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QNI launches book of stories on school nursing written by school nurses



range of work that specialist practitioners manage in schools, home and communities with young people and their families/carers.

Suzanne Gordon said, 'It has been both an honour and a pleasure to help nurses write about their work. I hope that more members of the public, policy makers, hospital and healthcare administrators, and even other nurses will listen to their voices and value their work.'

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, Chief Executive of the QNI, said, 'I am delighted that we are publishing this book of stories as it is one way in which the QNI is helping community nurses to find their voice and articulate their value, describing their work as it is actually done, rather than as

imagined. By presenting the stories our goal is to bring the incredibly diverse, complex and challenging work of School Nurses to a much wider audience. The pandemic not only interrupted the original launch of the book in 2020 but will also have contributed to making nurses' work that much more challenging. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Suzanne Gordon for all her help curating and editing the book and all the school nurses who so eloquently



4. A School Nurse Intervention with a Boy with Suicidal Thoughts

Olivia McDermott, Queen's Nurse

Recently, I had a call from a young person who had been referred to me by their school nurse. The young person was a boy, aged 15, who had been referred to me by his school nurse. The school nurse had been contacted by the boy's mother, who was concerned about his mental health. The boy had been experiencing suicidal thoughts and had been self-harming. The school nurse had been in contact with the boy's mother and had been providing support. The school nurse had been in contact with the boy's mother and had been providing support. The school nurse had been in contact with the boy's mother and had been providing support.

and movingly shared their stories.'

The QNI have launched a book of stories on school nursing written by school nurses themselves.

The book - which features 19 different case studies - was written following a workshop with author Suzanne Gordon in 2019 and with the support of Public Health England. It demonstrates the vast

Read the book: www.qni.org.uk/news-and-events/news/qni-launches-book-of-stories-on-school-nursing-written-by-school-nurses/



QNI Announces Line Up of Forty Speakers at Annual Conference



The QNI has announced the full programme for its Annual Conference 2021.

The conference will, for the second year take place entirely online, over five days, 11-15 October 2021. Nurses are able to register for each of the five sessions separately.

The unifying theme of the conference is Building Back Fairer, with specific themed programmes on each of the five days. The conference theme acknowledges that community nurses have a leading role to play in combating health inequalities and creating better health for all members of society, from all ages and backgrounds.

The QNI is offering the event free of charge and it is open to all nurses working in community settings, and primary and social care, as a mark of gratitude and in recognition of the immense personal and professional achievements of the

Above: some of the speakers at the QNI conference nursing workforce during the pandemic.

Forty speakers in nursing leadership, education and practice, healthcare policy and wider society will speak on a range of subjects of key relevance to community nursing.

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, the QNI's Chief Executive said, 'I am delighted that we have been able to bring together such a fantastic and diverse range of speakers for this year's conference. We are anticipating challenging and insightful presentations and debate on every day, from nursing and healthcare leaders from the UK and international organisations.'

To view the full programme, please visit: www.qni.org.uk/news-and-events/events/qni-annual-conference-2021-building-back-fairer/

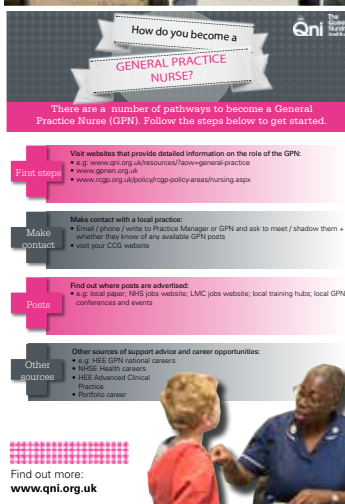


Student Nurse project launched



on being a community nurse and much more! To watch the recording of the event (length: 1 hour), go to: ADDRESS. Facebook Live enables users to attend educational events, network with colleagues from all around the UK in the comfort of their own homes.

A new section of the QNI website dedicated to pre-registration students and newly qualified nurses was launched at the same time. This was created to in the hope of inspiring more student nurses to choose to work in the community as a first destination post on qualifying.



