

Quarterly Newsletter

Master's Letter

Dr Julia Neild

Professor Emma Ream (left)
Professor Ijeoma Uchegba (middle)
Dr Julia Neild, Master Apothecary



It was a delight for us to welcome 750 visitors to Apothecaries' Hall on Sunday 22 September as part of the Open House Festival. There was a buzz throughout the day with forty volunteers supporting the staff in sharing information about the Society and our historic Hall. Short academic presentations and ones from the Archives team proved extremely popular, resulting in two visitors signing up to join this year's History of Medicine and Philosophy diploma course.

The Yeomanry and Livery Dinner is the occasion when we celebrate our connections with HM Armed Forces and we were delighted to welcome three extremely distinguished women leaders of the Defence Medical Services, Air Marshall Clare Walton CB KHP Director General of the Defence Medical Services, Surgeon Rear Admiral Fleur Marshall KHP, Head of the Royal Navy Medical Service, and Air Commodore Sonia Phythian OBE, Head of the Royal Air Force Medical Services. Following a distinguished career in the Royal Navy, my guest Rear Admiral John Lippiett CB CBE DL was Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust in Portsmouth. Replying on behalf of the guests, he described his "13 years at the helm of half a soggy 500 year old ship" as being far more demanding than the Falklands war. He felt it had also been the most important thing he had done in his life, helping preserve and interpret one aspect of our great nation's history. In describing some of the 19,000 objects found in the ship, we learned that the 60 objects stowed in the Barber Surgeon's chest are the earliest and largest collection of equipment that exists belonging to a sea surgeon.

Court was delighted to learn from Past Master Emeritus Professor Timothy Chambers that Father Timothy Radcliffe OP, his chaplain when Master Apothecary, is to be elevated to the rank of Cardinal by Pope Francis on 7 December 2024. I will be writing on behalf of the Society to Cardinal-Elect Timothy Radcliffe to congratulate him on this great honour.

It has been a busy month. I have enjoyed being out and about representing the Society in the City. Highlights have included attending Common Hall for the Election of the new Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor's Defence and Security Lecture given by Gen Sir Jim Hockenhull KBE ADC, Commander Strategic Command, the Master Spectacle Makers' Installation Service followed by Luncheon in our Hall, and the Air Pilots Trophies and Awards Banquet in the Guildhall. At this splendid and inspiring event, I was honoured to be included amongst a small number of guests, including the Lord Mayor, both Sheriffs and HRH The Duke of Kent.

On Tuesday 22 October, I co-chaired with the Master Armourer Professor Emma Ream, a symposium: "Materials Science and Medicine: Delivering Healthcare Improvements", hosted by them at the Armourers' Hall. It was a lively day with fascinating clinical and scientific presentations, and others dealing with the problems faced in the commercialisation of new products. The meeting brought together delegates from 17 universities and 14 livery companies and generated interest for future collaborations.

Finally, further afield, it was a great pleasure to be invited by liveryman John Hudson to witness the HAC Light Cavalry's Annual Inspection in Windsor Great Park. This year, the salute was taken on horseback by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli. Another fascinating day was spent at the National Honey Show as a guest of the Master Wax Chandler tasting and learning about honey from as far away as St Helena and Easter Island.



HAC Light Cavalry Annual Inspection by the Lord Mayor

Michael Mainelli, Lord Mayor (left),
Julia Neild (Master)
& Dr John Hudson



The Master Wax Chandler's National Honey Show

(left-right) Lynda Marston-Weston -
Master Wax Chandler, Dr Julia Neild - Master,
Margaret Ginman - Renter Warden &
Ian Appleton - Upper Warden



Open House Weekend

Dr Peadar O'Mordha (left) - Junior
Warden & Dr Julia Neild, Master



Yeomanry & Livery Dinner

Dr Julia Neild - Master & Society
Guest The Earl Cadogan

Society News

DINNER LADIES

An exciting era begins on 1st November, as the Society welcomes our new catering partner, Dinner Ladies. New to the City, though with wide experience of banquet catering, Dinner Ladies are powered by brilliant women, co-founders Lily Cai and Emily Plunket, who in turn are inspired by bold flavours and are passionate about food. They share the Society's desire for the sustainable use of locally-sourced ingredients where possible, bringing the very best of British produce to the table. Join us soon at the Hall to experience this new take on Livery dining.



