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“Preaching, Politics and Philanthropy: The Quakers in Pharmacy 1650 to 1900”

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The Wellcome Building Conference Centre

183 Euston Road, London

Wednesday 15th October 2014 at 6.00p.m.

The impact of Quakers on British pharmacy was disproportionate to their numbers. They established a variety of pharmaceutical companies including Allen and Hanbury's, William Ransom's and John Bell and Croyden. Yet many also found time to undertake other activities alongside their pharmaceutical businesses. Thomas Corbyn's piety put him in a position to make or break the careers of young preachers. Jacob Bell was MP for St Albans in the 1850s. Many were active in the abolition of slavery; William Allen became president of the Anti-Slavery Society, and had philanthropic interests in education.

Stuart Anderson is president of the International Academy for the History of Pharmacy, a past president of the British Society for the History of Pharmacy, and a former chair of the Society for the Social History of Medicine.

This lecture is free and is open to the public.

Prior to the lecture, in the afternoon the current Wellcome exhibition will be available for viewing.

In addition from **3.30 pm - 5.30 pm**, for BSHM members and their guests only, there will be a mini-exhibition of related texts, documents and pictures from the Wellcome Library collection to complement the lecture.

Drinks and simple refreshments will be provided by the Wellcome between 5.30 pm and 6.00 pm for members of the BSHM.

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