Above: community nurses welcoming student nurses to the community; Left: resources on the student pages of the QNI website

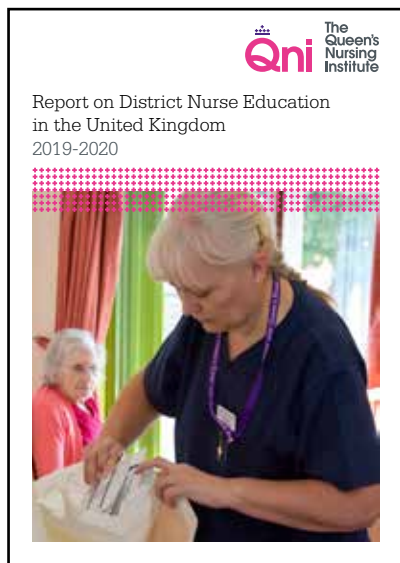
On 13th July, the QNI - in collaboration with the Journal of Community Nursing - held a Facebook Live event for student nurses called, 'Nursing

students - the Community and You'. The event was presented by the QNI's Chief Executive, Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, Liz Fenton, Deputy Chief Nurse, HEE and Sam Sherrington Head of Community Nursing, NHS E/I and included a live Q&A session with nursing students; career highlights and personal experiences from senior nurses; case studies and anecdotes; a short film

The web pages include resources for students - such as a 'Day in the Life of' series, which shows a brief summary of a day in the life of different community nurses; pathways for becoming a nurse in the community; common myth busting facts about working in the community and the transition series of working in community and primary care. The new section also includes blogs and stories from newly qualified nurses; placements and opportunities; the history of community nursing as well as an introduction to career options in the community, primary and social care.

To see the new webpages: www.qni.org.uk/students/

Annual District Nurse Education Report published



The QNI has published the eighth annual Report on District Nurse Education in the United Kingdom, covering the academic year 2019-20.

The data informing the report was gathered using an online survey between

November 2020 and February 2021.

Key points from the Report include:

- 43 universities in the United Kingdom are approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to offer the District Nurse Specialist Practitioner Qualification. 38 universities responded to the survey and of these, 36 are running a programme. One of these is a new two-year apprenticeship programme and a further three universities have new programmes

under development for 2021 and 2022.

- 554 District Nurses qualified with SPQs in 2020, compared to 555 in 2019. However, 121 students from 2019/20 still had outstanding modules, assessments or exams to complete at the time of the audit, largely due to delays in assessment and restrictions in practice due to the pandemic. If they all successfully complete the programme, this will increase the annual figure of District Nurses qualifying in 2020 from 554 to 675, equating to an overall increase of 22% on 2018/19 figures.

- 761 new students commenced the District Nurse Specialist Practitioner Qualification (DN SPQ) Programme in 2019/20. This is an increase of 68 students (10%) on the 693 students who started the programme in 2018/19.

- The number of universities offering the V300 Independent Prescribing course as part of the programme has increased from 15 to 16 in 2019/20.

To read the report in full, go to: www.qni.org.uk/news-and-events/news/annual-district-nurse-education-report-published/

Professor Ursula Gallagher, QNI Fellow



The trustees and staff of the Queen's Nursing Institute were very saddened to hear of the death of Professor Ursula Gallagher MBE.

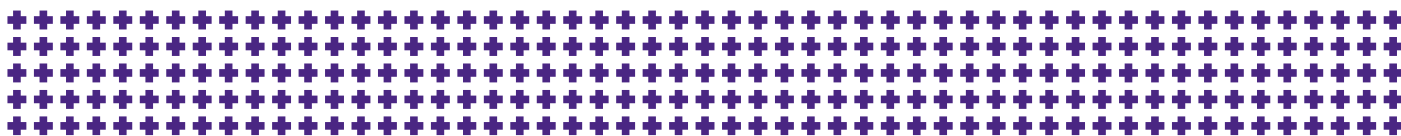
Ursula became a Fellow of the QNI in 2017 and was an ardent supporter of all the QNI's work.

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, QNI's Chief Executive, said, 'Her support of the nursing profession, her

legacy of the highest quality, evidence-based care and promoting and embracing innovation, will continue – and all remembered with her fabulous sense of humour. She was a nursing legend and we will miss her terribly.

Ursula previously worked as Deputy Chief Inspector for the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and was awarded an MBE in June 2021, for services to healthcare, patient safety and healthcare education.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to her family and friends at this very sad time.



Community Learning Disability Nursing Standards Launched



promoting community based, integrated and inclusive health and social care, with specific recognition of health inequalities in people with a learning disability and/or autism. In this national policy context, the role of the specialist practitioner Community Learning Disability Nurse assumes major and growing significance.

Clare Cable, Chief Executive and Nurse Director, QNI Scotland said, 'We hope these new standards will support and inspire new opportunities and approaches to education for community learning disability nursing practice across the four nations of the UK.'

The Queen's Nursing Institute and Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland have published new voluntary standards for Community Learning Disability Nurses in the UK.

The standards articulate the specific elements of advanced practice demonstrated by Registered Nurses who have completed a Community Learning Disability Nurse (CLDN) Specialist Practitioner Qualification (SPQ) programme.

