



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSES

40 YEARS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSES



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- Treasurer - Mr A E McCoy (Crumpsall Hospital Manchester)
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- Committee - Miss J Trout (Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham)
- Miss Rose Ronicle (Frenchay Hospital Bristol)
- Miss Lucy Hughes (North Staffs Royal Infirmary)

Introduction

40 years ago saw the establishment of specialist areas of care for nursing and along with this a forward thinking group of neurosurgical nurses perceived the need for a specialist interest group to compliment this. The British Society of Neurosurgical Nurses was born and as they say.....the rest is history.

As Phyllis Holt one of the founder members said at the 20th anniversary through all the many trials and fun times the original objectives of the Society have held true. There have been many changes not least of which has been the name which hopefully has reflected the changing times and has meant the Association as it is now known has been able to embrace those changes & maintain its credibility as a forward thinking organisation at the forefront of maintaining the standards of care for neuroscience patients

Mission Statement:

The mission of the British Association of Neuroscience Nurses (BANN) is to support and enhance the development of competence in neuroscience nursing by improving the exchange of information between Neuroscience Nurses in the United Kingdom. Optimal patient outcomes require nursing to be pivotal in the delivery of a comprehensive framework for neuroscience care with the value of the nursing contribution to the multi-disciplinary aspects of neuroscience care acknowledged as central in healthcare provision.

The vision of BANN is to be a leading authority, to inspire passion in nurses to create a future for the speciality. This commemorative brochure is a brief synopsis of the last 40 years which will hopefully give some insight into some of the challenges faced in the past & a hint of those to come!



Anne Preece
President
September 2011

History

The Society was founded in 1971 at Manchester Royal Infirmary as the British Society of Neurosurgical Nurses (BSNN).



In 1974 it became affiliated to the World Federation of Neurosurgical Nurses (now known as Neuroscience Nurses).



It expanded in 1976 to include Neuromedical nurses and thus changed its name to the British Society of Neuromedical & Neurosurgical Nurses (BSNN). The Society had to maintain separate lists of neurosurgical & neuromedical Nurses to comply with affiliation to the WFNN.

The Society became affiliated to the European Association of Neurosurgical Nurses (now known as Neuroscience Nurses) at the inaugural congress in 1979.



The Society changed its name to the British Association of Neuroscience Nurses in 1998 (BANN).

At the inaugural meeting it was decided that full members would have to have been in neurosciences for at least 2 years & would need 2 sponsors one of which had to be a neurosurgeon & the other a member of the Society. This was in line with the WFNN & continued until 1979.

The first annual subscription was £2.50. The first meeting concluded with an "interesting" talk from a consultant neurosurgeon on the history of neurosurgery. Meetings continued in the Spring & Autumn of each year until 1999 with the autumn meeting having the AGM.

There have been many changes in the NHS & Neurosciences since the inception of BANN and it is only when you start looking back that you remember what you've forgotten! It is not all that long ago that Lumbar Air Encephalograms, Myelograms, Pressure studies for hydrocephalus & Angiograms when they took one x-ray at a time where the norm. Side effects were pretty awful for some patients including violent headaches, vomiting etc.

CT scans were only introduced in the '70's so not every hospital had one & those first scans took two minutes to record one slice! The quality was pretty awful as well so clinical signs, excellent recording and monitoring was essential. Now we have MRI, PET Scans etc & it's hard to imagine how we coped without them.

There were no Brain stem death tests till the 80's & it was not uncommon for patients to linger on ventilators for days on end. Vegetative state patients are fewer in number because of these advances Bolus nasogastric feeding, half hourly observations post craniotomy for 24 hours –then hourly for 24 hours –then 2 hourly for a couple of days –it a wonder anyone survived! Infusion devices mean that drugs are given evenly over time and not as boluses or by drip counting.

Stereotaxy was really 'on the edge' surgery and seen as experimental in Parkinson's' etc & the eccentric surgeons that went with it!

