Jesus Hospital Charity Newsletter
Summer 2026

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to the 60th Jesus Hospital Charity Newsletter.

"The Barnet sun is shining bright,
Our gardens are a lovely sight!
From Wood Street down to Potters Lane,
We're wishing for a splash of rain.

The summer survey results are in,
The garden judges crowned a win!

So grab a glass of ice-cold tea,
And celebrate the JHC community."

❖ Heatwave Alert and Advice

Temperatures continue to soar!
Please take extra care to stay safe and well:

- **Drink water regularly**, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- **Keep curtains closed** on windows facing the sun to block out heat.
- **Stay indoors** during peak heat hours (11am – 3pm).

Check on your neighbours if you can.
If you feel dizzy, nauseous, or have a severe headache, move to a cool room immediately, apply cool damp cloths, and drink water.

❖ Celebrating Our Winners: The Annual Gardening Competition Results!

Our judges from the Gardening Committee Barbara & Jan along with Robert & Bryan our incredible gardening team had a difficult time judging this year. The standard of entries was truly spectacular, showing just how much hard work and love you put into your green spaces. Whilst everyone could not be a winner the judges recognised the achievements that many of you have made to make JHC a better place to live and work.
So, congratulations to you all.
Please remember, Bryan or Robert are always around to give advice.
(*see P3-6 for this year's competition).*

❖ The 2026 Jesus Hospital Charity Ladies Satisfaction Survey Results

We sent out our fourth satisfaction survey to our current 59 residents.

26 of you responded. Your honest feedback has given the JHC trustees and staff more insight on how we can better support you.

❖ Annual Outing 2026!

We are hoping to hold the Outing in September.
Invitations and more details to follow.

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Can we please remind you of the following:

If you have any concerns over safety, please do not wait to inform the office but ring 101 or 999.

All repairs must be reported to Jane or the office prior to Adam attending.
If you do ask Adam directly, he will remind you to contact Jane or the office as all repairs and callouts must be logged.

Please ensure you have a local keyholder and Jane is made aware of whom this is.

As in the Handbook, when you reach the age of 70, or if you would feel safer with one, it is advised a lifeline is installed in your almshouse. This is provided by JHC.
If you do not have a lifeline and require one, please inform Jane.

DO NOT FEED FOXES or WILDLIFE. WE ARE EXPERIENCING A RISE IN RATS AND RODENTS ACROSS ALL SITES

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

BIRTHDAYS



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

SEPTEMBER
11 ~ Cliff Richardson
17 ~ Kathy Love
19 ~ Soheila Bahktiara
22 ~ Mary Moore
30 ~ Bryan Hewitt

OCTOBER
1 ~ Margaret Flowerdew
2 ~ Madeline Seaman
10 ~ Donna Menzies
15 ~ Eleanor Murray
19 ~ Frances Bennett
20 ~ Shan Davis
22 ~ Frances Westall
30 ~ Beth Mahon

NOVEMBER
2 ~ Diane Loubser
3 ~ Caroline Dwyer
9 ~ Pat Laidlaw
14 ~ Jean Coppen
22 ~ Cecilia Anglin
24 ~ Christine Moore

DECEMBER
16 ~ Patricia Cullinan
17 ~ Delia Pernia
18 ~ Jo Whitehead
24 ~ Jo Frith

The Trustees Annual Visits will take place in the last two weeks of September.
Please can you make sure you are available for your visit. If there are times or dates you will not be available, please could you let Jane know.

JHC GARDENING COMPETITION 2026

Jesus Hospital Charity Annual Gardening Competition Results! This Year's Winners Revealed… Our beautiful almshouse grounds have looked spectacular over the last few weeks. The hard work, time, and care dedicated to cultivating these outdoor spaces has truly brought our sites to life. The Gardening Sub-Committee along with Robert & Bryan faced an incredibly difficult task during judging this year. Almost every plot, hanging basket, and flowerbed showed immense creativity and effort. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make our communal spaces so vibrant.

This year we judged 1st, 2nd & 3rd places…



WILBRAHAM'S & PAGITT'S

Janet Jordan





Analida R Angel





Francis Bennett







'All from Wilbraham's'



GRASVENOR AVENUE

Joanna Frith &
Margaret Flowerdew





M Flowerdew

Marion Harrison









Dianne Barnett



WOOD STREET, GARRETT'S & COE'S ALLEY



Shan Rosser-Davies &
Joan Henkell







Soheila Bakhtiari
Linda Morton &
Delia Pernia



POTTERS LANE
Liz Walsh &
Elaine Clark





















Sharon Bramall





Pauline Monfardini





CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL…

1st Prize
£30 Waitrose Vouchers
2nd Prize
£25 Waitrose Vouchers
3rd Prize
£20 Waitrose Vouchers

'PONDLIFE'
Our New Ponds Are Thriving...