It is anticipated that the new standards, launched following Learning Disability Week 2021, will support Community Learning Disability Nurse (CLDN) education and practice across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The new standards comprise a set of benchmarks and guidance to inform current and future education and practice requirements expected of a registered nurse on completion of a post registration CLDN SPQ.

An easy read version of the standards has also been commissioned.

There are estimated to be 1.5 million people living with a learning disability in the UK (ONS, 2019; Mencap, 2019). As the four countries of the UK's 'Long Term Plans' outline (NHSE/I, 2019), (NHS Scotland, 2019) (Gov.Wales, 2019) (DOH, 2016), national policy focuses on

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, QNI's Chief Executive said, 'These standards are very timely in raising the profile of the advanced specialist expertise of Community Learning Disability Nurses. Their role as autonomous practitioners is central to the provision of health and care in the UK for people with a learning disability and/or autism, their families and carers.'

Angie Hack QN, QNI's Assistant Director of Nursing Programmes said, 'The standards reflect the current practice of the modern-day CLDN Specialist Practitioner, including specific competencies for this specialist area of practice. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic engagement, commitment and shared passion from Community Learning Disability Nurses across the UK who together promote best practice. These standards have already been recognised for ensuring best practice at a high level and promoting the voice of Community Learning Disability Nurses, as well as the voice of experts by experience, with a special thanks to Mr Lloyd Page.'

The full standards document and the easy read version can be downloaded here. www.qni.org.uk/nursing-in-the-community/practice-standards-models/learning-disability/



QNI and National Garden Scheme Announce New Community Nursing Scholarship



healthcare. Many of these projects go on to become part of mainstream services within their employing organisation and beyond.

The new NGS Elsie Wagg Scholarship will be open to all nurses working in the community, with specific application criteria. The scholarship will be awarded to nurses submitting the best applications for projects that promote the health benefits of gardening and garden visiting among a group of people. It is proposed to award five scholarships per year, building a group of 25 NGS Elsie Wagg Scholars by the NGS centenary year in 2027. The scholarship will open for applications in late summer 2021 and the chosen projects will start in spring 2022.

The QNI and the National Garden Scheme have announced the creation of a new scholarship programme for community nurses, the NGS Elsie Wagg Scholarship.

The new scholarship was launched by George Plumptre, Chief Executive of the National Garden Scheme, speaking at the Queen's Nurse Annual Meeting on 12th May, Nurses' Day. The scholarship will support five community nurses each year to undertake a project to improve health and well-being outcomes for people, connected with gardening and social prescribing.

The scholarship is named after Elsie Wagg MBE, the QNI council member who originally had the idea to open gardens to raise funds for the charity, which led to the creation of the National Garden Scheme in 1927. The funds to support the programme represent part of Ms Wagg's estate transferred from the NGS to the QNI in 2018.

The QNI has a long track record of supporting groups of nurses to develop and implement their own ideas to improve the nursing care of the people they care for in the community. Project leaders receive a year-long programme of individual and group support, as well as funding to implement their project to improve

George Plumptre, Chief Executive of the National Garden Scheme said, 'Elsie Wagg's name has always been the historic binding of the National Garden Scheme and our founder, The Queen's Nursing Institute. So it is entirely appropriate that it is funds left to us by Elsie that we have been able to donate back to the QNI to establish this new scholarship programme. Equally important, the scholarship will be a vehicle through which we will together provide tangible evidence of the health benefits of gardens in a series of new projects and I am full of expectation at the exciting projects that I know community nurses – who are such a resourceful and innovative bunch – are going to come up with.'

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, QNI's Chief Executive, said, 'I am delighted that through the generosity of the National Garden Scheme and our shared heritage that we are able to offer this exciting and challenging new scholarship programme for community nurses. I am also very pleased that we are able to celebrate the enormous contribution made by Ms Elsie Wagg MBE to the QNI and to community nursing services over many years. Her role as a philanthropist and innovator deserves to be more widely known.'



QNI appoints two new Vice-Presidents



The Queen's Nursing Institute has announced the appointment of two new Vice-Presidents. The appointments were officially confirmed by Her Majesty the Queen, the charity's Patron.

The new appointments are Michael Cooper, who has served as a trustee of the charity from 2003 to 2021, and Dame Elizabeth Anionwu, Emeritus Professor of Nursing at the University of West London.

Professor Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu set up the first ever UK sickle cell anaemia and thalassaemia nurse counselling service in Brent in 1979 and her subsequent work in this area has been internationally recognised. It was the first of over 30 centres in the UK using the Brent Centre as a model.

