

Jesus Hospital Charity Newsletter

Spring 2026



**Welcome to the 59th
edition of our
newsletter.**

Hello Everyone!

March has arrived ~ bringing lighter evenings, hopeful hints of spring, and that one day a year when the clocks jump forward and everyone's a bit confused before breakfast. If you're feeling slightly out of sync, you're in very good company.

With a bit more daylight sneaking into our evenings, it feels like a good time to open the curtains, put the kettle on, and check in with each other. As always, our JHC community is busy doing what it does best: sharing a tea or coffee, supporting neighbours, and looking out for one another.

In this month's newsletter, you'll find updates from around the sites, dates for your diary and more.

Thanks for being part of the JHC community — and making it a better place for everyone.

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Out of Hours Contractors

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

**ELECTRICIAN
DAVE KEOGH
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**

Quoting:
Jesus Hospital Charity

**DON'T FORGET BRITISH
SUMMER TIME BEGINS ON
SUNDAY 29 MARCH CLOCKS
GO FORWARD ONE HOUR**

If you need any clocks or timers altered, please contact the office to arrange for Adam or Cliff to visit you





Shirley Jenkins

Hi Everyone, my name is Shirley and I am so happy to be one of the Jesus Hospital Charity Family...

I was born in London in 1939 and moved to South Africa with my husband and two daughters in 1976.

Following on from time spent in South Africa I then moved to Japan for four years and then Hong Kong for five years to teach English.

I then went on to live in Idaho in America for one year.

I returned to South Africa for a few more years before coming back to England in 2007.

My first passion (after my six grandchildren) is travelling... sadly not so much anymore.

In my spare time I volunteer for the North London Hospice Shops.

I belong to the Rock Choir which I love...it is a life saver.

I am so grateful for and loving my new home and great neighbours.....

and of course Jane, Adam & the whole JHC team for looking after me so well.



Angela Palmer



We offer our sincere good wishes to Angela, who has recently moved

to Goodwin Court in East Barnet.

Angela was a long-standing resident, having moved into 78 Wood Street on 22 October 2011 and latterly to 72 Wood Street on 24 May 2025.

Angela was a valued member of our almshouse community and will be greatly missed.

We wish Angela every comfort and continued care in her new home, sending our kind thoughts and love.

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

9 ~ Karen Merritt
15 ~ Analida R Angel
24 ~ Sheila Millerett

APRIL

1 ~ Adam Makowski
3 ~ Yvonne Lovick
13~ Lesley Narramore
27~ Angela Palmer
Esther Edmonds
Amanda Nobel
28 ~ Kim Williams
Liz Walsh

MAY

4 ~ Diane Barnett
6 ~ Michelle Miller
10 ~ Pauline Monfardini
15 ~ Edlira Skenderi
18 ~ Elaine Clarke
24 ~ Alison Rush
29 ~ Julie Bilby

JUNE

4 ~ Joan Henckell
5 ~ Emilia Balog
8 ~ Ryan Allain
29 ~ Julie Brown

JULY

5 ~ Ruby Dale Jones
11 July ~ Margaret Burke
13 July ~ Frances House
15 July ~ Lesley Chapman
22 July ~ Ruth Byford

AUGUST

13 August ~ Linda Rostron
17 August ~ Linda Morton
20 August ~ Joyce Baynes
26 August ~ Liz Rose



**JHC ANNUAL GARDENING
COMPETITION**

*TO BE JUDGED ON
FRIDAY 3 July 2026*

We are changing the rules slightly this year to make it inclusive to all residents who wish to join in, no matter the size of the garden or your gardening experience.

!“Let’s Get Growing”!

Here’s how it works:

Everyone can take part

You can enter in one of our fun categories:

1. **Best Bloom** –
the brightest, most colourful flowers
2. **Most Creative Container** –
unusual pots or planters
3. **Smallest Garden, Big Impact** –
tiny spaces that pack a punch
4. **Wildlife-Friendly** –
plants that attract birds, bees, or butterflies
5. **Herb or Veg Patch** –
herbs, vegetables, or mini allotments
6. **Personal Touch** – decorations,
garden art, or a story behind your space

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WISH
TO TAKE PART OR NOT AND THE
CATEGORY YOU WILL BE ENTERING.

YOU WILL NEED TO BE AVAILABLE
ON THE 6 JULY TO MEET AND TALK
WITH THE JUDGES

*****PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS*****

The office will be closed
Good Friday 3 April
&

Easter Monday 6 April
**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
HAPPY EASTER**

Coffee Morning Dates

Wednesday 29 April

Wednesday 27 May

Wednesday 24 June

Wednesday 29 July

Wednesday 26 August



**YOU ARE INVITED
BY THE TRUSTEES**

to

JESUS HOSPITAL CHARITY

FOUNDERS DAY LUNCH

on

Thursday 28 May 2026

**Please RSVP to let us know
if you will or won’t be
attending**

also

**advise if you require
transport**

**or have any dietary
requirements.**

**Jane 07932 643 466
Office 020 8440 4374**

Invitation with full details enclosed

A Special “Visitor”

When your gardeners Rob and Bryan had a horticultural problem involving the two big blocks of yew tree topiary on Wood Street ie. when to cut it hard back to make it more aesthetically pleasing to look at, plus easier to maintain? Bryan had no hesitation in asking for expert help.

He phoned and asked his former tutor and friend from his Capel Manor College days from the early 1980's, none other than Radio 5 Gardener's Question Time panelist, author and T.V. Gardening Expert, Christine Walkden.

“Christine and I have been friends for years, she is the reason I passed my City & Guilds exams, chiefly through her enthusiasm, inspiration and humour. We meet for dinner every now and then and even did a fund raising event together 2 years ago for a friend raising funds to restore a church organ in Birmingham by answering gardening questions! She also provided me with a glowing reference for my interviews after college”.

Christine was more than happy to meet the staff at Union Street, and after a quick cup of tea, Rob & Bryan took her on a tour of all the sites and gardens. At Wilbraham's she met Analida and whilst at Grasvenor we introduced her to Marion, who recognised her immediately and had photos with her. Christine gave expert advice on how to prune, when, and aftercare of the landmark topiarys, at our Wood Street gates, before refreshments were served in the meeting room at Union Street where staff were treated to an audience with the celebrity.

Christine expressed great interest in the 'set-up' and was very complimentary about the standards of gardening maintenance and choice of plants.

On parting, she was presented with a bottle of red and our latest newsletter.



L to R Adam, Marion, Christine & Bryan



L to R Bryan, Christine & Robert



L to R Christine & Analida



L to R Bryan & Christine