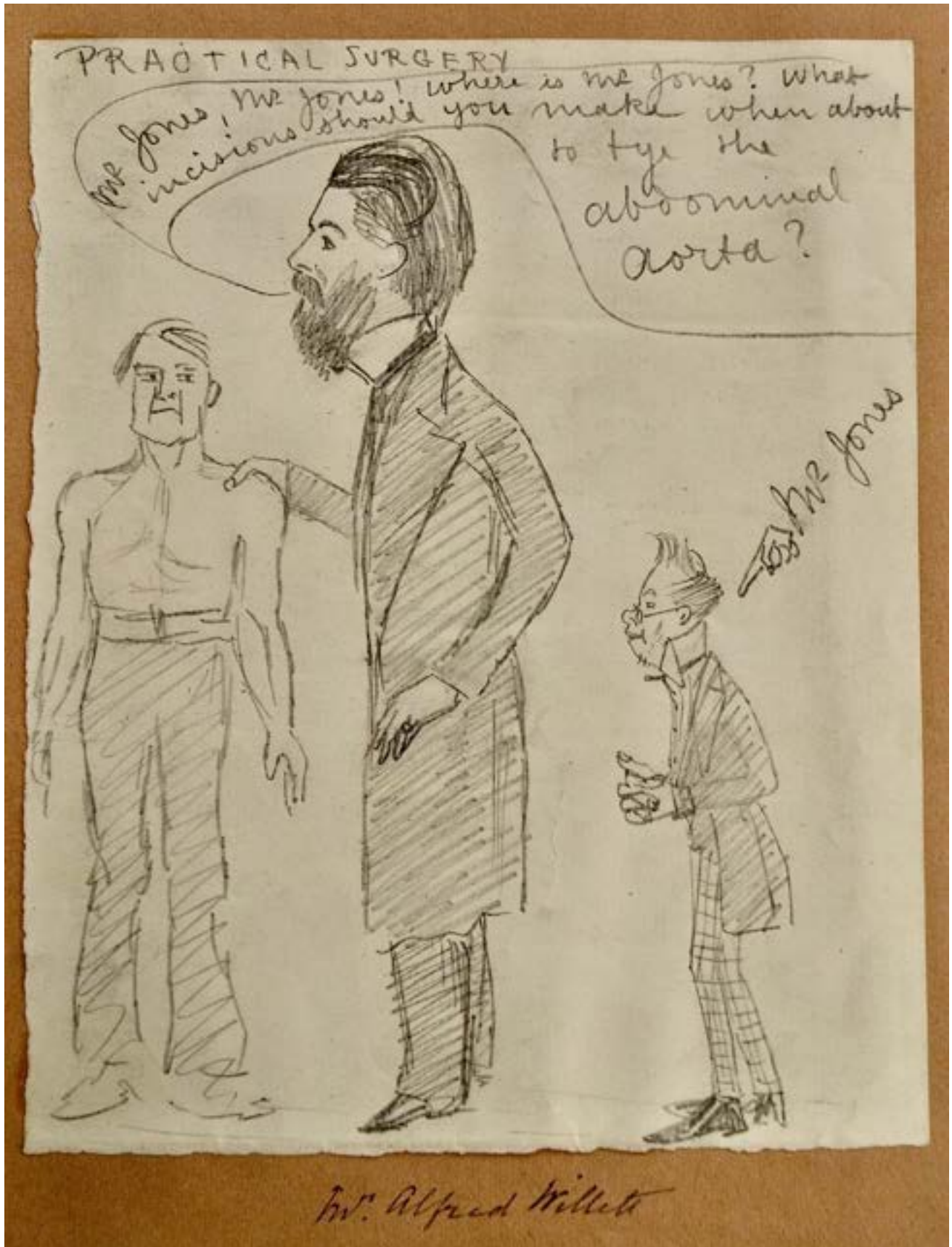
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Fund-raising sheet music - shall we dance?

Discovering Barts past cont.



Surgeon William Marrant Baker (1839 - 1896) collated a wonderful scrapbook of caricatures, cuttings, photographs and other ephemera.

Grants - Discharge Lounge furniture

Cardiothoracic Surgery and Respiratory Medicine, through Matron Helen Munday, applied for funding for discharge lounge furniture and the Guild was glad to help.

Helen said: "We are seeking to improve the experience for our cardiac surgical patients at the time of their discharge. We intend to use a designated Discharge Lounge which is situated outside the main ward area on the 4th Floor and I am seeking grant funding to purchase furniture for this lounge. The lounge can accommodate up to 10 patients who are awaiting discharge from hospital but we currently only have two comfortable chairs for the patients. I wish to purchase a further eight chairs and five tables.