She became a senior lecturer in Community Genetic Counselling at the University College London's Institute of Child Health. Prior to retirement in 2007, she was Dean of the School of Adult Nursing Studies & Professor of Nursing at University of West London (UWL), before establishing the Mary Seacole Centre for Nursing Practice there.

Dame Elizabeth was Vice-Chairperson of the Mary Seacole Memorial Statue Appeal and is a Life Patron of the Mary Seacole Trust. She became a Dame in 2017 in the Queen's New

Year's Honours List and was awarded a Fellowship of the Queen's Nursing Institute in October 2017.

Michael Cooper was a trustee from 2003 until 2021 and served as Vice-Chair until 2013. After National Service in the RAF, university in the UK and post-graduate studies in the United States, he had a successful career in the international oil exploration and shipping industries, gaining an MBA in the process.

In the 1990s he fulfilled an ambition to work in the voluntary sector, spending six years as Chief Executive of Diabetes UK. He is a trustee of two other charities, a school governor, a Conservator of Ashdown Forest and spent nine years as a Non-Executive Director of East Sussex, Brighton & Hove Health Authority.

Dame Elizabeth said, 'It is a huge honour to be appointed as a Vice-President of QNI. I look forward to supporting their important activities in promoting the work of Community Nurses.'

Michael Cooper said, 'To have seen the QNI progress quite remarkably over the twenty years I was a trustee has been so very gratifying and now to be appointed a Vice-President is a great privilege.'

Professor John Unsworth, the QNI's Chair of Council said, 'I am delighted that Professor Dame Elizabeth Anionwu and Michael Cooper have been appointed as the Institute's Vice Presidents. Michael is a long-standing colleague who has made a considerable contribution to the transformation of the Institute as a previous Vice Chair of Council and as a trustee. Michael is also credited with the transformation of diabetic care when he was CEO of Diabetes UK. Elizabeth has for many years supported our work and as a former Health Visitor she knows about the complexity of community nursing practice. Elizabeth becomes the first nursing Vice President in the Institute's history.'



‘Call Yourself a Nurse?’ by June Girvin

‘I’m a Nurse. I call myself a Nurse because I qualified through three years study and a final examination and was awarded the title of Registered Nurse, and most importantly, I am currently on the Register of the UK Nursing and Midwifery Council. I am a regulated and accountable Registered Nurse. That’s the reason I can call myself a Registered Nurse.

Only when someone has undertaken the required education (a Bachelors or Masters degree today), has applied to and been accepted on to that register, can they call themselves a Registered Nurse. In order to continue to call themselves a Registered Nurse after that initial registration, a three yearly validation process is required and the annual payment of a substantial fee in order to stay ‘live’ on the Register. If someone’s registration lapses, they don’t revalidate, they don’t pay their fee, or they are struck off for some serious disciplinary reason, then they can no longer call themselves a Registered Nurse. This is UK law.

But, and here is the really important thing – in the UK anyone can call themselves a Nurse. And that’s a problem.

It’s a problem because we rarely go around workplaces or caring for patients proclaiming that we are Registered Nurses. We are called ‘Nurse’, and a host of other titles with ‘Nurse’ in them. We respond to being called ‘Nurse’. It is the title ‘Nurse’ that is in common usage, ‘Nurse’ that the general public use to attract our attention, or to describe us, ‘Nurse’ that is the shorthand for a safe, competent, accountable, and professional practitioner of nursing. It is generally interpreted as being the contraction for Registered Nurse. If you say you are a Nurse, then most people will assume that you have the required education and the correct validations to be a Registered Nurse – with all the trust and safety assumptions that go with that.

Unfortunately, in those workplaces, we know that there are people in roles that have ‘Nurse’ in their title who aren’t actually nurses at all. They are

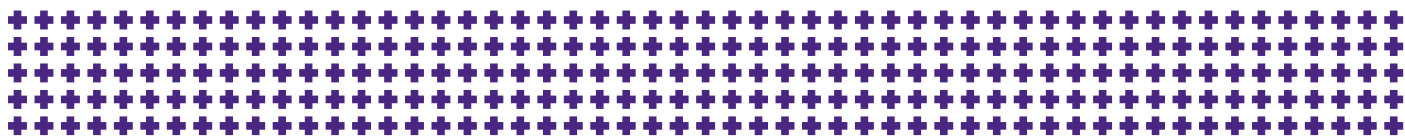
probably a support worker or an associate or other helper role – all valuable within their own scope. They may have some specialist education, but they may have none, and they are not Registered Nurses yet their job title probably leads the public to believe they are. Hmmm. Apart from the ethics of such use of title, perhaps this is how we get the ‘50,000’ more nurses promised by Government? (Note that it is ‘nurses’ that are promised, not Registered Nurses).

