

**You are cordially invited to the
Poynter Meeting 2022**

**A combined meeting by the British Society for the History of
Medicine and the Friends of Millbank**

Introduction by Air Vice-Marshal (retd) Alastair NC Reid CB OStJ

Friday 30 September 2022

**At The Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, W1J 7PY
1700 – 2000hrs: Reception, Two Lectures (£15, register below)
2000 – 2300hrs: Dinner (limited spaces, £55, apply separately)**

Dr Emily Mayhew

Poynter Lecturer 2022



Presents

‘When Unexpected Survivors become Trustees of Each Other’

How the RAF's Guinea Pig Club secured the power of the patient's voice in recovery and treatment,
and what they are still teaching us today.



Lieutenant General (Rtd) Professor Martin Bricknell CB OStJ PhD DM



Presents

‘Military Medical Dilemmas – ethics in decision making’



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Prior registration required

Register [HERE](#) for Reception and Lectures (1700 – 2000hrs)

**Email chairman@friendsofmillbank.org to request place
at Dinner (2000 – 2300hrs) (limited spaces)**

Dress code: Smart (Jacket & tie, or equivalent)

Our Speakers' Biographies



Emily Mayhew

Dr Mayhew is a military medical historian specialising in the study of severe casualty, its infliction, treatment and long-term outcomes in 20th and 21st century warfare. She is historian in residence in the Department of Bioengineering, Imperial College, working primarily with the researchers and staff of the Centre for Blast Injury Studies. She is the author of the Wounded trilogy, which studies Britain's casualty cohorts from the First and Second World Wars, and from the recent war in Afghanistan. She is the Imperial College Internal Lead on the Paediatric Blast Injury Partnership, and a Trustee of the Advance Study Charity Board.



Martin Bricknell

Professor Bricknell took up his appointment as Professor in Conflict, Health and Military Medicine at King's College London in April 2019 to build a focus for research into civil-military relations in global health systems and military healthcare ethics. Prior to this he served 34 years in the UK Defence Medical Services, culminating his service as the Surgeon General of the UK Armed Forces. He undertook operational tours in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Balkans with multiple additional overseas assignments. In 2006 and 2010 he held senior Medical Adviser appointments in the NATO ISAF mission. He was awarded the Companion of the Order of Bath, the Order of St John and the US Bronze Star during his military service.

Noël Poynter and the eponymous Lecture

Doctor Noël Poynter, past president of the BSHM, was Director of the Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine from 1964 to 1973. He made a number of important contributions to the study of the history of medicine and his influence was felt throughout the world.

Appointed assistant librarian at the Wellcome Museum and Library in 1930, he worked with Sir Henry Wellcome on the classification and display of the Wellcome Collection, going on to compile catalogues of the contents of the Library. Later as Director he was able to consolidate this early work, further improving the Collection and the Library.

Poynter devoted much time and energy to societies devoted to the study of the history of medicine. He was a prime mover in the founding of the Faculty of the History of Medicine of the Society of Apothecaries in 1958.

He was an active member of the Société Internationale d'Histoire de la Médecine, contributing to its reorganisation. He went on to become Secretary-General and then President of the International Academy of the History of Medicine. His links with American historians led to his appointment to the editorial board of the Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

His term as President of the British Society for the History of Medicine included the organising of the BSHM Congress in London in 1972.

Poynter was a prolific author, a regular contributor to journals and author of a series of books, many of which dealt with medicine in Tudor and Stuart times. These included *The Selected Writings of William Clowes (1544-1608)*, *A Seventeenth Century Doctor and His Patients: John Symcott*, *William Harvey: Lectures on the Whole of Anatomy*. In 1961 he published *A Short History of Medicine*, a brief account of the evolution of medicine aimed at a younger readership, while *Medicine and Man (1971)* addressed social aspects of the history of medicine.

One of his greatest literary legacies was the journal *Medical History* which he founded and then edited from 1957 until 1973.

In the biennial Poynter Lecture the BSHM commemorates Noël Poynter's many and varied contributions to the study of the history of medicine. Previous lectures are listed on the BSHM website. Due to the COVID pandemic the 2020 Poynter Lecture was held online alongside a virtual talk by the Osler Club of London, which is affiliated with the BSHM.

This year's combined meeting with the Friends of Millbank at the RAF Club is the first Poynter Meeting actually held with an affiliate society.