"Moving patients from the ward area to the discharge lounge enables us to have beds ready sooner to accept admissions and, in particular, step-down patients from the intensive care area, so overall, patient flow is improved. From a patient experience perspective, we often have feedback from patients that their discharge has been a lengthy process from the time they are informed that they are to be discharged to the actual time that they leave the hospital. By having this well-equipped facility with dedicated staff, there will be a greater focus on improving patient experience at the time of their discharge, away from the busy ward activity where there are multiple distractions. Patients will have a comfortable, quiet and calm environment in which they can stay whilst undergoing the final checks for discharge."

The team chose some stylish designs to suit their purpose. Delivery took eight weeks but it was worth the wait, as they were very pleased with the items when they arrived. As a result, the lounge is a very pleasant and comfortable space where patients can spend the time required while their discharge procedures are completed.

Helen said: "We have had such positive feedback from the patients about how lovely the room is and how it all smells so new! Patients have found it very comfortable and one has just said to me that it is far nicer than having to wait on the ward. Once we get our drinks trolley in there, they won't want to leave!!"

HILARY TARR



Staff with the new furniture in the Discharge Lounge.

Photographs: Helen Munday

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

Grants - “A Walk in Nature”

Vital Arts, the arts organisation for Barts Health NHS Trust, was approached by the Chemotherapy Unit (7A) at Barts Hospital, to transform one of their treatment rooms where patients undergo procedures on their spines. These treatments include bone marrow biopsies and intrathecal (spinal) chemotherapy – two procedures which generate significant anxiety and pain for patients. The treatment room itself was a small, windowless, blank space where patients lie or sit for extended periods of time. Vital Arts commissioned an artist/illustrator to create a site-specific artwork to enliven the space and provide a desperately needed distraction for patients during their visit. They envisioned that the work would feature calming natural imagery to provide a contemplative space for patients but also promote healing and recovery. By reducing the stark, clinical nature of treatment rooms, studies have shown that patients who are exposed to natural imagery reported significantly higher levels of perceived control over pain.

Barts Guild was approached to fund the project and was very pleased to do so. From the award of the grant in early August 2021 to installation of the artwork in January 2023, life was still subject to some pandemic restrictions which held up the project to some extent, but the result was stunning. Staff on the ward were thrilled with the work and noted that it would make a huge difference to the patients and provide much-needed calm. The illustrator Sabine said that the commission was a wonderful project to work on, and that she intended to put it forward for a World Illustration Award. It was her first commission ever and she is particularly thrilled with the outcome. Her website provides its very apt title. After 7A at Barts she was moving on to artwork for the Royal London’s dermatology station, so another location in the Trust stands to benefit from her talent, concepts and imagination, all combining in beautiful and delicate illustrations.

HILARY TARR



“A Walk in Nature” (top) and illustrator Sabine with her finished work.

Photographs: Jessica Shiel

Miss Jackie Roe

2nd January 1939 – 20th December 2022

Jackie (Jacqueline) Roe died after a short illness in UCL Hospital on 20 December 2022. Jackie had no close relatives and her funeral was organised by two of her second cousins, the Revd. Rachel Phillips and her sister Miss Pat Phillips. The service took place in St Bartholomew the Less, at Jackie's request, on 30 January 2023. Father Marcus Walker, Rector, officiated at the service and a tribute was read by Miss Pat Phillips.

The Church was filled to capacity with her relatives and friends who had come with their prayers and memories of Jackie's long and very full life. The reading and hymns of the intercessions evoked in us all a feeling of love and thankfulness for what she had meant to us in so many different ways.

After the service Jackie requested that there would be a 'wake' in one of the smaller rooms in the North Wing.

It was actually held in the Great Hall to accommodate all the mourners. She would have been surprised but delighted! Sir Marcus Setchell gave a very moving tribute to her memory, and we all raised our glasses of bubbles and fizz in a toast to her memory.

On leaving we were all presented with a yellow flower.

Jackie became a member of the Guild in 1989 and was elected Hon. Secretary in 1998 and served until 2007. Her knowledge of Barts personnel and history was an invaluable asset, and she was well known throughout the hospital. She served on the Guild Committee from 1998 until her death.

She had a very full professional life as both Secretary and Administrator from Monsanto Chemicals to Blue Circle Cement, and in 1970 as Secretary and later Administrator to the Dean (four in all) of Barts Medical College for



over 26 years. When the Medical College merged with London Hospital Medical College and Queen Mary College, Jackie was able to take early retirement.