We also know that there are unscrupulous people who set out to deceive by calling themselves a ‘Nurse’ – like the parliamentary candidate who referred to himself as a ‘Nurse’ in his campaigning but was forced to admit that he wasn’t actually a nurse, but a health care assistant. I suppose he thought calling himself a Nurse would help him win votes. And he could do so, with impunity. We also know that there are people who have been struck off the NMC Register who can continue to call themselves a Nurse, again with impunity.

It’s not against the law to say ‘I’m a Nurse’ when you are not. I think it should be.

I believe the title ‘Nurse’ should be legally protected for the sake of patient safety and patient trust. So that when someone needs a Nurse, that’s exactly what they get – a Registered Nurse – or at the very least, they are clearly told and made aware that the person in front of them is NOT a Registered Nurse.

Professor Alison Leary has set up a government petition to get the title ‘Nurse’ protected and used only by Registered Nurses. You can find the petition here: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/587939>, it takes just two minutes to sign. I have signed it, and I hope you will too. Anyone can sign it; it is an issue for anyone who may come into contact with health care services now or in the future and who believes in safety and transparency. Do sign it if you think this is important too, and do share it with your friends and family. Thank you.’



Where words fail, music speaks: the language of an extraordinary QN, by Heather Henry QN



'I've just pulled up outside a house in a leafy suburb on the outskirts of Eccles, Salford. At the door is an older lady, smiling and waving. We've never met and already I feel we have much in common. For this

lady is an extraordinary Queen's Nurse and my senior by some 34 years.

It started when I emailed June Smith, who was until recently the co-organiser for a community organisation called Singing with Dementia. I'm currently putting together a bid for funding to do singing for lung health across Salford and emailed her, asking whether we might collaborate. June replied saying that she was retiring from the group, being 94 next month and recovering from a recent operation. She added how delighted she was to be contacted by a fellow QN. It took me precisely 3 seconds to decide that we had to meet.

June was born in 1927 in Victoria, Australia. She started her training at Alfred Hospital in Melbourne in 1945 with 17 others and had kept in touch with them ever since. She shows me a picture of them all, smiling in their uniforms and aprons. By 2003, she'd noted on the back of the photo that there were 7 of them left. In a footnote in 2021 she adds poignantly 'Only me left now.'

June moved to Greater Manchester after her marriage. On 16th September 1966, clutching her P45 and insurance card, she reported to superintendent Miss Keogh, at Harpurhey District Nurses Centre in Manchester, to start her district nurse training.

'In those days, district nurses rode bicycles,' she tells me. 'If you had a car you were lucky. I remember my friend Margaret Molloy – red curls on top of her head – she'd run up the stairs carrying her bike to see her patients.'

'We'd nurse the whole family, taking into account the harsh social conditions that surrounded them. Collyhurst had a lot of poor housing, with adults often having multiple labouring jobs. I found working in people's homes both satisfying and rewarding. We'd do everything: bathe them, feed them, cut their nails.'

I tell her that sadly some of those harsh social deprivations still existed. She looks at me aghast as I told her of a father I know that had to borrow 50p from another dad one night to feed the meter so that his children didn't wake up in the cold.

In the 1960's district nurses were not allowed to work in twos: 'One day I needed to lift a heavy patient, so I enlisted two workmen off the street repairing the gas pipes to come and help me.' I asked if she had back problems: 'No I don't'.

Aseptic technique she explains, was basic but effective: 'We didn't have dressing packs. We'd teach the patients how to make their own. They'd get cotton wool and gauze on prescription and put them in a metal biscuit tin and they'd bake the tin in the oven – often until the cotton wool went brown.'

'We also had a certain way of folding newspaper to make a bag for the used swabs. We'd burn them – and incontinence pads – on the fire. I set fire to a few chimneys in Collyhurst in my time!' she adds with a grin, 'but we never had any cross infection'.



I reflect that her description of person and family centred care in community nursing and that spirit of invention and calculated risk-taking still prevails amongst Queen's Nurses. In my own practice of social innovation, I've had to take my own share of risks, such as driving a convicted armed robber and kidnapper that I'd only just met (but risk assessed) to a project supporting former offenders, so that he would have a Christmas meal. On that occasion I told the guy that if I didn't ring my boss at 12.30pm precisely the police would be looking for us.

On the 17th September 1967, June completed her training with the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, with distinction. Later she went on to be a tutor in district nursing in South Manchester and later, became a magistrate, serving on the bench for 20 years.