From the Court
Nick Royle, Clerk



The "Court" is the Society's senior governance committee, and acts in the same way as a Board of Directors or Trustees. The Master chairs the Court during their year in office. Periodically, vacancies are declared, and any Liveryman of three or more years standing may apply.

The Court meets five times a year; most recently on 17th October. The Society's academic work formed a major part of the agenda, with the President or Vice-President of each of the two Faculties also present.

Court Assistants were pleased to learn of the progress made with the move to online examinations, the formation of a single unified academic body - the Centre for Health Studies – of which all Society members are now also members; and particularly with the changes enacted within the Faculties to better position them for the future.

Regarding membership, the Society has a target that a minimum of 85% of members should be from the medical and pharmacy professions. Currently, we are 80.3% medical, and 5.5% pharmacy, so a total of 85.8% combined. Each year a small number of candidates for admission are put forward under a "ballot" system. None of these are guaranteed entry, and the Court takes a vote on candidates each year at its October meeting. This year, with the possibility of the 85% target being breached in the next few years, the decision was made to form a short-term task-and-finish working party to consider the 85%, what it means, whether it should be changed, and what can be done to manage it better. This will be led by the Senior Warden, Dr David Jefferys.

Society News continues

Dr Timothy Chambers, Past Master would like to share the news of his Chaplain.

“Dominican priest Father Timothy Radcliffe OP, currently serving as spiritual adviser and preacher at the second session of the 16th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, is set to be elevated to the rank of Cardinal by Pope Francis.”

Read more by clicking [here](#)



Obituaries

It is with sincere regret that we announce the following deaths:

Dr Leslie Blumgart
Dr Ann Giddins
Dr Alastair James

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Promotions

These members were Promoted and Clothed with Livery.

Left - right

The Rev'd Dr Charles Bell

Dr Paolo Capanni

Dr Julia Neild MBE

Prof Mary Robertson

Dr Helen Steel

Master's Fund





Centre for Health Studies
Apothecaries' Hall

Welcome to the Centre for Health Studies

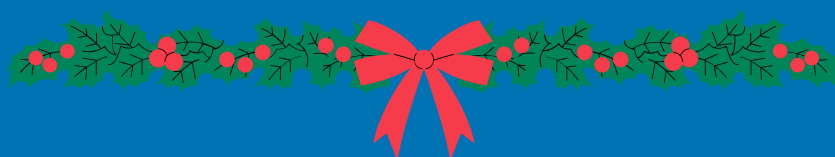
The new academic year is already well underway, with courses and lectures taking place online and in-person at the Hall. The new Centre for Health Studies (CfHS) had the opportunity to showcase some of its work recently at Open House, with speakers from both Faculties, partner organisations and the Archives and Collections, giving short talks to members of the visiting public. You may have seen the new CfHS branding and materials around the Hall, please feel free to pick up a flyer and come along to one of our events. Our lectures and events are open to members and non-members, so bring along your guests too.



Steve Mannion,
President of Conflict &
Catastrophe Medicine



Janet Payne, Archivist (left)
Dr John Ford



Feeling Festive? Then Friday 29 November is the date for your diary!

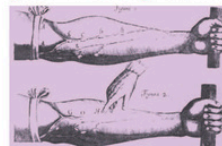
Enjoy the surroundings of Apothecaries' Hall at this time of year and feature in the inevitable photo by the Christmas tree! The Faculty of History & Philosophy of Medicine & Pharmacy and the Faculty of Conflict & Catastrophe Medicine invite you and your guests, to this Black Tie Christmas Dinner event. Bookings can be made via the members' area on the LMS. Click [here](#) to book.