1996: Now she could indulge in a 'life-long' ambition: to travel! Starting in 1996, her global adventures' first stop was Hong Kong where she broke her shoulder. She persevered and managed to get to San Francisco and across America. Then she flew to Australia and crossed the continent via Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne, flew back to Hong Kong and later to South Africa.

In 1997 Jackie worked as a Clerk in the House of Lords. And to pay for her travelling expenses, took in paying guests in her lovely home in Canonbury.

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Miss Jackie Roe cont.

Jackie always said she loved Spain and the Spanish language, which she studied for many years, and thought she might have some Spanish blood in her ancestry.

Jackie loved entertaining at home and was an excellent cook. She also loved parties. She played bridge regularly each week in a local club – in the local pub. She was always very stylishly dressed and looked immaculate. She loved her home and garden and it was always such a pleasure to go and visit her for whatever reason.

Above all she was such fun! I will miss her company and her telephone calls – and I was always very impressed by her speed at completing each morning's Sudoko challenge!

Thank you, Jackie. May you now rest in peace.

*ANN WICKHAM
Barts Guild President*



Jackie was appointed as the Princess Alice Garden coordinator in 2010, a position she held until her death. As a tribute to her, the Guild is purchasing a small stone table with an inscription:

“Jackie Roe 1939 - 2022, a member of Barts Guild who loved this garden”



Princess Alice Garden

We are delighted to report that the Princess Alice Garden's two-year incarceration from the scaffolding, needed for the repairs to the Henry VIII Gatehouse, has finally ended. The scaffolding and accompanying workspace that inevitably encroached on the garden, was finally removed in March 2023.

Following the completion of the Gatehouse repairs, Barts Estates, with the assistance of a grant from the Guild, are making some much-needed repairs to the paving in the garden. In addition, plans are now afoot to start a summer planting programme to add some colour to the garden to celebrate the long-awaited summer.

During the course of the past year, we planted a Cercis in the Princess Alice Garden to support the late Queen Elizabeth's 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' initiative.



A Cercis tree in full bloom.



Scaffolding encroached into the Princess Alice Garden.

Photographs: Patrick Jennings

We are planning to place a table in the garden in memory of Jackie Roe (see pages 16-17). Jackie was the Hon. Secretary of the Guild from 1998 to 2007. She was very fond of the Princess Alice Garden and administered its upkeep for many years during her time with the Guild.

When bringing Jackie's table to the garden, our Stonemasons, Chilstone, have kindly agreed to replace the main circular John Wickham table top as it had suffered some cracks just before the Gatehouse problems emerged.

Of course, this will be a memorable year for the hospital during the celebration of its 900th Anniversary.

In order to join in these celebrations, we plan to hold an Autumn Party for Barts Guild Volunteers in the rejuvenated garden.

PATRICK JENNINGS

Princess Alice Garden cont.



The Princess Alice Garden reawakens following its two years of 'hibernation'.

Photographs: Bob Cooper

Did you know?

That Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children was founded by a Barts physician? Charles West (1816 - 1898) was an expert on children's diseases as well as midwifery and women's health.

Lord Shaftesbury and Charles Dickens were amongst those who supported his efforts to found and develop the children's hospital, which opened its doors on 14 February 1852 with West as Chief Physician; he continued his work at Barts until 1861.

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Did you know?

That Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, whose fictional Dr Watson, a Barts-trained doctor, had his first meeting with Sherlock Holmes in a laboratory in the Pathology Block at Barts (in the first Holmes novel, *A Study in Scarlet*, 1887), was a keen cricketer and played in matches for the MCC?

The highlight of his cricketing 'career' was the match in which he managed to take a first-class wicket – that of the cricketing legend W G Grace, who qualified as a doctor at Barts in 1879.

GS

Celebrate with a souvenir

Everyone will want a souvenir of Barts 900 and the Guild Shop has a selection of items which commemorate this very special year. There is something to suit all tastes and all profits will help the Guild to continue our work to benefit Barts patients and staff.



Call at the Guild Shop in the ground floor atrium of the KGV building at Barts to make your selection, or alternatively you can buy online:

www.bartsguild.org.uk/product-category/barts_900_anniversary/

To browse the full range of Barts 900 souvenirs, head to: <https://barts900.org/shop/>



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Throughout 2023

BARTS 900 EVENTS

Lectures, garden parties, concerts, exhibitions and more!

<https://barts900.org/events-whats-on/>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Details to be confirmed.

Saturday 11 November 2023

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

*For more information and to confirm attendance, please contact Wendy Mead OBE:
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