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St Barnabas Bulletin - Autumn 2019

Coming up...

CRE ESHER, October 15th—17th. Yes, it is that time of year already! Do come if you can, and find us at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park, Esher. Doors open at 10.00. We will be on Stand S90. As you know, we are always delighted to have this opportunity to have a chat with friends, supporters, and with anyone interested in coming to live at the College.

To get your **FREE** tickets to this must-visit event, go to www.creonline.co.uk. Click on “Book Tickets” on the menu bar on the CRE home page and enter the discount code COLOFSTBARN

If you simply cannot wait that long to see us, why not come along to our new-style Heritage Open Day on the 21st September? The College will be open to visitors then from 10am until 4pm. See the accompanying flyer for more details.

A Community of Retired Anglicans uniting in Faith and Care

Residents of The College of St Barnabas are rightly proud of our lawns in front of the Cloisters flats.

Many visitors comment on how welcoming a sight they are on arrival. Like much here, it depends on the efforts of staff and residents.



This year we were between gardeners for a couple of months. Charlie Messenger took up his post in March and has had his hands full since.

A showpiece of The College are the gardens around the Cloisters, with hanging baskets and roses edging the lawns.

With no gardener there was some concern that the roses would not be pruned in time for spring.

Step forward Dr Dorothy Hewison, a resident of the College since 2014, who takes a keen interest in a number of aspects of College life.

Dorothy, after doing some research, took it on herself to prune the plants at the appropriate time and her efforts have been bountifully rewarded.

Dr Hewison keeps daily oversight of the blooms, and can be found deadheading the roses after supper most evenings.

Her efforts are one of many that residents add to the common life of the College – first of all in worship but also in organising and taking part in a range of activities and pastimes.

What is on offer in the College include art, poetry, model railway, theology and music appreciation groups. They are all well supported.

In fact, Dorothy heads up a team of residents who keep our three libraries up to scratch, overseeing the cataloguing, circulation and maintenance of our stock of books.



Remember A Charity In Your Will Week 2019

We won't fill the Bulletin with fundraising but it is only fair to tell you that without your help, we would struggle to do many of the things we achieve for our Residents. It is the support that you give that makes such a difference to their lives, and you deserve all the thanks we can give you.

Many of you have been helping us for years, and although the idea of leaving a gift in a Will can be a sensitive issue, a growing number of people do welcome the chance for their care, their compassion and their desire to make a difference to the causes that are important to them to live on. Some of you have already shared with us the fact that you have included the College in your Will. Thank you so very much.

Legacies, bequests, gifts in wills are increasingly important to smaller charities like us as it becomes harder and harder for us to secure other gifts, so we are looking to you, our most loyal supporters, to give your consideration to helping us in this most personal of ways. It used to be that just the super-rich or the eccentrics in society who left charitable legacies, but the reality is that pretty much anyone can do it and that even modest gifts can make a big difference. There is no need for the difference you want to make to suddenly stop. Your legacy can endure, and people in need can continue to benefit, not just because of your care and compassion but also because of your commitment and foresight.

So when writing or changing your Will, and once you have made provision for loved ones, please do consider the positive impact your charitable legacy would have on the College and on those who live and are cared for here.

Thank you.



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“Pass on something wonderful”
BY LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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IN YOUR WILL WEEK

The College is proud to be a member of Remember A Charity, a national consortium of over 170 charities working together to make leaving a charitable legacy the norm.

Living Legend Len Goodman lends his support to this year's campaign.

Len Goodman, legendary star of dance and former star judge of "Strictly Come Dancing" is putting his weight behind Remember A Charity In Your Will Week 2019.



See Len on our website at

www.st-barnabas.org.uk

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