



BSHP Gazette

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A Note from the Editor

We trust that you enjoyed issue number 1 of our newsletter and thank you to those who requested email versions. However we soon realised that we should have given you the option of choosing to have a printed one sent to you. So we are going to do three printed issues this year mailed out with the *Historian* whilst you register your preferences.

So we are now asking those of you who would like paper copies mailed to you to either email me at the usual address: honsec@bshp.org or to send a simple request to me at the following address:

Roy Allcorn, 15 Oakengrove Close, Holmer Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP15 6SN

Don't forget that the Gazette will be available soon on our new website.

Summer Visit to John Bell and Croyden (Wednesday 5th July)

We enjoyed a very interesting visit to their recently refurbished and award winning Wigmore Street Store where we learnt all about their customer base, trading philosophy, Royal Warrant and history:

Current exterior of their Wigmore Street premises.	Their Royal Warrant is proudly on display.	Robin Winfield, Operations Director, talking to our group.

They reminded us proudly that they can trace their history back to 1798 when John Bell opened the original pharmacy on Oxford Street, London. For more information please refer to:

http://www.johnbellcroyden.co.uk/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/category_-1_22_10251_Y_12719_company-history

We also had some follow-up information from Gordon Catto, who visited that day, and whose father worked there in the 1930s. He has supplied these two pictures:

	On the left here is the shopfront layout that many of you will remember. The doorway etc is still in that central location.		Gordon's father (James G Catto) is shown in this photo. He is the man pictured on the right hand side.
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BSHP Website

Our exciting new website is imminent now with lots of new features at www.bsHP.org.

BSHP Officers

Here's a reminder of your Officers for 2017 (some emails here have been updated):

President	Mr Peter Homan	president@bsHP.org
Vice-President	Mr Ainley Wade	vice-president@bsHP.org
Honorary Secretary	Mr Roy Allcorn	honsec@bsHP.org
Treasurer	Mrs Deborah Bishop	treasurer@bsHP.org
Conference Organiser	Ms Briony Hudson	conference@bsHP.org
Programme Secretary	Dr Chris Duffin	events@bsHP.org
Editor <i>Pharmaceutical Historian</i>	Dr Stuart Anderson	editor@bsHP.org

Leslie Matthews Medal

We were very pleased to have accepted a nomination for Professor Terry Turner to be awarded the Leslie Matthews medal for his contributions to original and scholarly work in the history of British pharmacy



In receiving his medal from Briony Hudson at a special ceremony in July Terry Turner said:

"I am very honoured to receive this award, particularly because, as a founder member of the British Society for the History of Pharmacy, I knew Leslie Matthews. In accepting the medal, I reflect on the extent of pharmacy history collections in Wales - at the National Museum, the Cardiff Story, the National Botanic Garden of Wales, and in the University's own Special Collections and Archive - and feel encouraged that pharmacy history has a bright future and I have played a part in this."

Burnby Memorial Bursary 2018

Applications for our annual prize for students are now invited. The Burnby Memorial Bursary, worth £500, is open to all students. The successful applicant will have an opportunity to present a short talk on an area of original pharmacy history research at our 2018 conference (to be held near Nottingham). The Bursary pays for their attendance at the conference plus £250. Previous winners have included both pharmacy and history students, on topics ranging from treatments for eczema, pharmacists in the NHS, and medicines in 1914. More details and a short application form will be available soon on our website, plus this information is sent to all Schools of Pharmacy and to History of Medicine departments. Please get in touch with the Honorary Secretary if you would like a form emailed directly to you, or if you have any further queries.

Pharmaceutical Historian : An International Journal for the History of Pharmacy

With this mailing you will have received the latest printed copy of our journal (Volume 47 Number 3, September 2017). This and the two previous 2017 issues are now available online as open access pdfs through Ingenta Connect. You just need to use this link to register and then you can access them:

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/bsHP/ph>

Once registered you can select which articles you wish to download.

Dates for your diary

Monday 9 th October (5.30pm)	Evening meeting at the UCL School of Pharmacy, Maplethorpe Lecture Theatre "Damien Hirst – the art patron and pharmacy" by Szu Wong. [Please see our flyer for this on page 4]
November – date and time to be confirmed	Joint meeting between BSHP and the UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London.
Wednesday 6 th to Friday 8 th December	Three day course at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries "History of Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Industry".
Monday 5 th February 2018 (5.30pm) <i>To be confirmed</i>	Evening meeting at the UCL School of Pharmacy, Maplethorpe Lecture Theatre "Byzantine Pharmacology between East and West" by Dr Petros Bouras-Vallianatos, Wellcome Trust Research Fellow, History Department, King's College, London
Friday 6 th April to Sunday 8 th April 2018	The 2018 BSHP Annual Conference is being held next year at the Best Western Premier Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth, Derbyshire (near Nottingham) With a visit to the Boots Archive in Nottingham.

Conference 2018

Members are invited now to get in touch with Briony Hudson, Conference Organiser, if they would like to give a short paper on the Saturday morning, or to bring a poster. Talks on any pharmacy history topics are very welcome, although as 2018 is the 400th anniversary of the first London Pharmacopoeia and the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Royal College of Physicians, talks with links to either milestone would be appropriate. Briony can be contacted by email via conference@bshp.org.

Membership

We'd still dearly love to recruit more members as our numbers have reduced over recent years. If you know anyone who might be interested then do please ask them to email our Honorary Secretary for more information or for an application form (email details on page 2).

Membership brings many benefits including:

- Four issues of the *Pharmaceutical Historian*
- Free on-line access to the *Pharmaceutical Historian* via Ingenta Connect
- Regular meetings, with guest speakers, usually held February, May and October
- Visits to places of historic interest, museums, libraries pharmacies, botanical gardens etc.
- Details of special pharmacy history events
- Free use of the RPS library facilities in London for research
- This new Gazette
- Help with historical research
- Affiliation to the ISHP and the BSHM (British Society for the History of Medicine)

New members

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Professor Michael Moennich
- Florian Eidam

Contacts

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Next Gazette

Will be our Christmas/New Year issue in December. We welcome any contributions to this in the form of items of interest to the membership, any pharmacy history news or correspondence.



*Damien Hirst – the art patron and
pharmacy*

Lecture by Szu Shen Wong

*Lecturer in Pharmaceutical Sciences at
Keele University*

Monday 9 October 2017 at 5.30pm

MAPLETHORPE LECTURE THEATRE,
UCL SCHOOL OF PHARMACY,
29-39 BRUNSWICK SQUARE, LONDON WC1N 1AX

Nearest Tube: Russell Square

Refreshments will be served from 5.00pm

NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Questions? Contact Chris Duffin, BSHP Programme Secretary:

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