Please note: An error occurred in a previous communication which stated Thursday 29 November, rather than Friday 29 November.



Centre for Health Studies
Apothecaries' Hall

Want to embark on the next chapter of your lifelong learning journey?



The History of Medicine Course

A deep dive into the fascinating journey of medical practices from circa 1500 BCE to the present day. From ancient healing practices to modern healthcare systems, trace the evolution of medicine through time and across cultures.

"You cannot obtain this quality of academic teaching in the history of medicine anywhere else in the world."



The Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine Course

Covering the 'big questions' ranging from c.350 BCE to the present day from the unique view of moral philosophy, draw upon theory, clinical cases and seminal legal issues to demonstrate the live ethical challenges of modern medicine.

"The Philosophy course should carry a health warning – it is quite addictive and will change your way of thinking."



Reserve your place!

Spaces are still available on The History of Medicine & Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine courses - closing date 30 November 2024.

History of Medicine

"Topics range from Egyptian and Islamic Medicine, Medieval and Renaissance Medicine, through to psychiatry, epidemics and public health".

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Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine

"The Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine course explores the key philosophical aspects of contemporary".

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Centre for Health Studies
Apothecaries' Hall

Join us

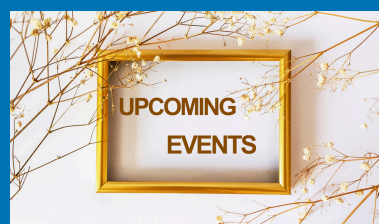
The CfHS will offer seven postgraduate level diplomas in 2024/25, some of which are needed for career progression. We are grateful to our academic contributors who support our examinations through areas such as question paper writing, standard setting, marking and advising on our academic committees. We would like to expand our team of volunteer expert contributors and are looking for two suitably qualified individuals to Chair our committees; one of the committees is responsible for setting exam standards and the other for the governance and programming of our activities. To find out more please contact AcademicHead@apothecaries.org.



Professor David Ross OStJ,
Honorary Dean



Meet the Team



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Left-right - Jenny Pritchard, Ome Obodo, Liz Harriman, Matt Scudder, Milad Khodkameh & Jasmine Tiwari (Read)

If you have any queries or would like to get in touch with us regarding the work of the Centre for Health Studies, then please contact:

Jenny Pritchard (Academic Manager) & Ome Obodo (Academic Assessment Officer), regarding the administration of diplomas, exam applications, results and examining teams.

Liz Harriman (Head of Academic Department), regarding overall operational running of the academic activities, including quality assurance and future strategic developments of the CfHS.

Matthew Scudder (Academic Training Officer) for administration and development queries regarding the courses. Online learning content in the Brightspace platform. Also, contact for alumni network.

Milad Khodkameh (Academic Events Officer) for queries regarding running of academic lectures & events, bookings and Faculty membership.

Jasmine Tiwari (Read) (Executive Assistant to HoAD), also for administration of examiner recruitment and expenses, student exam prizes and Academic Committees.

Professor David Ross OStJ, Honorary Dean, for governance, quality assurance and strategic developments of the academic activities.

Livery Committee



There have been some interesting and well attended events organized by the Livery Committee in the last quarter. On the 12th of June there was a visit to the Temple Church and Inner Temple Gardens in the Middle Temple. On Sunday 21st July we had a private tour of Nutbourne Vineyard owned by Peter Gladwin. After the tour we enjoyed lunch accompanied by Peter's wines. On the 7th of August, 17 Apothecaries took part in a walking tour of London by our guide Berwyn Kinsey entitled 'Fire, Plague and Revolution'. See image to the right.

Finally on the 5th of September there was a tour of the [Stanley Spencer Gallery](#) and a walking tour of the local area where Stanley Spencer lived.



