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Dear Member,

The next meeting of the 2025 Session will take place on Wednesday 9th April 2025 when Dr John Launer will lecture on:

'SHOULD WE STOP TAKING HISTORIES AND LISTEN TO STORIES INSTEAD?'

John Launer is a doctor, educator and writer. A graduate in English, then a practicing GP for thirty years and part-time consultant in a mental health trust, John has written eleven books and is currently a regular columnist for the BMJ. His current posts include Honorary Associate Clinical Professor at UCL Medical School and Lead Programme Director in Educational Innovation for NHS England in London.

We teach medical students that systematic history-taking lies at the centre of good medical practice, and often place only secondary emphasis on listening to "the patient's story." But have we got this the wrong way round? In his talk Dr Launer will argue that our conventional approach devalues patients' experience of illness, limits trust by placing the doctor's view of the world first, and may even impede the disclosure of significant medical information.

There will be a buffet supper at 6.45pm followed by the Lecture. The cost of the supper will be £47 per person for members and guests. You are asked to send your remittance with the slip below to reach the Executive Secretary by Friday 4th April if you wish to attend. If paying by BACS please email the Society that it is your intention to be present.

Yours faithfully,
Professor Philip Ind, Hon Secretary

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To the Executive Secretary, The Harveian Society, Lettsom House, 11 Chandos Street, London W1G 9EB

I wish to attend the Buffet Supper on Wednesday 9th April and enclose my cheque for myself and guest(s) at £47 PER PERSON. BACS payments to Sort Code 20 71 74 Acct 30152145. **Please use your surname and date of the meeting as a reference and send an email to harveiansoclondon@outlook.com to confirm your booking.**

I wish to attend the lecture only (no fee payable)

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