June's husband, who sadly died over a decade ago, developed dementia. We swap tales of coping with family members with dementia. Both of my parents developed the disease too and my sister Christine and I had to seek help from the voluntary sector so that we didn't slip into mental illness ourselves.

'I was watching TV one night and saw a guy playing the violin and people with dementia came alive' she says, '...and I thought, my God, we can do that!'

June went to meeting in Eccles organised by Age Concern (now Age UK) to find volunteers. That day, she met another would-be volunteer called Diane Greaves and together they decided to set up a musical support group for family members with dementia. They were initially offered space at the local Citizen's Advice Bureau and later a room at the Humphrey Booth Resource Centre in Swinton.

'It was a lot harder than I thought,' she muses, '...it took about 2 years to set up properly. We approached everyone, we applied everywhere. Age Concern found us a piano and then we found a guy to sing.'

Ten years on, Singing with Dementia is a huge success. June and Diane have raised over £90,000 and this helps to pay for professional musical

support from the charity Music in Hospital, for refreshments and for the Christmas parties. In the last 3 years, 5,000 people have attended the weekly singalongs and social events, with an average of 70 people turning up each week.

'It's unbelievable to watch them,' she smiles, remembering those whose dementia might mean that they normally never speak. 'They sit up, they know the words and they sing it all way through. The effect of music on the brain is extraordinary.'

June talks about how the group offers a safe, happy and welcoming environment: 'If family members swear, or are incontinent, it's accepted and this allows people to relax and enjoy themselves.'

June and Diane have created a refuge for carers who live with 24-hour stress. Their work attracts students from as far away as Canada and Sweden, who come to study their approach. Now they are handing over their group to the next generation to carry the work on.

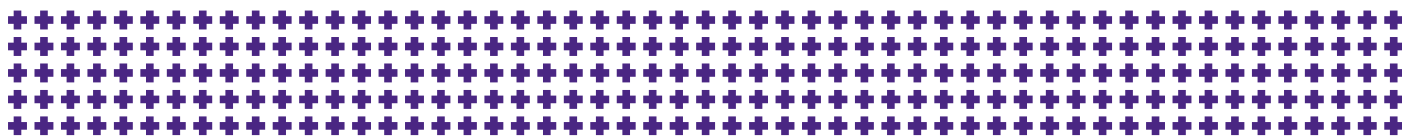
I light candles on a little lemon drizzle cake that I brought and photograph June blowing them out. 'It's not my birthday till next month!' she exclaims. Then I ask her for a selfie with our QN badges on, because I'm already planning to write this blog about her, ready for when it is her birthday.

June Smith is a pioneer, someone who fights against the odds, invents new ways to help others and never gives up. She is an important part of our shared community nursing history. I think she has been alone with her memories for too long. My hope is that together we can help June to celebrate her 94th birthday by remembering and celebrating her work and by carrying forward her indomitable spirit.'

Heather Henry, Queen's Nurse

Footnote: We were able to put June in touch with Margaret Molloy and they have now spoken on the phone – many years to catch up on!

To find out more about June's work, visit:
www.singingwithdementia.co.uk



Obituary for Marjorie Frater (nee Scott) 10/5/32 - 25/4/21



to pursue careers in nursing. Marjorie's advice still resonates with Sue in her work as a Health Visitor some 36 years on.

Eventually Marjorie progressed to a role in District Nurse education, and was one of the first members of the newly created UKCC and Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, elected by the then Secretary of State. Marjorie carried out this role with all the care and due diligence it demanded and much more.



Marjorie finally became a university lecturer, establishing the District Nursing Course at Swansea University. Marjorie achieved this despite not having a university qualification herself – a very rare achievement proving that often experience, humility and dedication matter much more than academic ability. After being involved in a serious road traffic accident on her way to work, Marjorie made the difficult decision to stay in student accommodation in Swansea – most nights she was invited to join her students for meals and company!

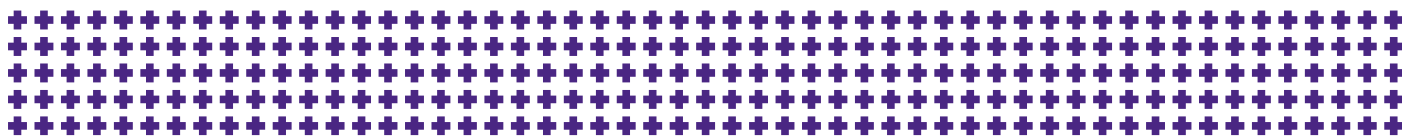
Marjorie Rhoda Scott was born in the Rhondda valley in Pontygwaith on 10th May 1932, and from an early age decided she wanted to be a nurse.