Forthcoming Events

Forthcoming events organised by the Committee are a backstage tour of the ENO with a dress rehearsal of Rigoletto, which is already fully booked on 28th October. The Livery Committee AGM will be held in the Court Room in the Hall on Monday 9th December at 17:00. All Apothecaries are welcome to attend. This will be followed by the Carol Service at 18:30 in St Andrews by the Wardrobe and can be booked via the Apothecary website [here](#).



Brooch by Jonny Lambert

www.jonathanlambert.co.uk

The Livery Committee is commissioning a brooch (see above). He has designed and manufactured items of jewellery that appear on the Royal Collection and sold through gift shops at the Palaces.

It is made of silver with gold and blue enamel features and a brilliant for the eye.

Expressions of interest to Alan Collett, Honorary Treasurer, Livery Committee
alan.collett@gmail.com

The Livery Committee is undergoing some major changes this quarter. We have created two new roles, that of Almoner to which Prof Mark Fox was elected, and Events Director, to which Dr Kieran McHugh was elected. Prof John Schofield has been elected to be a Court Assistant and therefore will stand down as Chairman of the Livery Committee at the AGM in December and will be replaced by Wg Cdr Martin Waldron as Chairman. Dr Peter Mace has been elected as the Hon Secretary of the Committee to replace Martin.

Charity Committee

Stephen Linton, Chairman

Before I introduce myself as the new Chairman of the Charity Committee, I want to pay tribute to Simon Bailey who has led our Society's charitable work for the past 10 years. Over that time donations to our work have increased substantially, and Simon's commitment and his organisation of several fundraising events have been remarkable!



I have been a member of the Charity Committee for six years, and when I joined we were giving grants of £1000 to one student from each medical school, plus two pharmacy students nationally. This last summer we agreed to grants of £1500 each to two from each medical school and 4 grants to pharmacy students. That's great! But there is so much more that we could do!

My background is as a GP, now retired, and a former chairman of the Cameron Fund, the medical charity for GPs and their dependants who get into financial difficulties. It's a privilege to continue that charitable work through the Society's support for medical and pharmacy students. The applicants for our grants must fill in a detailed form about their financial needs, and their access to funds, and they are always supported by their medical schools. Some of the stories that we hear about are heart-rending. Often they tell of bereavements, major illness in their families, personal disabilities and inability to continue their own financial support through changed circumstances.

Undergraduate medical students are eligible for student loans to assist with fees and maintenance, but graduate entry students have to pay both the course fees and for their own living costs. Many build up funds before entering medical school and continue to work alongside their studies. But on entering the clinical years of studies the opportunities to find part-time employment dry up, and if their wider family support is missing or breaks down for reasons beyond their control, they can be in a real financial crisis. Some would have to drop out of their medical course if it were not for the Society's support.

We offer grants for students in their final or penultimate years of study, and also we have recently set aside funds for emergency support at a time of crisis. The Society has a real chance to help in these desperate situations, enabling the doctors of the future to make it through their courses and emerge to join the profession.

So please do continue, and if possible, increase your financial support for the work of YOUR Charity Committee, the [Master's Fund](#).

Simon Bailey (left) Past Chair of
the Charity Committee &
Aroop Mozumder, Past Master 2023-24

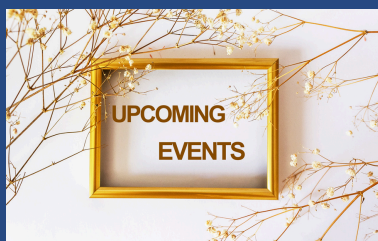




Friends of the Collections

The Friends of the Collections [the new name of the Friends of the Archives] is working in tandem with the new Collections Committee, chaired by Past Master Dr Jonathan Holliday. He sits ex officio on the Friends' Committee in place of Past Master Nicholas Wood, now Curator Emeritus, since he demitted the Court.