It hasn't just been clinical advances. The committee had to hand write all their documents in the early days & an appeal for a typewriter in October 1977 resulted in a welcome donation from the Walton. Computers came on board in the 1990's enabling records to be transferred & kept up to date

Throughout this time as neuroscience nurses we have adapted and grown being a major part of the team which we still are

Over the 40 years our membership has fluctuated but those members have consistently been active in forwarding practice within Neurosciences as well as voicing their opinions at the highest level

The board and membership are constantly looking at how to promote the speciality e.g. working with NICE, supporting NeuroBlend education project with EANN, full participation in EANN and WFNN Congresses, board members of EANN and being a stakeholder in many of the important milestones highlighted below

We hope you enjoy the trip down memory lane & if you remember any of the above you must have been in Neuro for a long time – well done and aren't your patients lucky!

Special thanks to Kate McArdle for checking the historical facts & providing some photos & also Chris Eberhardie

BANN Committee
October 2011

Milestones

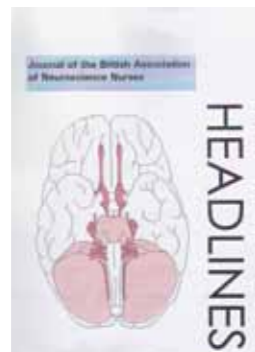
24th November 1971 – BSNN founded

1972 Enrolled Nurses were admitted as Associate members Impact of the Salmon report – the role of Nursing Officer was not being implemented in Neurosurgery as envisaged by the report

1973 First newsletter presented

1974 Affiliation with the SBNS & WFNN
 - RCN approached for BSNN to become a specialist group within the RCN – motion defeated at the AGM
 - First Society badge produced
 - BSNN committee member elected to join a working party to set the curriculum for post registration/post enrolment courses in neuromedical & neurosurgical nursing
 - Lucy Hughes working as a Nurse Consultant in Burma for the World Health organisation
 - Judith Wills President of the WFNN

1975 European Association of Neurological Surgeons held their meeting in Oxford which members of BSNN attended. BSNN had contacted neurosurgical nurses in Europe to meet in Oxford with the purpose of forming a European Association of Neurosurgical Nurses - inaugural meeting was in 1979 in Paris - Newsletter changed to "Headlines" - Phyllis Holt editor.



1976 First weekend meeting due to being held in Edinburgh – social programme first introduced – a precedent was set!



1976 Agreed to admit neuromedical, neuropsychiatry & neurorehabilitation nurses but separate lists of neurosurgical & neuromedical nurses had to be kept to comply with WFNN rules. The majority of the organisation had to be neurosurgical – BSNNN

- BSNNN became a founder member of the Joint Committee of Professional Nurses, Midwives & Health Visitor Association – giving professional advice directly to the DHSS. Advice was sought on such things as NHS Reforms, UKCC, Standards of Care and the Clinical Role of the nurse. This committee continued until 2001



1977 WFNN Brazil

1979 EANN inaugural Congress Paris – Chris Sampson Chairman & Phyllis Holt Secretary



1980 Controversial Panorama programme caused repercussions with organ donation – donor cards were torn up among other things - Nursing Times offered to produce a twice yearly Association newsletter but not feasible at this time

1981 WFNN Congress Munich



1981 Autumn – first conference where all the papers were presented by nurses or other members of the MDT. Prior to this there had been a heavy medical influence. Indeed one session presented by two Neurosurgeons was entitled "Neurosurgical Nursing"- it would be

interesting to hear what they had to say!
1983 Information booklet for members first printed - EANN Brussels

1985 WFNN Toronto – agreed to admit neuromedical nurses – Chris Eberhardie elected editor of publications & Phyllis Holt secretary