Marjorie undertook her nurse training at the old East Glamorgan Hospital, Church Village, and it was here that she met Ron Frater, who was working in the hospital stores. They were married, and Marjorie started her midwifery training – she had to abandon this after completing her Part I training as she had fallen pregnant with her son Ken. Marjorie then decided to move forward with life as a District Nurse in the village where she and Ron lived. Six years later their son Alan was born, with daughter Sue following four years after that.

Marjorie worked as a much-loved District Nurse in the local GP surgery for more than 25 years – she was extremely proud of her job and of becoming a Queen's Nurse. Marjorie was universally loved by all the families she cared for, and by colleagues and friends alike – she always upheld the highest standards in nursing care. Marjorie's devotion to her job inspired both her daughter Sue and her daughter-in-law

During this time Marjorie was honoured to be one of the QNI 100 selected for her dedication to her career – her family only discovered this when looking through some of her photo albums the night before she died – they say this was typical of Marjorie, as she would never boast of her achievements. Marjorie was also thrilled to be bestowed the honour of presenting a bouquet of flowers to Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, on the 100th anniversary of the QNI royal patronage.

Marjorie continued her university role until her retirement in 1989, when she was looking forward to the arrival of her grandson. Marjorie's family remember her as a loving wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother – she has left an enormous hole in the lives of all her loved ones. Everyone who met Marjorie loved her, and her nursing legacy lives on through her family and all those who she helped to achieve their nursing goals.



Liverpool John Moores seeks Liverpool District Nurses

Were You a District Nurse?

Did you train and/or work in Liverpool between 1945 and 2000 and no longer work for the NHS? If so, this project would like to interview you!

Project brief

- ❖ We are researching the history of district nursing in the United Kingdom.
- ❖ Your involvement will mean taking part in individual or group interviews covering your experience and memories as a district nurse in Liverpool.

- ❖ Interviews are expected to last up to 2 hours.
- ❖ You will have the choice of taking part in the interview either virtually, over the telephone, or face to face

To express interest and find out further information please contact the researcher on:

Email: J.Owens@2019.ljmu.ac.uk

Facebook: District Nurse Historian

Twitter: @DistrictPhD

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To get involved or for more information, email J.Owens@2019.ljmu.ac.uk

The NGS - Great British Garden Party



The NGS are holding their Great British Garden Party from 4th - 12th September 2021. Enjoy celebrating your garden to raise funds for vital nursing and health charities - including the Queen's Nursing Institute.

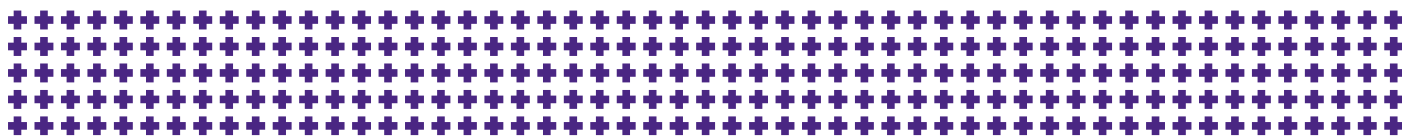
Why hosting a Great British Garden Party means so much

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the National Garden Scheme to close its garden gates for the first time in its history, leaving a shortfall in funding for its beneficiary charities. As the single largest funder of Marie Curie's

work, the longest standing partner of Macmillan Cancer Support and a key funder for Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Parkinson's UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute this shortfall is having a major impact on these key nursing charities, who need our support more than ever.

National Garden Scheme President, Mary Berry says, 'We're inviting everyone, it doesn't matter whether your garden is large or small, tidy or untidy – it's a place for enjoyment. This celebratory event gives us all an opportunity to share our gardens whilst raising funds for vital nursing and health charities. Your garden party could be afternoon tea and cakes, prosecco by candlelight, a coffee morning and book swap or even a plant and produce sale by the front gates – the choice is yours and everyone can get involved.'

Find out more or join in here: <https://ngs.org.uk/gardenparty/>



Animal artist raises funds for the QNI with unique competition



Above: The winner Teddy with his painted portrait;
Right: The runner up, Alfie, with his charcoal drawing portrait.

Animal artist Alison McQuail has raised hundreds of pounds for the QNI's TalkToUs listening service by creating a unique pet portrait competition.

The idea for a portrait competition grew from the realisation that pets and wild animals were a huge source of emotional support to people of all ages and backgrounds through the lockdowns of 2020-21.

Alison also wanted to honour the contribution of nurses during the pandemic and raise funds for a charity that supports nurses in so many ways. Her brother (Matthew Bradby) works for the QNI as the Head of Communications and several members of the family have been nurses, including their mother and grandmother.

