

Jesus Hospital Charity Newsletter

Autumn 2025



Welcome to our 58th Newsletter

...and HELLO from the JHC team...



Here at JHC we are an established team who get on extremely well and have a great camaraderie.

We have regular team meetings to ensure the charity runs smoothly and the residents are all well cared for.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us if you have any questions, interests or ideas you would like us to consider.

We are all grateful to our Founders James & Mary Ravenscroft for giving us the opportunity to play a miniscule part in the history of Jesus Hospital Charity.

Est. 1679

Below is a little reminder of who we are and how long we have been serving JHC.

ROBERT FENTON, Gardener:

15 September 2003

JANE PORTER, Visiting Officer:

6 October 2008

MARIE MAESTRANZI, Admin. Officer:

3 January 2010

RYAN ALLAIN, C.E.O:

9 May 2022

CLIFF RICHARDSON,

Assistant Handyman:

4 October 2022

ADAM MAKOWSKI, Handyman:

4 September 2023

BRYAN HEWITT, Assistant Gardener:

3 January 2024



Supporting Barnet to walk in God's footsteps.

WELCOME TABLE

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

AT SJB BARNET CHURCH

12.30PM

FIRST
& THIRD
WEDNESDAYS
OF THE MONTH



SERVING A LIGHT MEAL (WITH DESSERT!)
TO ANYONE WHO ASKS FOR ONE.

THERE IS NO CHARGE.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BARNET CHURCH
JUNCTION OF HIGH STREET AND WOOD STREET,
EN5 4BW



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FRIENDSHIP GROUP

MONDAYS

11am-12.30pm



*All welcome, come and have
a cup of tea/coffee,
cake and a chat.*

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BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

2 Diane Loubser
3 Caroline Dwyer
9 Pat Laidlaw
14 Jean Coppen
17 Harry Dell
22 Cecilia Anglin
24 Christine Moore

DECEMBER

16 Patricia Cullinan
17 Delia Pernia
18 Jo Whitehead
24 Joanna Frith
27 Sue Simmonds

JANUARY

1 Kim Ponniah
10 Robert Fenton
18 Maria Santos
23 Marion Harrison
28 Marie Maestranzi

FEBRUARY

9 Jean Gregory
22 Lesley Keating
25 Sharon Bramall
27 Janet Jordan
28 Krys Czechowska

MARCH

9 Karen Merritt
15 Analida R Angel
24 Sheila Millerett



USEFUL / EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police	
Non-emergency	101
Emergency	999
NHS	111
L.B.B.	020 8359 2000
Debtline	0808 808 4000
Citizens Advice	0808 259 5798
Samaritans	116 123
Gas	0800 111 999
Water	0800 316 9800
Electricity	105

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025

The Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade leaves the Army Reserve Centre arriving at the Chipping Barnet War Memorial by 10.40am. Two Minutes' silence followed by wreath-laying. Cllr Emma Whysall, Trustee, will be laying a wreath on behalf of Jesus Hospital Charity.



Out of Hours Contractors

****Please note these numbers are for emergencies only****

ELECTRICIAN
07860 627 678

HEATING ENGINEER / PLUMBER
GARY BROWN (HEAT GB)
07961 363 196

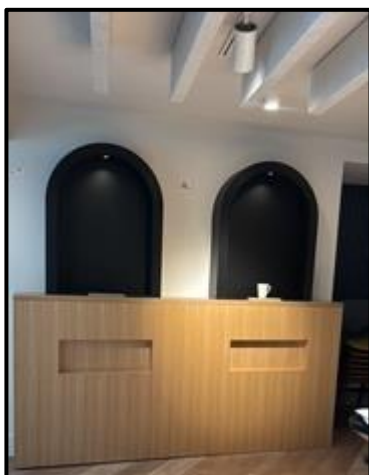
If Dave or Gary are not available or for any other emergency

Please call: **IDCC**
01923 268 123

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Jesus Hospital Charity

JAMES & MARY RETURN TO RAVENS CROFT LODGE

After being taken to Cliveden Conservation for cleaning and renovation the busts of James and Mary have been returned to Ravenscroft Lodge, where they stand proudly in a new display cabinet.



THEIR LEGACY 1679~2025

"This little hospice will remain a place of safety, a permanent memorial of thankfulness to God and of Love for the needy. Established by James Ravenscroft, gentleman, and Mary, his wife, in the year of man's salvation, 1679. May the Blessed One bless it. May it be blessed by those blessed by it".

Bryan's Garden Opening **(In his own words)**

On a sunny Sunday the 10th of August, six ladies from Potters Lane came to visit my garden in Waltham Cross.



It was the first time I had opened my garden to the public for 'The National Garden Scheme Charity'.

It is only a small 'L' shaped garden, and I did not think I would qualify as I always equate the word large with gardens that are open for charity.

My family moved into this property in 1963 when I was four. We moved forty-one yards from the house where my father was born in 1921 and where I was born thirty-eight years later in 1959. We were likely conceived and born in the same front bedroom? But I digress...!

When I got furloughed from Myddelton House Gardens in March 2020 for nine months on full pay, for the first time I had time to think about developing my rather boring garden into something more adventurous and exotic. I already had two vast Chusan Palms planted in the mid 1980's and several hardy Japanese Bananas at the side and back of the south facing garden. My thinking during lock-down was ~ if I can't travel abroad, why not bring "abroad" to me ~ with hardy exotic plants and semi-hardy plants like the large leaved Cannas and Rogersia, Calla Lillies and smaller exotics like Collutea Arborescens (the Bladder Wort) with its pretty yellow or orange pea like flowers. I bought as many plants as I could from nurseries and carried them home on my bike, by bus and latterly in my partner Derrick's VW Polo.



Some smaller trees, too tall for the bus or Derrick's car I walked the two miles home.

My garden is now too big for its boots! It is quite impossible to navigate some paths without pushing away branches or large leaves and I love it! The light at any time of day seen through the different shaped leaves, delights and inspires me.

Scattered at the edges of the garden are concrete statues and busts, some sit on Victorian chimney pots and peer out of the foliage. I have around 20 chimney pots of various designs and heights, my largest is 6ft.



In the shade is a 3ft. x 4ft. pond populated by a colony of newts which I cherish. For years (I blush to confess) I kidnapped the newts wherever I could find them and placed them in my pond with the goldfish, never to see them again.... When the goldfish died out, the newts came to me! Go figure.... Frankly I'd rather have the newts than the goldfish that dart away when they see you!

The ladies, namely, Jo, Eli, Pat, Di, Kim & Lesley were joined by our handyman Adam and "The Missus", Siobhan, and populated the table and chairs where they enjoyed hot beverages and cake. Some were kind enough to bake cakes for the NGS Charity.

People poured in, one hundred and thirty-two actually and raised £917.60p for the NGS, from visitors, refreshments and plant sales.

I intend to increase my garden openings next year.

Bryan Newitt