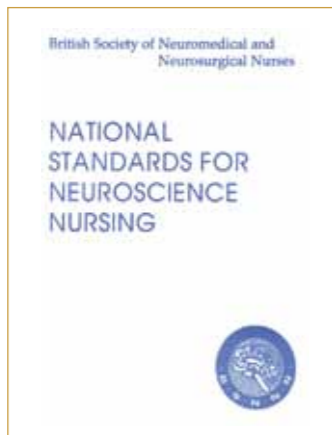
1986 Working party set up to set Standards for Neuroscience Nursing with Douglas Allan as chairman – the precursor to Benchmarking
1987 BSNN acted as host for the EANN Congress in London – Kate McArdle (nee Newlands elected Treasurer)



1989 WFNN Congress Disneyland California



1990 Standards Committee work completed – booklet published



1991 EANN Congress Zurich - BANN Conferences moved to annual but over two and a half days - Travel and research funds started - most often used to visit other units to compare practice



1992 Concern expressed over quality of course to convert ENB 153 (EN's) to ENB 148 (RN's) – ENB reject a request to review - Computer purchased to update member records & type minutes

1993 WFNN – Acapulco
1995 EANN – Sweden

1996 Safe Neuroscience Nursing proposed – no published until 2000

1997 WFNN – Amsterdam

1998 Benchmarking Club started - Email communication started

1999 Meetings became annual and held in the autumn with the AGM
- EANN Rome
- Liz Preston elected President of EANN
- BANN website first set up

2001 Modernisation Agency came into being
- NSF for long-term conditions
- New logo



- WFNN Sydney



2002 Modernisation Agency – Neurocritical Care

2003 Benchmarking group re-vamped - "Action On" Neurology commenced

- completed 2005
- Review of Neuroscience Provision – Wales
- Revamped "Headlines"
- EANN Denmark

2004 Approached by SBNS to become more multidisciplinary with SBNS
-Review of Neuroscience Services – Scotland

2005 British Journal Neuroscience Nursing first published – BANN Executive Board on editorial board
- Stakeholder in Neuroblend – education project with EANN
- Website re-opened
- Teleconferencing to reduce travelling costs
- WFNN Barcelona

2006 Stakeholder for relevant NICE documents

2008 Re-launch BANN Expanded Executive board new logo, new website – sponsored by Integra, new poster



Best poster & oral presentation prizes for Annual Conference sponsored by Integra



2009 Sponsorship prospectus introduced for Companies supporting the Annual BANN Conference



- WFNN Toronto – famous York Hotel

2010 April 2010 BJNN became the official journal of BANN



Promoting professional development British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing is the official journal of the British Association of Neuroscience Nurses and works in partnership with BANN to promote the educational and professional interests of neuroscience nurses in the UK. The journal is endorsed by the Neuroscience benchmarking Group

