BARBARA JEAN ALLAN

Born in Richmond and subsequently educated in Essex, where she now lives, Barbara's career has been predominantly secretarial - assisting the senior executives of companies that have included musical instrument makers, stockbrokers, bankers and educators. Her final appointment before taking early retirement in 2001, was with the Cripplegate Foundation and it was through this organisation that she (in 1985) became a member of the Ward Club and also received the Freedom of the City.

Barbara officially accepted the position of Honorary Secretary for the Cripplegate Ward Club in 1993 (although she had been involved in this role for many years before) and was made an Honorary Member in 2008. She was Secretary to the City Heritage Society for three years and in 2008 became a Freeman of the Basketmakers' Company.

A member of the National Trust, the Royal Horticultural Society, the Civil Service Club and The Art Fund, Barbara's main interests are gardening, theatre, travelling and history.

