



## FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2017

### 1. Annual General Meeting 2017

The fiftieth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at the Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton, Marble Arch, London.

At the AGM the following office bearers were nominated and elected :

President: Mr P G Homan

Vice-President: Mr A Wade

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs D Bishop

Hon. Secretary: Mr R T Allcorn

The audited 2017 Annual Accounts were agreed by the membership at the meeting.

### 2. Meetings of Committee

The Committee met three times during the year. The members who have served this year are:

Name	Elected
Mr R T Allcorn	(16)
Dr S C Anderson	(15)
Mr J Betts	(16)
Mrs D Bishop	(16)
Dr C Duffin	(16)
Dr S Ellis	(17)
Mr P G Homan	(15)
Ms B Hudson	(16)
Dr M H Jepson	(17)
Dr M Nesbitt	(17)
Mr A Wade	(15)
Ms M Wake	(17)

Mr T E Whaley decided not to stand for re-election in 2017.

### **3. Membership**

Total membership (including Honorary) at 31<sup>st</sup> December was 151, changes in the year having been noted as follows:

**New - 18 : Deceased - 3 : Resigned - 6 : Removed/Lapsed - 7**

#### **New**

Mrs Katrina Maydom, St Neots  
Dr David McNamee, Hitchin  
Dr Anna Greenwood, University of Nottingham  
Ms Carol Lange, Groby (rejoined)  
Dr Hilary Ingram, Nottingham  
Ms Katey Logan, Nottingham  
Prof Dr Francois Ledermann, Bern, Switzerland  
Dr Apostolos Zarros, Beckenham, Kent  
Dr Noel Snell, Pishill, Oxon  
Mr Florian Eidam, Frankfurt  
Prof Michael Moennich, Frankfurt  
Mrs Gwawr Faulconbridge, Cardiff  
Mr David Helm, Malvern  
Ms Sonia Cutler, Barnet  
Mr Matthew Seal, Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk  
Mr Richard Bell, Oadby  
Mr Barry Strickland-Hodge, Leeds (rejoined)  
Mrs Norma Irvine, Enfield

#### **Deceased**

Dr Peter Worling, Edinburgh  
Richard Thomas, Porthdwynol  
Mrs Valerie Bertenshaw, Bodmin

#### **Honorary (new)**

Mrs Iris Worling, Edinburgh

### **4. Meetings/Events**

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

A joint evening meeting with the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, London. John Adams presented a paper entitled 'The Syon Abbey Herbal (before AD 1517), the last monastic herbal in Britain+.

#### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

A joint evening meeting with the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, London. Prof Peter Ayres presented a paper entitled 'Britain's Green Allies : Medicinal Plants in Wartime+.

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Our summer visit this year was to the premises of John Bell & Croyden where we enjoyed a very interesting look around their recently refurbished and award winning Wigmore Street Store.

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

A joint evening meeting with the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, London. Szu Wong presented a paper entitled 'Damien Hirst . the art patron and pharmacy+.

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Joint meeting between BSHP and the UCL School of Pharmacy. An event that combined a final celebration of their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the MPharm prize giving, and a talk by Briony Hudson on past student experiences.

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

A three-day course with BSHP collaboration and contributions entitled 'History of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Industry', held at various venues including the Wellcome Institute, The Society of Apothecaries, the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

## **5. Annual Spring Conference, London (two venues) 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017**

55 people attended this year's conference on the Saturday (including 43 Members and 10 students).

Papers presented were:

Saturday (at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society)

- Nicholas Wood . *Sugar and spice and all things nice: What apothecaries were made of.*
- Ainley Wade . *History of the Pharmaceutical Historian.*
- Briony Hudson . *History of "The Square".*
- Peter Homan - *BSHP Then and now.*
- John Betts - *The RPS Museum its activities and collections.*
- Stuart Anderson - *Pharmacopoeias held by the RPS Museum.*

Posters were presented by Christiane Staiger, Chris Duffin and 4 students from John Moore's University, Liverpool- Adeloja Mercy, Rebecca Burrows, Michael Klyne and Kathleen Pritchard.

The lecture sessions were followed by conducted tours of the RPS Museum led by John Betts and Peter Homan.

A celebration cake, kindly donated by our Best Western contact, Sue Watling, was served.

Dinner was followed by an appropriately themed quiz.

Sunday (at the Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton, Marble Arch, London)

- The Burnby Award winner, Katey Logan - *Hearing the voices of Boots Pharmacists: an investigation of identity, 1930 – 2000*.
- The Rajesh Joshi Memorial Bursary holder, Toby Man Hei Ho - *The history of the National Pharmacy Association*.
- Professor Axel Helmstädter - *From Kew to the world: Botanical explorer's ethnopharmacological heritage*.

## 6. **Pharmaceutical Historian**

Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian* (Vol. 46, Nos. 1,2,3,4) were published during the year in March, June, September and December. Issue 1 was the last one to be edited by Ainley Wade. Stuart Anderson took over the editorship given a new arrangement to publish the journal on-line (with Ingenta) and thus internationally with the International Society for the History of Pharmacy. In achieving this collaboration the journal received the subtitle *An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy*. Printed copies continued to be produced.

## 7. **BSHP Gazette**

To coincide with the above, a new newsletter was introduced and entitled *BSHP Gazette*. This would contain items no longer possible in the *Pharmaceutical Historian*. Key aims of this were to share committee news, forward dates, reports on BSHP events, and general pharmacy history news. The first issue was dated June 2017 and the intention was to publish in the same months as the *Historian* resulting in three issues in 2017.

## 8. **BSHP Website**

Our new website was launched in October 2017 with a lot more functionality, new features and a more modern appearance. Thanks must go to Briony Hudson for heading up this project and also to Robert Harrison at our Secretariat office for developing this new site which has been well received.

## 9. **Appreciations**

The Committee records its warm appreciation to the UCL School of Pharmacy for the assistance with facilities for meetings and to Mr John Betts, Keeper of Museum Collections, at the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and its team, for their help and support.