...and... We even have fish!!!

Ladies' Satisfaction Survey 2026 Report

Below are the results of the fourth, annual Ladies' Satisfaction Survey that was completed at the end of June 2026. A total of 26 ladies, out of a possible 59 (we have 4 vacancies) replied, giving us a 44% response rate, up from 23 returns last year.

As expected, there would be the odd outlier in which the response may be overly negative. However, the overall responses are positive and some suggestions are constructive.

1. Please rate the overall quality of the cottage and grounds where you live.

Disappointing				Exceptional
Rating 1	2	3	4	5
			8	18

2. Please rate the quality of engagement with staff.

Disappointing				Exceptional
Rating 1	2	3	4	5
			3	23

3. Please rate the quality of any maintenance/repairs.

Disappointing				Exceptional
Rating 1	2	3	4	5
		2	9	14

Is engagement with the staff…

Courteous	Yes	26
	No	
Professional	Yes	26
	No	
Prompt/Efficient	Yes	26
	No	

Are the contractors JHC uses…

Courteous	Yes	24
	No	
Professional	Yes	25
	No	
Prompt/Efficient	Yes	24
	No	1

Do you feel involved and connected to JHC as a charity?

Yes	20
No	1

Do you enjoy the JHC events?

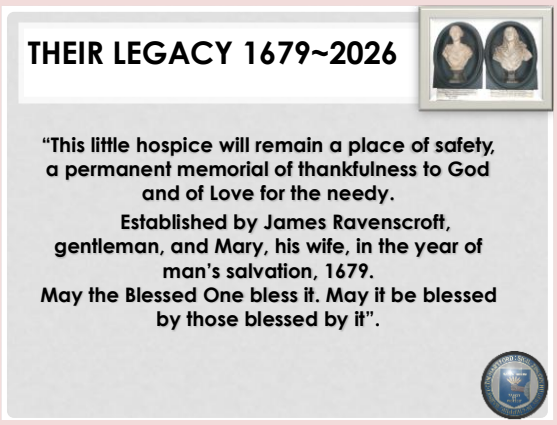
Yes	19
No	

Do you enjoy the coffee mornings?

Yes	
No	1









REMEMBERING SUE

(27 December 1949 ~ 1 June 2026)
We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of our dear resident, Sue Simmonds, on 1 June 2026. Sue was a cherished part of our almshouse community for over 20 years, having moved into Potters Lane on 19 March 2006.

A Legacy of Love and Kindness
Sue brought immense warmth, beauty, and life to our community. She will be fondly remembered for:

- Her beautiful hanging baskets potted geraniums & gardens, which she nurtured with endless care and passion.
- Her love for her friends & neighbours, always offering a kind word, a warm smile and a cup of tea!
- Her devotion to her family, whom she loved above all else and spoke of with great pride.

Sue did not have a bad bone in her body and will be remembered for her huge smile and gentle presence.
On behalf of the trustees, staff, friends & neighbours, we send our loving thoughts to Sue's family and friends.
She will be missed by us all.



LoveBarnet

WHATS ON IN BARNET:

Every Monday
Friendship Group @ St John the Baptist
17 Aug 2026 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
St John the Baptist Church, Barnet, 4BW, UK

Every Wednesday
Barnet Market
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Stapylton Rd, Barnet

Barnet Physic Well Open
15 Aug 2026 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Well Approach, Barnet EN5 3DY, UK

Guided Walk: East Barnet Village
15 Aug 2026 @ 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Rotary Club Family Fun & Car Show - Potters Bar
16 Aug 2026 @ 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Elm Court Youth & Community Centre, 363 Mutton Ln, Potters Bar EN6 3BP

Singing for the Soul @ Noahs Ark
18 Aug 2026 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
The Ark, Byng Rd, Barnet EN5 4NP, UK

Grow Farm Community Stall @ Totteridge Academy
19 Aug 2026 @ 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
The Totteridge Academy, Barnet Ln, London N20 8AZ

Theatre on the Green: Comedy of Errors
21 Aug 2026 @ 6:30 pm - 6:31 pm
Hadley Green Road, Hadley Green Rd, Barnet EN5

Jackie Siaw-Smith Art & Craft @ Chipping Barnet Library
24 Aug 2026 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Library Car Park, Stapylton Rd, Barnet EN5 4QT

JHC COFFEE MORNING
10.30 AM at RAVESCROFT LODGE
EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:
WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER