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Newsletter of The Guild of Nurses

Master's Welcome



I do hope you all had a restful and relaxed Christmas and my very best wishes for the New Year. We have come a long way since last February when we were formally approved by the City of London as The Guild of Nurses. This newsletter gives you a snap shot of some of the events during the year and our website www.theguildofnurses.co.uk gives fuller details.

We continue to welcome new members at and now have nurses from ninety different training establishments and we are growing all the time. Our events programme has included some wonderful social occasions and our professional development event at Kings College London was a huge success.

We have an excellent programme of events for 2017 tailored to suit a wide variety of interests. I do hope you will be able to come along when time and travel allows. These are a great opportunity to meet up with other members, reconnect with people you might have worked with in the past and enjoy the networking opportunity.

We have growing links with the City of London, nursing organisations and importantly, we have now set up The Guild of Nurses Charitable Trust through which we intend to pursue our charitable aims. Please do look at our website for more information about the Trust and see whether you would like to make a donation.

I would like to thank you all for joining us in our endeavour to leave a lasting legacy to nurses past, present and future and we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the dedicated team of volunteers who have made this all possible. We could not have done it without you.

My best wishes,

Brenda Griffiths

Foundation Master – The Guild of Nurses

Early Notice of our Calendar of Events - but more to come!

Thursday 2nd February 2017 Declaration Ceremony for newly admitted members and their guests at the Guildhall followed by a buffet supper.

Thursday 23rd February Florence Nightingale Museum Visit at St Thomas Hospital, 2pm. A one hour talk from the curator and tea.

Monday 13th March A fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of the House of Commons at 11.40.

Wednesday 15th March. Declaration Ceremony 18.00 at the Guildhall for newly admitted members and their guests followed by a buffet supper.

Thursday 16th March The second Education Event is to be held at London South Bank University. Refreshments from 5.00 lectures 6.pm to approx 7.30, close by 8pm.

Saturday 8th April “Saints and sinners” walk through the city of London with the qualified London blue badge guide Mo Corcoran. The walk lasts about 2 hours.

Friday 12th May Annual Banquet at Guildhall. This dinner is one of the highlights in our calendar of events.

Saturday 3rd June Visit to Norwich Cathedral to see the paintings of the passion of Edith Cavell followed by lunch and visit to her home village of Swardeston.

Tuesday 20th June. Declaration Ceremony 18.00 at the Guildhall for newly admitted members and their guests followed by a buffet supper.

Saturday 8th July “Rock and Shop” through the back streets of Soho and Mayfair with qualified London blue badge guide Mo Corcoran.

Monday 11th September Dinner at The House of Commons – we have been given this wonderful opportunity to dine in the surroundings of the Palace of Westminster.

Saturday 23rd September Walk through Medical London with qualified London blue badge guide Mo Corcoran.

Tuesday 10th October. Annual Church Service: St. Lawrence Jewry Guildhall Yard London EC2V 5AA,

Monday 6th November An opportunity to go behind-the scenes at the Palace of Westminster.

Please do look at our website www.theguildofnurses.co.uk for more information about events and our activities

Some Events from 2016



The Guild of Nurses at the Lord Mayor's Show Nov 16

Marching behind the beautifully embroidered banner made by Liz Turnbull, as Founders of The Guild, we wore our robes modelled on traditional nurses cloaks with our distinctive umbrellas. [Read More](#)



Edith Cavell Wreath Laying Ceremony Oct 2016

Our Master, represented the Guild of Nurses during the annual wreath laying ceremony held in front of the statue of Edith Cavell in London, at the invitation of The Cavell Nurses Trust. [Read More](#)



Annual Church Service and Declaration Ceremony Oct 16

St Lawrence Jewry is the official church of the Lord Mayor of London and the City of London Corporation. Dating back to 1135, this was the ancient setting for the first annual



Suffragette Walk Sep 16

On a beautiful Autumn morning a group of Guild of Nursesmembers met up with our Blue Badge guide, Mo Corcoran. We discovered monuments, plaques and buildings dotted around Westminster that not

church service for The Guild of Nurses. [Read More](#)



Inaugural Education and Professional Development Event Sep 16

This was hosted by The Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, Kings College London [Read More](#)

only marked the suffragette movement, [Read More](#)



First Freedom for the Newly Formed Guild of Nurses Sep 16

Elizabeth Bardolph becomes the first Guild nurse to receive Freedom of the City of London [Read More](#)