

# Jesus Hospital Charity Newsletter

## Autumn 2018



Welcome to the 39th edition of our newsletter.

### Social Events & Dates for your Diary

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Ravenscroft Lodge**

10.30 ~ 11.30 am

**NOVEMBER**

See page 3

**DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Details to follow

### **OUR TRIP TO LEATHERSELLERS**



Last month, instead of our weekly Wednesday coffee morning, we had a very special outing to visit our friends and neighbours at the Leathersellers almshouses.

We were treated to a fascinating tour, including their lovely chapel which you can see above.

Whilst in there, Leathersellers resident and chapel key holder Anita, gave us a brief talk about the history of Leathersellers.



*Leathersellers Resident, Anita.*



*JHC residents enjoying their visit*

After our tour, we then had tea and cakes in their lovely community room. On behalf of all of us who visited, we would like to thank the residents of Leathersellers for making us feel so welcome and we look forward to more joint activities with them.

Those of you who went clearly enjoyed the outing, so for our next visit, we hope to arrange a tour of the highly acclaimed Community Housing Co-Op in Union Street, which like JHC, is for ladies only. We will let you all know when we arrange something.



## JHC Annual Summer Outing Windsor River Cruise



On Thursday 9 August, fifty Residents, Visitors, Staff & Guests had a very enjoyable day cruising up the River

Thames. Although the weather was not on our side, this did not dampen spirits as we departed on our voyage.

We left from Windsor Promenade with Windsor Castle above and followed the river to Boveney Lock where we turned just below the weir. We travelled at just under 5 miles an hour or 4.5 knots in nautical terms. A delicious ploughman's lunch was followed by tea and cake. All in all a wonderful day was had by all ~ now to start planning the next one!!



### The River Thames

The river Thames ~ affectionately known as Old Father Thames ~ rises from four headstreams in the picturesque Cotswold Hills of south-central England. As it meanders 215 miles [**350 km**] eastward, it is joined by other rivers until it finally pours through an estuary some 18 miles [**29 km**] wide into the North Sea.

### Windsor to Boveney

- At Windsor Bridge the Thames is 43 feet above sea level and at the tail of Boveney Lock it is 45 feet ~ so we really did cruise up the river.
- Windsor Bridge is a cast iron and granite structure which was completed in 1824. Thomas Telford was the consulting engineer, well known for his bridge and canal building.
- Windsor has a large population of swans. Owning swans has always been a privilege granted by the Crown. Today there are three owners of swans in Windsor, the Monarch, the Worshipful Company of Vintners and the Worshipful Company of Dyers. In July the swans are marked to show ownership, this is called Swan-Upping.
- Along this stretch apart from swans, you may see herons, Canada Geese, Mandarin & Mallard ducks, Coot, Grebe and Moorhen. If you are lucky you may even spot a Kingfisher.
- The Navigation Authority, now the Environment Agency, have now introduced a programme to encourage salmon to return to the Thames. On the lock house end of Boveney Weir you can see the salmon ladder, designed to enable the fish to travel upstream when seeking their breeding grounds.
- The Precincts of Windsor Castle are open every day throughout the year except on the day in June when the Garter Service is held in St. George's Chapel.

# MoonWalk® london 2018

Congratulations to  
Amanda from Union Street for  
completing her 4<sup>th</sup> Moonwalk for Cancer  
Research.

Amanda started and finished her 26.2  
mile MoonWalk in Clapham Common  
and finished in a time of just over 8  
hours. A fantastic achievement whilst  
raising much needed awareness and  
money for such a worthwhile cause.



*If you are inspired by Amanda's  
achievement get in touch as there are  
many other events which are not quite  
so challenging as the MoonWalk !*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Jesus Hospital Charity not only provides  
almshouse accommodation, but also  
provides grants to good causes in the  
area.

This is called Relief In Need.

Individuals or Organizations who are in  
our Area of Benefit (High Barnet, East  
Barnet, New Barnet & Friern Barnet)  
can apply to us for a grant.

The Charity can make grants only if  
there is sufficient money to do so.

Last year, we provided £65K to good  
causes, so we would like to think this is  
another legacy to our wonderful  
founders, James & Mary Ravenscroft.

*We are also aware that a number of you  
are involved in charity work in one way  
or another ~ If you would like to  
showcase your particular charity please  
let us know.*



## CAFÉ CONCERT

IN AID OF

## RAIL PASTORS

### SATURDAY

### 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

7.00 – 9.00pm

TICKETS £10

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

## Wesley Hall

(opposite the Spires Shopping Centre)  
9 Stapylton Road,  
Barnet, EN5 4JJ



For Tickets Call  
020 8441 1811

**BARNET GUIDED WALKS**  
Barnet Churches and Pubs  
(The Sacred and the Profane):  
a guided walk.

Meet at High Barnet tube station.  
Looking at the history of 900 years of  
how and where the people of Barnet  
have worshipped .... and made merry.

24.11.18 2pm

With Paul Baker, City of London guide.

