



St Barnabas Bulletin - Spring 2022

CRISIS, what CRISIS?

These are indeed difficult and challenging times. Still struggling in the aftermath of pandemic, trying to deal with rampant inflation and soaring fuel costs we are now trying to interpret where the world is going as the old Cold War suddenly turns very hot and military conflict with all its horrors devastates the Ukraine. Our attention naturally focuses on helping the victims, through prayer, through gifts of goods, by contributing cash and even, perhaps by opening up our home.

As always when there is a natural or man-made disaster or a huge increase in financial pressure, the risk to smaller charities like ours that rely on the help of a relatively small body of supporters is that the high-profile issues dominating the news draw attention and present truly horrific images and stories with which we cannot compete. It is only natural that people want to do all they can to help. Indeed some of our supporters have already told us that they have had to make a choice between helping the College and helping victims of the war in Ukraine. Yet we still have to pay insanely high fuel bills to keep our residents warm, to buy good food to meet our residents' nutritional and dietary needs despite soaring inflation. We do rely so much on your support but we do also do what we can to help ourselves. In this issue we look at a few of the initiatives undertaken by our staff to raise vital unrestricted funds that help ensure our residents receive the care and support they need.

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By the time you read this

Bernadette Jenkins (above left) and Kate Afshar (above right) our Accounts Manager and HR Manager respectively, will have recently completed the Corner of Four Counties Walk as a sponsored activity to benefit the College. The walk is local to the College, around the borders of East & West Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

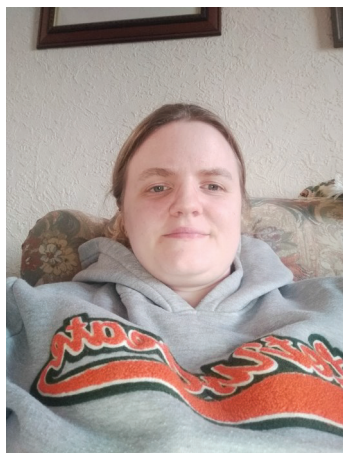
The College is trying to encourage and support staff, their families and friends to try their hand at sponsored and community-based activities that can generate much-needed unrestricted funds for the work of our charity.

Next up... is Jackie Teece (inset right), one of our invaluable team of Carers who work directly with our more vulnerable residents.

Slightly more extreme than a walk, Jackie is going to be doing a sponsored parachute jump for the College. That is going to be happening on the 23rd May at—or rather in the skies above—Headcorn, near Maidstone.

If you wish to sponsor Jackie, you can do so by visiting her Justgiving page at

www.justgiving.com/jackie-teece



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“YOU CAN ONLY DO IT ONCE” they said, so we tried a second time and did it again.

And now let's be 3rd time lucky! Who could possibly forget the slogan that defined the event?STAY AT HOME.....SAVE MONEY....HELP THE COLLEGE....

Back by popular demand...it's what we've all been waiting for....

No need sending your tux to the cleaners...No call to buy an expensive new gown... Keep your jewellery safe...No need to worry about transport, babysitters, boring speeches & etc...

Just think about how much money you can save, simply by not taking part!

For just one fabulous day, join us as we delight in bringing you:

The 3rd St. Barnabas almost annual Non-Event Fundraiser!

Excited? Cock-a-Hoop? Ecstatic! Why wouldn't you be? Once again, **the don't-be-seen-at non-event of the year!**

So do keep an eye out—landing soon on a doormat near you, your disinvitation to the coolest, wowfabgrooviest, calorie-free not-a-gala fundraising non-dinner of them all.

But of course, if **you want to help today, please** scan the adjacent QR code.



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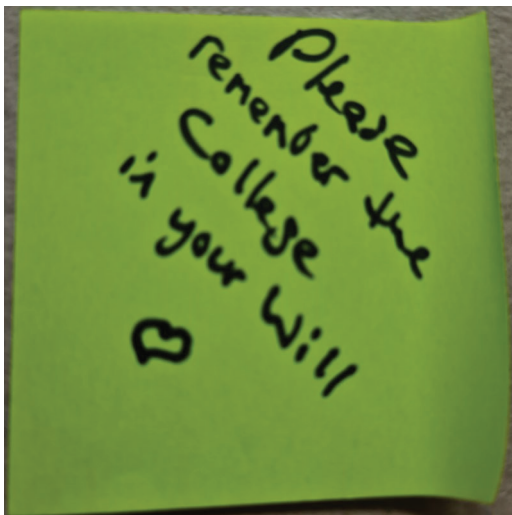
And finally...

A couple of provisional dates for your diary

Now that COVID restrictions have eased a bit, we are able to tentatively explore the possibility of welcoming supporters and other visitors back to the College.

We hope to be able to host an open-air opera event—a performance of Carmen by the acclaimed Rogue Opera—on Saturday 13th August, and to take part once again in the national Heritage Open Days programme by holding our own Open Day at the College on Saturday 17th September.

If we are able to do it, the opera event will be a first for the College so we hope that it will be well-attended.



We are at the moment assessing the feasibility of putting on each event and will send out more information in due course.

Apart from these events, we will be venturing further afield over the coming months and hope to be able to secure a stand at Synod in York in July.

We will also be at CRE National at Sandown Park, Esher, on the 11th 13th October.