This close working has flagged up several new ways we can support the Collections and our first grant was to support a condition survey of the Society's pictures by Dr Zahira Véliz, former Senior Conservator of Paintings at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. The results of this show some work needs to be done urgently on a couple of portraits so our grant has been worthwhile. We look forward to further collaboration.



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We are so fortunate in the wealth of material we have at the Hall - the archives themselves are full of fascinating information and we welcome those researching a relevant topic. Emailed enquiries are dealt with by Mrs Janet Payne and she unearths all sorts of material in response. The archives also benefit from hearing the personal stories of those who wrote in about their relatives who, although not Apothecaries, have passed through one or more of our examinations and not necessarily at their first attempt!

Our Historical Collections Research Grant scheme has not fulfilled its potential currently and we are looking at ways to make it possible for medical students to benefit from it. The more people we can reach the better our collections will become known and the more interest is generated in the Society. After all, we have been around since 1617.

Best wishes
Paul Simmons, Chair

 **FRIENDS of the COLLECTIONS**
OF THE SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES

News from the City



Getting here
Whether you use train, tube or bus, there are plenty of options to get to the City but please check for service changes in advance and there will be significant road closures and restrictions in place.
T: 0343 222 1234
tfl.gov.uk
cityoflondon.gov.uk/roadclosures

For parking or more general enquiries please email db.events@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Access/toilets
There is a dedicated disabled persons' viewing area at Ludgate Hill. The map inside shows accessible WCs but not all are to full wheelchair access standard.
lordmayorshow.london/day/access
To find your nearest toilet, visit cityoflondon.gov.uk/toilets or download the Toilets 4 London App

Official Programme
Whether this is your first Show or you're a regular supporter, there's still no better way to get the inside track on everything happening on the day than getting a copy of the official Lord Mayor's Show Programme.
From an introduction to the new Lord Mayor, their vision for the year ahead to a full running list of who is taking part and the history lying behind the event – this is your indispensable guide to the Show. Printed copies cost £5 and are available throughout the route on the day from the official sellers and can also be pre-ordered online from 1 November by emailing your request to louis.crompton@tln.co.uk



Girlguiding UK will be making sure none of the Show participants go hungry on the day by distributing lunch.
The Lord Mayor's Show is planned in partnership with the City of London Police. cityoflondon.police.uk



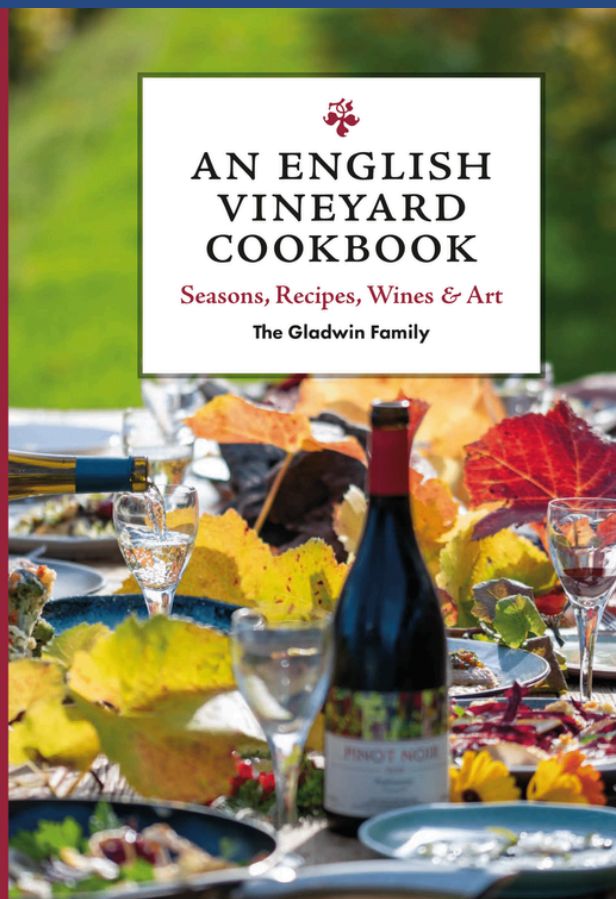
THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2024