02084406805

pbaker54@hotmail.co.uk

## **SOMEONE LIKE YOU**

**The Adele Songbook**

Wyllotts Theatre Potters Bar

Thursday 29 November at 8pm

Box Office: 01707 645005



## **TEN QUESTIONS** **ANNETTE McANDREW**

**Annette has lived at Grasvenor Avenue since 2011 and works fulltime as an emergency services operator.**

**1. What is your best childhood memory?**

*"It was when my dad drove 50 miles to the nearest cinema to watch a new film called, The Sound of Music. Eight of us were packed into the car, it was quite a journey as you can imagine."*

**2. What is the best thing about living in Barnet?**

*"Barnet has such a great location, we are near the country and also on the tube line, so you can get into London very easily."*

**3. Over the years, what has been your favourite venue?**

*"The Mitre pub, dating back to the 1600s it's a lovely old pub and I attend a weekly book club there too."*

**4. Favourite film of all time?**

*"It has to be One Flew over the Cuckoo's nest, starring Jack Nicholson. I love that film, it has such dark humour and some classic scenes."*

**5. What has been the biggest change you have seen in Barnet?**

*"Sadly it's the loss of so many of our local shops, a common problem throughout the country."*

**6. Favourite food?**

*"Growing up in County Mayo, we had an abundance of lovely sea food, crab, fish but best of all fresh lobster which I still absolutely love. I also enjoy a good Indian!"*

**7. Favourite TV programme?**

*"At the moment, I would have to say The Great British Bake Off. They are all so clever and I could eat everything they make. I do a bit of baking myself and can make a decent Victoria sponge, fruit cake, or traditional Irish cake, Porter cake (which contains Guinness) I'll bring one into the Office at Christmas!"*

**8. What are your interests and do you belong to any clubs?**

*"I love reading and as I mentioned earlier, I belong to a book club, we read all sorts including science fiction which I normally wouldn't touch. I also love the cinema and live music."*

**9. Best place you have visited abroad?**

*"I would have to say Memphis Tennessee. The live music scene was incredible."*

**10. Finally, what do you like most about being a resident of JHC?**

*"Apart from the fact I've got some great neighbour's, the views are stunning and I recently took some photos of the sun set. Beautiful. I am just very happy here and have been blessed."*

## POTTERS PROGRESS



As you can see from the photo, the construction of our 7 new almshouses is really coming along.

The Visitors had decided some time ago, that due to a shortage of affordable homes in Barnet, the Charity would like to make its own contribution on this important issue.

It is expected that these new homes will be ready around May next year. This will take the total number of our almshouses up to 63.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to hear of all the positive feedback from residents and visitors on the site. The construction team are acting in a professional, considerate and friendly manner and are ensuring minimum disruption to the residents of Potters.

The Finchley Charities (The largest almshouse Charity in the Borough) completed the new flats they constructed earlier this year. And also with the new units built by Thomas Watson Cottage Homes a few years ago, the residents of Barnet are fortunate that the almshouse world is doing their part to meet the demand for new housing.

***HALLOWEEN AT POTTERS!***  
*ONCE AGAIN, A LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS' AT POTTERS LANE GATHERED TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN. THE VENUE WAS DIANE'S COTTAGE WHO PUT ON A LOVELY SPREAD FOR HER NEIGHBOURS. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE PICTURES, THE LADIES DRESSED IN APPROPRIATE STYLE AND HAD A GREAT TIME.*



*98 year old  
Winnie the Witch  
and  
Her Coven*



## WELCOMES & FAREWELLS



Shirley moved to Wood Street in August. Although Shirley is an octogenarian this does not stop her leading a busy and active life-style. Shirley still drives

and her hobbies include bingo and dancing. Shirley has settled in well and is very happy in her new home.

**On a sadder note we say goodbye to three of our Sisters.**

**Amanda Morgan** has moved to pastures new. We wish Amanda every best wish for the future.



**Stella Martin**  
13.06.35~26.9.18

Stella was a Sister of JHC since May 2007. Stella was a very independent, private lady. Stella was also extremely hard

working and had a wry sense of humour.

*R.I.P. Stella you will be sadly missed.*

**June Parrott**  
18.06.29 ~ 02.11.18

June, a Sister since February 1998. An incredibly articulate and artistic lady. June's heart was full of gold and she always put everyone else first.

*R.I.P. June will also be greatly missed.*



*A tribute to June, her favourite poem written by Enid who was a great friend and neighbour.*

### **THE CHESTNUT TREE**

I live hard by an ancient Church  
Its leaning tombstones mossed and green,  
Upon the square and flinty tower  
A beacon sails serene.

Tall stands the tree beside the gate  
Majestic in its lonely pride ~  
A venerable chestnut ~ old ~  
As grassy graves it grows beside.

I've seen its bare and blackened branch  
In winter, whitely clothed in snow,  
And then in springtime, varnished buds  
All shiny in pale sunshine's glow.

Green palmate leaves droop folded down  
From flower spikes of pearly cream,  
Then fat white candles wax and wane  
With May-times' summer dream.