2010 October 2010 – Marjorie Newsome Awards for Neuroscience Nurses

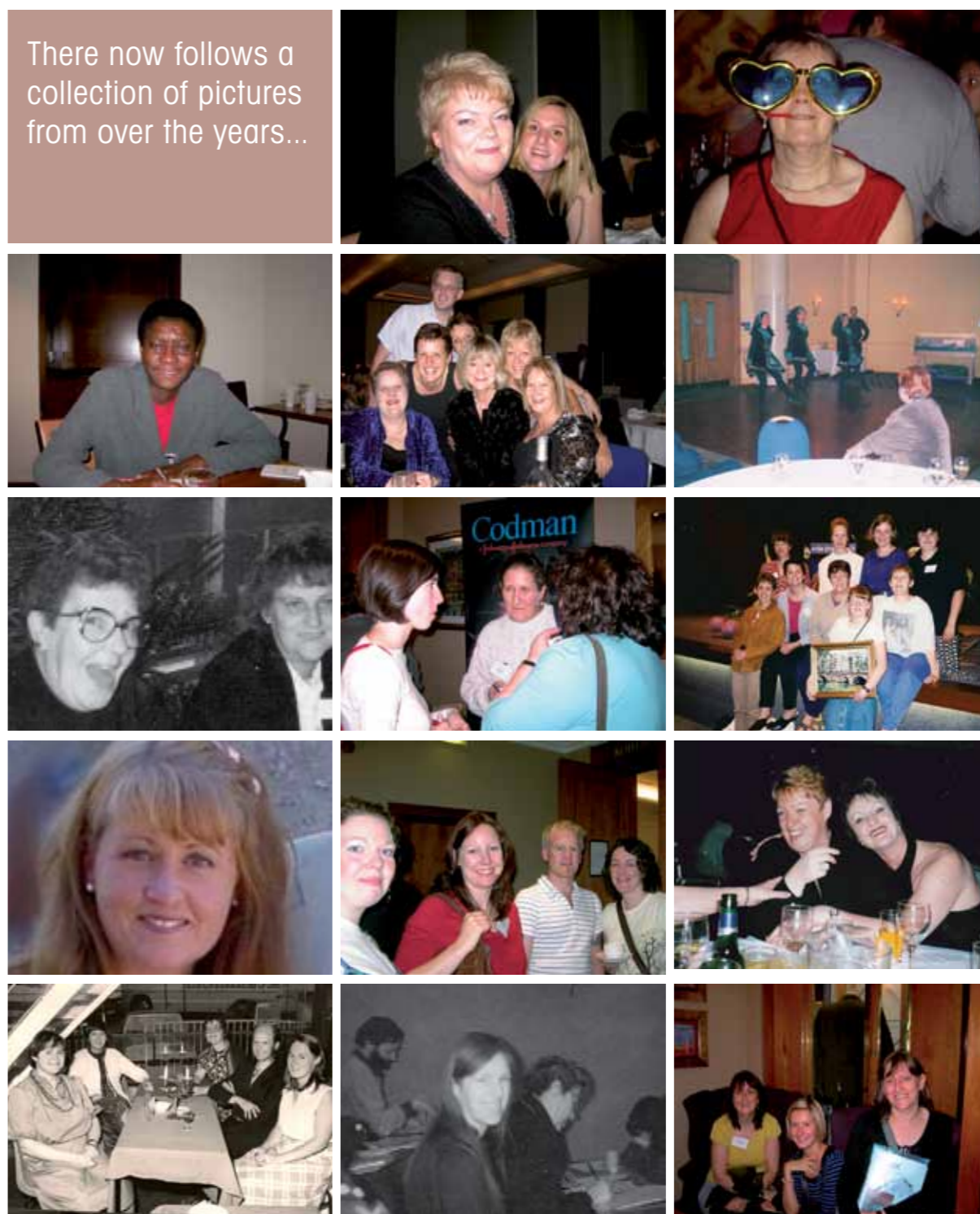


- The SBNS award the Marjorie Newsome prize for the highest mark in the neurosurgeons exams. This is in conjunction with the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix Arizona. This year saw the award being expanded to include neurosurgical nurses. Scholarship awards will be given annually to neurosurgical nurses who apply to BANN & are successful to undertake a project at the BNI in Arizona - Conference Poster & Oral prize became the Bernie Selley prize sponsored by Integra. Although never a committee member Bernie had been a long time member & supporter of BANN

2011 Joint working with SBNS – BANN was approached by the secretary of SBNS to see if we would like free registration for nurses to attend with a neurosurgeon from their own unit. The remainder of the conference fees had to be met by the nurses but as an organisation we welcomed this. Following further council meetings the SBNS decided to open this offer to all AHP's involved in Neurosciences, but I'm pleased that BANN took the initiative & started the negotiations.



Gallery



There now follows a collection of pictures from over the years...