From 11am **Saturday 9 November**
lordmayorsshow.london It's free

(Above)
[The Lord Mayor's Show](#)
Saturday 9 November 2024 –
Reserve your spot via this [link](#)

(Below)
An English Vineyard Cookbook by
Peter Gladwin raising funds for
[City Harvest](#)



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Inter-Livery Ski Championships, 22-24th January 2025

Full Programme

www.liveryskiing.com

All Livery Companies are warmly invited to send teams and/or individual members to race in the Slalom and Giant Slalom events as well as encouraged to enter into the fun team triathlon organised by one of our partner charities Snow Camp.

Each individual is responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements for the event. The entry fees cover all racing events and both evening entertainments.

All enjoy three days of friendly competition and partying while soaking up the glorious atmosphere of one of Europe's most easily accessible top ski resorts.

For up to date snow conditions and webcams, click here morzine.com/webcam

Morzine in the Portes du Soleil, France



Join Team Apothecaries Captain: Luise Parsons

Contact

luise.parsons@gmail.com

for a place, mobile +447983332570. She will be in Avoriaz from 18th to 25th January 2025.

Livery Briefing

All change at the Livery Committee - Election of Chair and Deputy Chair - To read more click [here](#) for news and upcoming events in the October Livery Briefing.

CITY OF LONDON ELECTIONS 2025: DO YOU HAVE A CITY WORKPLACE?

Next March, the City will elect 100 Councillors to run the City of London. Uniquely to the City, both residents and workers are able to vote and stand for election. Workplaces are responsible for submitting the registration form – you can request a vote and find out more at www.speakforthecity.com

It's important that everyone is made aware of their right to register and that no-one loses their right to vote because they weren't aware they had one. You can find more materials about registration and voting [here](#).

The deadline to register for this year's election is **30th November**.



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News from the City

The Sheep Drive

On a sunny 29th of September the annual London Sheep Drive occurred sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen and supported by The Guild of Young Freemen. The event pays homage to ancient rights of Freemen of The City where sheep can be driven across London Bridge without paying the standard toll. In its current format Southwark bridge is closed and sheep are driven in both directions. The actor Damien Lewis was the guest of honour who along with The Lord Mayor drove the first drive across Southwark Bridge.



Image to the right

(Left-right)
Nick Royle, Clerk
Michael Twiston-Davies
Ben Bickford
Fraser Peck



(Left-right)
Hannah Taylor
Grace Abba (Master -
Guild of Young
Freeman)
Louise Sharp

Two newly sworn in apprentices Hannah Taylor and Louise Sharp assisted in the event pictured here with Grace Abba, Master - Guild of Young Freemen. The day was a great spectacle for the City, and we are planning to put in an Apothecaries Drive and lunch in for 2025.

Clay Pigeon Shooting

On the 16th of May the Gallant Clerk led a spirited, albeit not technically gifted, team of four Apothecaries' to the Inter Livery clay pigeon shooting completion. This was held at the West of London shooting club in Northolt in clear weather. The shooting was a mix of fun and ending up with a free for all drive where the team shot all that could be seen. The day was topped off by a hog roast and a prize giving. The team was successful with a fun time had by all in attendance and there are provisional plans for the Apothecaries to compete in the 2025 season.



News from the City



William Harvey Day 2024

The Court on their way to the William Harvey's Research Institute at Queen Mary University of London on Friday 11 October.

The conference was organised in partnership with [NHS Barts Health](#), [@ApothecariesLD](#) and with support from [Barts Charity](#), [@QMULWHRI](#)



Images above: Bryan Saunders, Beadle leading the procession of the Court.

Images below: Guests from the Installation Dinner in August.



Thank you

Photographers

Carla Salvatore
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Milad Khodkameh

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