



Dear Friend of Millbank

Celebrating the heritage, achievements and relevance of military medicine

As Christmas beckons and this year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of us all to express our sincere gratitude to our speakers who have contributed so much to making the 2022 programme such a success. I also wish to thank our committee members and all Friends of Millbank who have attended or supported our talks and events in person or by Zoom. It has been a very enjoyable year, and your contribution and friendship are greatly appreciated.

A particular highlight has been the Poynter Meeting at the RAF Club on 30 September, held jointly with the British Society for the History of Medicine, with whom we are affiliated. For the success of this Meeting I must extend many thanks again to BSHM president Mike Davidson, to Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) Alastair Reid RAF for his excellent introduction (attached to this email) and to our speakers Professor Martin Bricknell and Dr Emily Mayhew for their captivating talks. Special thanks also go to Gp Capt (ret'd) Godwin Scerri RAF who so kindly facilitated our holding the Meeting at the RAF Club in the first place. The BSHM December 2022 Newsletter contains excellent accounts of the Poynter Meeting, do read it [HERE](#) or on the BSHM website <https://bshm.org.uk/>. I would remind all Friends of Millbank that your subscription entitles you to free BSHM membership, so if you have not done so yet do register at <https://bshm.org.uk/membership/register-bshm-member-affiliated-organisation/>. If you are only on our mailing list, then now is a perfect time to join us, see below.

Another highlight was our George Blair Memorial Lecture by Bob Jackson at Millbank on 28 October, Bob flew over from Ireland specially to deliver this Lecture, which is also described in the BSHM December 2022 Newsletter. The recordings of all our talks of the last two years (over 20 in all) are on

our Members Area for you to enjoy again at leisure, <https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/members/>. This collection is building up to be an invaluable and unique online learning resource, in addition to the other resources steadily being added to our website. Explore and enjoy, learning is fun.

Our 2023 programme is even more varied and ambitious and has now been published. I hope all goes well and that you will be able to attend and enjoy many of our forthcoming talks and social events. I have attached the full programme for your convenience. It can also be downloaded from our homepage. More details will be sent out regarding individual talks and events in due course.

Our AGM is from 1730-1815hrs on Friday 27 January at Millbank (and on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person). If you wish to include any items under Any Other Business, please email me by 15 January so that I can include them in the agenda. The AGM will be followed at 1830hrs by our first talk of the year, 'Developments in Military Medicine' by Col (retd) Walter Henny from the Netherlands, by Zoom, giving us an international perspective. Please see attached flyer, and register via www.friendsofmillbank.org.

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Lest we forget. Stella Dampier has sent me a lovely tribute to Eric Lancaster, recently deceased life member of Friends of Millbank, to share with yourselves. Please see attached.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings in 2023. In the meantime, I wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas and a happy New Year. May peace prevail in this world. God bless you.

David Vassallo

Chairman, Friends of Millbank