In fullness of the year I see  
Its myriad fruit grow plump and round,  
And in the strength of autumn winds  
Dry leaves twist golden to the ground.

The tree gives up her gift of seeds  
Each spiky globe then splits apart  
Revealing in the silken case  
A burnished copper heart.

Sleep well, now winters storm I see,  
And take your rest, old chestnut tree.

*Enid Gomes*



# THE GREAT ALMSHOUSE CITIES OF ENGLAND.

We thought it would be nice to show case the wonderful world of almshouses cities around England along with information on the area they are in.

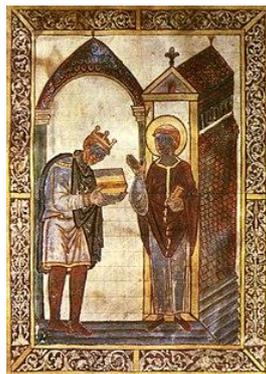
## *Episode 1.*

### YORK

We start where the whole almshouse story began, in the historic city of York. This magnificent Yorkshire city has had a turbulent history and has been occupied by both the Romans and Vikings.

And in the 10th century, the very first almshouses were built, by King

Athleston, the Grand son of Alfred the Great. These, and many others have since been lost to the alms house world, but others remain.



***Aethelstan presenting a book to St Cuthbert, the earliest surviving portrait of an English king.***

Anne Harrison almshouses in York.

These are for ladies only, aged 50 and above and in "hardship or distress".



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## *Ten fascinating facts about York City*

1. York is home to the biggest food and drink festival in Great Britain.
2. York has the largest Railway Museum in the world
3. You'll find more intact city walls in York than anywhere else in England, dating back some 2000 years.
4. York Minster is the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe - an architectural feat that took a staggering 250 years to build, with construction running from 1220 to 1472.
5. In 1984 a lightning bolt struck York Minster, which began an incredibly damaging fire that ripped through the grounds. This wasn't the first time the building had suffered fire damage, either; back in 1829 Jonathan Martin, a religious fanatic who later became known as Mad Martin, deliberately set fire to the belfry.
6. York boasts the best racecourse in Britain
7. York is seriously spooky, with plenty of ghostly hotspots and ghost walks throughout the city.
8. The Shambles is the oldest retail street in the entirety of Europe, it was even described in the Domesday Book in 1086.
9. Margaret Clitheroe, an English saint and martyr, had her hand removed at some point before her execution for defying the monarchy by following Catholicism. Her severed hand forms part of an exhibition at the Bar Convent.
10. York has a long and illustrious history with chocolate, and was home to Nestlé and Terry's; in 1999 47 bars were eaten every second – all manufactured in York!

**PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF DAYS FOR WASTE COLLECTION.**

**Details as follows:**



**Blue recycling bin – Collected weekly.**



**Black refuse bin – collected weekly**



**Green garden waste bin - Collected fortnightly**

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- **DIANE** at **POTTERS**
- **MONICA** at **WOOD ST.**
- **PAT** at **GRASVENOR**
- **JEAN C.** at **GRASVENOR**
- **HARRY DELL**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY**

- **SHIRLEY** at **WILBRAHAM'S**
- **MARGARET** at **WOOD ST.**
- **PATRICIA** at **WILBRAHAMS**
- **DELIAH** at **WOOD STREET**
- **JO** at **POTTERS**
- **SUE** at **POTTERS**

**Your new collection day is Monday**

From 4 November, please make sure that all your recycling and waste bins are placed at the boundary of your property by **6am on your collection day.**

change to collection day due to public holidays

No garden waste collection

**November 2018**

Mon 05	Mon 12	Mon 19	Mon 26
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**December 2018**

Mon 03	Mon 10	Mon 17	Sat 22	Mon 31
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**January 2019**

Mon 07	Mon 14	Mon 21	Mon 28
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**February 2019**

Mon 04	Mon 11	Mon 18	Mon 25
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**March 2019**

Mon 04	Mon 11	Mon 18	Mon 25
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**April 2019**

Mon 01	Mon 08	Mon 15	Mon 22	Mon 29
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**Keep me safe**

To check or download future calendars visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling) from 1 April 2019 and select calendar code **MON1**

**Summer birdie game**

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16	17	18				19	20	21
22						23		
24							25	
26							27	

Across

- Actor Pitt
- Make over
- Place to hibernate
- Face shape
- Pakistani language
- Damn, as socks
- Goes on board again
- Kind of tax
- Philosophical doctrine
- Centers of activity
- Cermany's \_\_\_ von Bismarck
- Crude group?
- Snaillike
- Work station
- Joie de vivre

Down

- Smudge
- Hard to find
- Adjutant
- Chicken order
- Aquiline facial part
- "... happily \_\_\_ after"
- Clammy
- Cutlass, e.g.
- Life story, in brief
- Walk heavily
- Easy gait
- Top guns
- "... do you good"
- Ancient gathering place
- Cut

The title is a clue to the word in the shaded diagonal.

