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## St Barnabas Bulletin - Autumn 2013

### An Up-Lifting Achievement!

Thanks to generous support from Trusts and individual donors, the College has installed four new stairlifts to enable easy access to eight first floor flats.

In each case there were difficult bends to negotiate and the lifts have been carefully designed to go round them.

Altogether, there are ten flats which until now have only been accessible via stairs. These four lifts mean that eight of them can now be occupied by a wider range of applicants, including those whose mobility makes stairs difficult. This will also enable people living in these first floor flats to remain in their homes until their other needs increase.

Among these flats are some which are available for couples. The College has eight 'double' flats, half of which are upstairs. All of these are among the eight which can now be reached using the lifts.



The Stairlift in Morley House

“Our double flats are always in demand,” said the Warden, Fr Howard Such. “These lifts will mean that I can offer these first floor flats to the people who need them the most, even if they would have found the stairs difficult. This is yet another way in which our supporters enable us to offer the best care we can. We are very grateful to everyone whose generosity has made this project possible.”

Caring for retired Anglican Clergy

# Characters from the College: Dr Marion Bartlett

By Cliff Caswell



## **A trailblazer for women in the medical profession followed a calling to mission in central Africa.**

Dr Marion Bartlett has overcome many obstacles in her life, winning the respect of her contemporaries and practising her skills in some of Africa's most difficult and deprived communities.

Marion began training for her medical vocation before the Second World War, arriving in London "just in time for the Blitz. My first job was at a hospital in Norfolk, after which I moved around as a junior doctor. I wanted to be a surgeon and I was studying for a surgical fellowship." This prepared her for the wide range of conditions she was called upon to treat in Africa, including burns, fractures and hernias, as well as being responsible for gynaecology and obstetrics.

"Going away then was quite different from today," she recalled. "You did not have any real say in where you were placed, but if you feel you have to go, that is what you do. I ended up in the Diocese of Zanzibar, Tanzania, where I set up and ran a surgical unit in my first year."

It was the beginning of a ministry that would take Dr Bartlett around Africa, working with community and religious leaders. She recalls a particularly fulfilling time in Tanzania's Masasi Diocese. It was here that she met her late husband, Fr David Bartlett, the Warden of St Cyprian's Theological College in Rondo. The couple were married at Masasi Cathedral in August 1966.

She worked under the leadership of Bishop Trevor Huddleston, and also served at the Lulindi Hospital as well as Newala Hospital for women and children, which was run by the Sisters of the Community of the Sacred Passion.

"I remember you would get a call and jump into a Land Rover and go," she added. "I often had to deal with complications around pregnancies, and the sisters were really helpful in imparting their knowledge to me."

"I remember coming back to the UK in 1997 – I had first left in 1949 – and it was amazing to see how much my own country had changed and moved on in all the time I had been away."

Marion finds the College a perfect place in which to reflect on a long and fruitful mission, and has been recently written a book about the journey her life has taken. Now 92, she says the sense of shared purpose and comradeship at the College make it a unique place to live and continue in mission and prayer. "I have loved what I have done and am continuing to do, and am very fortunate to have so many wonderful people around me."

**During “Remember A Charity in Your Will Week” we would love you to take a moment to think about leaving the gift of a lifetime to the College of St. Barnabas.**

The logo consists of three overlapping yellow circles. The text "REMEMBER A CHARITY IN YOUR WILL WEEK" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters across the circles.

**REMEMBER A CHARITY  
IN YOUR WILL WEEK**

**9-15 September 2013**

You may already know that much of our essential income results from the compassion and kindness of people like you, people who share our values and traditions.

You may not know, however, that although many of you are either longstanding or indeed lifelong supporters of the College, the reality is that very few of you have considered leaving a final gift in your Will to help our work live on. It's a little known fact that many charities' most vital income actually comes from people leaving gifts in Wills. Charitable legacies are the foundation for many good causes already and are becoming increasingly vital in continuing our work.

Next year, with the help of these amazing gifts we hope to begin the next phase of important refurbishment work at the College so that we can continue to look after our Residents to the highest possible standards of care. That's why, as a member of Remember A Charity, we are taking part in Remember A Charity in Your Will Week to help raise awareness of the importance of gifts left in Wills.

You have probably realized already that it's a common myth you have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your Will and that nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, after taking care of family and friends, you'll be amazed at what one final gift, no matter how big or small, can do. However much you decide to leave us in your Will, we are extremely grateful. We understand what an intensely personal decision that is, but whatever your gift, you will be helping our work to live on.

So please, when the time is right, do take a moment to do something amazing by including the College of St. Barnabas in your Will.

### **Why a Will is so important**

Writing a Will is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. What's more, it's a lot more affordable and straightforward than you may think.

You may want a Will that ensures your assets and possessions are left to those you love when you are no longer here. Or you might have a favourite charity that you would like to leave a donation to.

As part of our membership with Remember A Charity we've teamed up with The Co-operative Legal Services, a national provider of Wills and other legal services, trusted for their strong ethical beliefs and socially responsible working. They can help you to decide which Will is right for you and can also help you to amend an existing Will to ensure that all the details are correct and current.

## **Your Will allows you to:**

- Reduce the burden on the loved ones you leave behind;
- Protect any assets you may have and help reduce the impact that inheritance tax and residential care fees can have upon your estate; protecting your assets for your loved ones;
- Ensure that all your assets are dealt with correctly, with debts paid and items going to the people you wish to receive them;

## **The right Will for you**

There are a number of ways that you can write a Will, but put simply, the available options are:

### *Write it yourself*

While it's possible to write your own Will, you need to be careful that you don't miss out something vital, as leaving out certain details could make your Will invalid. So, it is strongly recommended to get it checked by a legal professional.

### *Use a local solicitor or Will Writer*

There are many providers available and a list of these organisations can be found by visiting [www.rememberacharity.org.uk/find\\_an\\_advisor.php](http://www.rememberacharity.org.uk/find_an_advisor.php). By getting your Will professionally written, you are ensuring that everything is covered and arranged as you would like it to be.

## **Will Writing Services with The Co-operative Legal Services**

The Co-operative Legal Services offer a professional, convenient and user-friendly Will Writing Service. Because their service is provided over the telephone, they are able to speak at a time that is convenient to you. They are open 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday, and 9am – 1pm on Saturdays, helping to offer free advice and support.

Their initial conversation only takes around 10 minutes, yet in this time they will be able to explain how a Will protects you, your loved ones and your estate, as well as discussing the option of leaving a gift to a charity in your Will.

If you wish to write your Will with The Co-operative Legal Services, they will agree a convenient time for a Will Writing specialist to take your instruction over the phone from the comfort of your home. This will take around 45 minutes. They will also store your completed Will for free until it is needed.

As a supporter of the College of St. Barnabas, **The Co-operative Legal Services are offering to write a basic single Will at a discounted cost of £100** inclusive of VAT. This represents a saving of £25.

To contact a Wills specialist, call on **0844 252 9965** and quote **RACWILLS01**.

Alternatively you can find your local Solicitor or Will writer from Remember A Charity's network of professional advisors.

**Whatever your choice, please remember the College of St Barnabas in your Will.**

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