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Back to Sandown Park

The Christian Resources Exhibition returns to Sandown Park, 17 - 19 October.

The Exhibition is a great chance for us to meet you and for you to catch up with news about the College. As in previous years, as part of our exhibitor package, we are able to invite you to **visit the exhibition at no cost to you or to the College.**

To register for tickets, all you need to do is type this link into your web browser, or ask a friend to do so:



<https://eventdata.uk/Visitor/CREcomp.aspx?TrackingCode=COLLBARN>

Even better, your free tickets are valid on all three days of the exhibition, so you can come as many times as you like!

What is more, you can also book free tickets for your friends and colleagues.

Don't delay - make sure you reserve the dates in your diary and come to see us on **Stand S85**. "You know it makes sense."

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Find us at this year's
Christian Resources
Exhibition

Oct 17-19 2017 | Sandown Park, Surrey | www.creonline.co.uk

Caring for retired Anglican Clergy

The 2017 Patronal Festival



“The ultimate model”

In this issue, in order to mark Remember A Charity In Your Will Week 2017, one of our supporters, Gillian Andrew, explains why she is leaving a final gift to the College in her Will. Here, she shares her personal story of her father's last few years.

My father spent most of his retirement with my mother in East Sussex.

Sadly, the last ten years were overshadowed by my mother's Alzheimer's Disease, so Dad had to cook, keep house, manage their finances and care for his wife while still exercising his ministry at their local church.

My mother's death coincided with his increasing frailty, so we had to consider where he would spend his “second retirement”. He already knew a couple of residents at the College and was fortunate to be offered a place within a few months.



Embarking on a new way of life at 94 was quite daunting, but he settled in very quickly and began to enjoy many of the activities. He attended Chapel twice daily and I was very impressed by the opportunity for clergy to assist in services and for them all to robe regularly. He attended the theology and music groups and exercise classes. Most days he would walk in the grounds before lunch and often enjoyed sitting for a while in good weather. He readily used the four-wheeled walker which he was offered when it became necessary, much to my relief. He enjoyed his meals, including cooked breakfasts, as well as assorted parties and celebrations.

I thoroughly enjoyed my weekly visits and the College soon felt like my second home. **It provides the ultimate model for a lively and stimulating retirement community** in stark contrast to many of the usual “old folks’ homes”. Although I managed his financial and other matters, the College would have done this if necessary.

At the age of 98 my father was admitted to hospital, but was desperate to return to the College where, for a final couple of weeks, he was looked after exceptionally well, and we both received the utmost care, support and dignity as his life ended.

The College is the only independent provider of homes for Anglican clergy, spouses and Church workers and is proud that “nobody is prevented from becoming a resident through lack of means”, an essential fact in view of low clergy pay. However, this means that a careful balance has to be achieved financially between running costs, replacing or updating vital equipment and maintaining the buildings now over 100 years old.

I had no hesitation in including the College in my Will as I have seen first-hand what a unique institution it is, appealing to me far more than large national and international charities which seem so impersonal by comparison.

A Clean Sweep!

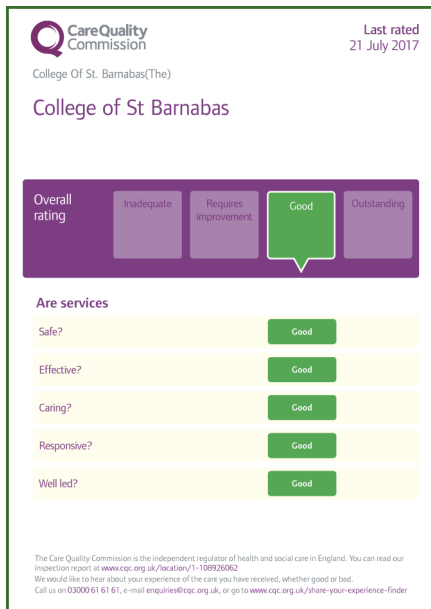
Every aspect of the College's Nursing Wing was rated as **Good** during our latest inspection by the Care Quality Commission in July.

The inspectors arrived unannounced and undertook a rigorous examination of all aspects of the service we provide.

They found:

- ◆ "People were kept as safe as possible."
- ◆ "Trained staff that had sufficient knowledge and skills to enable them to provide effective care for people."
- ◆ "People were treated with kindness and compassion in their day-to-day care."
- ◆ "People received care that was personalised to their needs (and) had a range of activities they could be involved in."
- ◆ "There was a positive culture ... Staff understood their roles and were confident about their skills and the management."

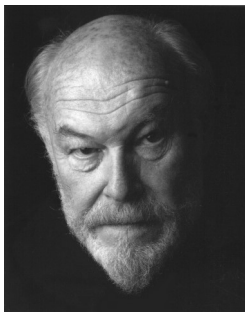
The College is rightly proud of this splendid achievement and we congratulate all the staff who work so hard to ensure all our Residents receive the wonderful care they so richly deserve.



Two New Patrons

The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux (*below right*), and Mr Timothy West (*left*) have honoured us by becoming Patrons of the College.

Both are regular Churchmen and each have already made several visits to the College. We have also been delighted to welcome their wives.



Our Patrons, who also include the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, show their support for our work not only by lending their names and acting as advocates but in many practical ways including spending personal time with our Residents.

We are very grateful to them all.



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