Alison raised an incredible £600 in total and all these funds will be used to support our listening service to nurses who need to talk in confidence about challenges in work or personal life during the pandemic.

Dr Crystal Oldman, CBE, the QNI's Chief Executive said, 'We are very grateful

that Alison raised all these funds for the QNI's TalkToUs listening service. Over the last year, we have heard from the community nurses in our networks how immensely helpful pets have been to their owners during lockdown so this is a very topical indeed. We all thought that Angela Yates' entry was wonderful and are so impressed with Alison's portrait of Teddy!'

To enter the competition, people had to send in a photo of their pet and explain in 100 words or less how their pet had helped during lockdown.

We had many inspiring entries, thank you to everyone who joined in. We are delighted that Angela Yates from the West Midlands was chosen as the winner with the following entry about her pet dog Teddy: *'How Teddy has changed our lives! Exercise, play, love, cuddles, laughter, company, a focus when all around was shifting and falling apart. Teddy has taught us to live in the moment with him. Patiently lying under the table while we work, he taps us on the arm when it's time for a break. One moment sums up the year: taking my elderly Dad to the hospital for cancer tests, I left Teddy with my tearful Mum. We returned to find them waiting together in the hall, Teddy loyally at Mum's feet. 'He wouldn't move from this spot,' she said.'*

To see more pet portraits by Alison, go to:
<https://alimcquailportraits.co.uk/>



QNI Staff's niece, Amelie Morgan, wins bronze at the Olympics



they train long hours and work extremely hard. It takes strength, stamina, flexibility, grace, duress and mental stability. (We were worried they would get injured before the competition as they are pushed so hard. Alice did twist her ankle, it was black and very swollen a week before the qualifying.)



Above: Amelie with her medal (far right); **Left:** Amelie on the beam; **Right:** Amelie on the uneven bars

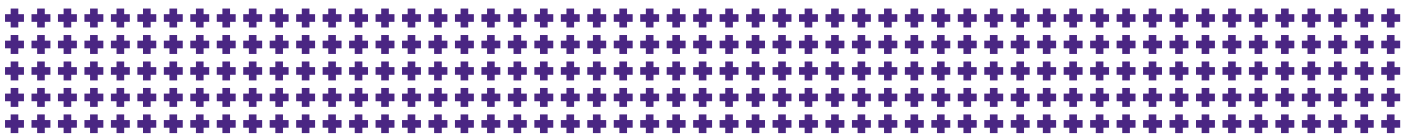
The QNI's Grants Officer, Justine Curtis, was delighted when her niece, Amelie Morgan, won bronze in the team gymnastics event at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Japan.

Justine said, 'Gymnastics is such a tough sport,

Amelie is well rounded, articulate and one of the hardest working yet humblest people I have ever come across. It was a massive achievement to even be selected to be part of the Gymnastics Team, for this young team to receive a medal was beyond anyone's wildest dreams, yet they all deserved it for all their hard work and sacrifices.

The coverage wasn't great on BBC and although we could see the team perform on each apparatus on Eurosports we had no idea where the team were ranked until the last moment. Matt Baker said that Team GB had won Bronze, we just burst into tears, it still makes me cry when I think about it. Proud, happy tears.'

Many congratulations to Amelie from everyone at the QNI!



QNI Pets

Following our feature last issue on pandemic colleagues, aka pets, here are a few more from our contacts. Please do keep sending your photos in! 1. Michael Cooper, Vice President of the QNI, with his cat, Rihanna and his sheep; 2. Dexter, the pet dog of Maureen Larsen, the daughter of Keep In Touch contact Wendy Larsen; 3. QNI's Keep in Touch Officer Suzanne Rich's

cat Milo, ready for another work zoom meeting and 4. another cat of Suzanne's, this time the acrobatic Maisie on top of an old bird table.

If you would like to send in a photo of your pet, we would love to see them! Email joanna.sagnella@qni.org.uk and we will include it in the next issue of HomeVisit.



'Queen's In Their Name' book on offer



Queen Elizabeth II is the longest-serving monarch in English history, but, with the birth of Prince George, there are now no women in the direct line of succession to the British throne. When the Prince of Wales succeeds the Queen, many of the United Kingdom's most celebrated titles that include the monarch's name will be changed. With the consent of Her Majesty,

Julian Calder has photographed the holders of some of the most prestigious – and some of the most arcane – titles that have Queen's in their Name and the result, which is accompanied by a richly detailed text, is a glorious celebration of these titles and the people who hold them.

The book - a hardback - is 136 pages, full colour and is priced at £40 if you order directly from www.juliancalderpublishing.com/shop (with no delivery charge).

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