Committee Members 1971 - Present

Year	President	Vice	Secretary	Treasurer	EANN	WFNN	JCPNM	RCN	Committee	Setting Standards	BANN Website
1971	K Sharpe	B Dodd	J Wills	A McCoy	X	X	X	X	J Trout	R Ronicle	L Hughes
1972	"	"	"	"	X	X	X	X	"	"	"
1973	B Dodd	E Simpson	M Hanson	"	X	X	X	X	R Sowden	"	"
1974	"	"	"	"	X	L Hughes / B Dodd	X	X	P Holt	E May	E Grimwood
1975	E Simpson	P Holt	"	"	"	"	X	X	P McKissock	G Sayers	L Hughes
1976	"	"	"	D Delbridge	X	"	X	X	E May	E Redfern	"
1977	L Hughes	"	E Redfern	K Newlands	X	J Wills / P Holt	M Hanson	X	"	E Walker	A Hunt
1978	"	P McHissock	"	"	X	P Holt	E Redfern	X	J Haskell	G Sayers	"
1979	G Sayers	"	E Kingsway	"	P Holt	"	"	X	"	E Safadi	"
1980	"	J Haskell	"	A Hunt	"	"	"	X	Anne Murdoch	"	Eric Dray
1981	"	"	Anne Murdoch	"	"	"	E Kingsway	X	S Callaghan	D McNeill	"
1982	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	E Preston	"	A Major
1983	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	K Newslands	R Riasdon
1984	"	E Preston	"	"	D McNeill	"	A Hunt	X	P Cooksley	"	S Spencer
1985	E Preston	L Pemberton	"	"	"	A Hunt / A Major	"	X	"	"	"
1986	"	"	"	"	"	"	P Holt	X	"	"	"
1987	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	"	"
1988	"	"	"	"	"	"	P Holt / A Hunt	X	"	"	A Major
1989	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	"	Geraldine Robinson
1990	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	Ainsley McGibbon	"	"
1991	"	"	"	Kerry Humble	"	A Hunt	"	X	"	"	"
1992	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	"	"
1993	"	"	"	"	"	P Holt	"	X	"	K McArdle	X
1994	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	"	"
1995	"	"	"	Ainsley McGibbon	"	K McArdle	E Preston	X	X	X	X
1996	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	X	X	X
1998	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	X	X	X
1999	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	X	X	X
2000	"	"	"	"	"	"	LP & KMCA	X	X	X	X

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2001	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	X	X	X	X
2002	"	"	Anne Preece	"	Lesley Pemberton	"	"	X	Cath Waterhouse	Jeanette Power-Jepson	X	Cath Waterhouse
2003	"	Shanne McNamara	"	Cath Waterhouse	Carol Kirrane	"	X	Cath Waterhouse	X	"	X	"
2004	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	X	X	X	Anne Preece
2005	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	Judith Withers	X	X	"
2006	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	"	X	X	"
2007	Anne Preece	"	Andrew Carter	Dee Cope	Cath Waterhouse	"	X	"	Mary Braine	Neal Cooke	Julie Neale	Mary Braine / Neal Cooke
2008	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	"	"	X	"
2009	"	"	"	"	"	"	X	"	"	"	X	"
2010	"	"	"	"	X	Mary Braine	X	"	Neal Cooke	X	X	"

Honorary Members

Honorary Members	Unit
K Snape	Manchester Royal
Lucy Hughes	North Staffs & Walton
Barbara Nixon (nee Dodd)	Maudsley & Midland Centre for Neurology & Neurosurgery Birmingham
Joyce Haskell	Western General Edinburgh
Gloria Sayers	Preston
Ann Major	Hull
Bettine Hobday	Oldchurch
Enid Ramsden	-
Margaret Clarke	-
Phyllis Holt	Maudsley London
Andrea Hunt	Maida Vale London
Margo Miller	-
Pat Cooksley	Derriford Plymouth
Eleanor Jackson (nee May)	Frenchay Bristol
Ann Douglas	Western General Edinburgh
Elizabeth Preston	Western General Edinburgh
Judith Withers	John Radcliffe Oxford
Kate McArdle (nee Newlands)	John Radcliffe Oxford

Current Executive Board:



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