



St Barnabas Bulletin - Spring 2012

Bigger and better at CRE

We look forward to welcoming you to Stands S81 and S82 at the national Christian Resources Exhibition from Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th May.



Sandown Park Exhibition Centre

Following the success of the past four years, the College is moving to larger exhibition space at the Sandown Park Conference Centre.

Around 400 hundred people visit the stand during the exhibition, and numbers are growing. "It is wonderful to see so many people," says the Warden, Fr Howard Such. "We want to give them a more comfortable opportunity to stop and talk to us, and we shall be in a central location in the main exhibition hall."

Many of our visitors return each year to keep up to date with College news. More still take information about College facilities, either for themselves or to pass on to others .

All our supporters are welcome to receive complimentary tickets and the Exhibition Handbook – a valuable resource in its own right. To receive these, please write or email to the Warden (warden@collegeofstbarnabas.com) or follow the link which will be posted on the College website when it becomes available.

You can also enter our exhibition prize draw (see *right*). Last year's winner received a bottle of champagne and a selection of luxury hand-finished chocolates. Good luck!



Caring for retired Anglican Clergy

Keeping the Dream Alive!

By Keith Luckhoo, Member of the Council



My first impression of The College was ‘a place of peace and tranquillity’, set in beautifully manicured grounds and projecting a warm and reassuring sense of calm. Before long I realised it is more. So much more.

An all pervasive spirit of caring and compassion makes the College both inspiring and uplifting. Meeting the residents is particularly humbling. Their rich and varied experiences – whether in parishes across the land, in field hospitals in Africa, or in the rainforests of South America - share a common theme: a lifetime of Christian service for the benefit of others.

Now it is their time to benefit from the type of care that was the trademark of their lives’ work. Care delivered by a dedicated, loyal team - always smiling, always helpful, always thoughtful – and with great attention to detail. Visitors to The College cannot fail to be impressed with the commitment of the nursing staff and other carers, particularly in the nursing wing where their endeavours are noticeably appreciated by residents.

As its name implies “The College” is much more than just a retirement home. It provides a stimulating environment for the spiritual, intellectual and practical needs of all residents. Daily prayers and Christian services are at its heart. An extensive library facilitates research, scholarship and other literary pursuits. Regular meals in the refectory foster social interaction and companionship. A diverse and interesting programme of activities is arranged throughout the year and includes films, concerts and theatre trips. Groups meet to enjoy poetry, music, theology and art. Hobbies and creative activities are encouraged and individual support is available. The College embraces all stages of retirement. Special care is provided for those with mobility issues. For those in need of full time nursing care and especially for those in the final days of this life, every effort is made to ensure maximum comfort and dignity.



A match on the nine-hole putting green

The College aspires to provide a dignified retirement for its residents by delivering the highest standards of care and comfort in a stimulating environment. Such is the dream that is St Barnabas, made possible by the vision of its founder Canon William Cooper in 1895 and the generosity of so many benefactors over the years.

Thank you for your continuing support which is so vital to our Charity and very much appreciated. Together we are keeping the dream alive!

100 years on, and the need is as real as ever

Always transforming, and sometimes saving, lives is the business of the College of St. Barnabas.

It has been so for well over 100 years, by providing both long-term and acute care as well as sheltered accommodation.

The day that Fr. John Worsfold was admitted to the Nursing Wing is just one example. He knows that things might have been tragically different if it weren't for the dedicated team of expert health professionals and state-of-the-art equipment that enabled him to be cared for at the College.



Patron Dame Judi Dench takes a photograph for Fr Worsfold's album

"If it weren't for the College of St. Barnabas," he says, "I sincerely doubt that I would be here today."

Dr Dundas Moore, the College's outgoing Chairman, knows this as well. That is why he and his leadership team have developed the long-term plan to equip and improve the College to be able to meet the growing demands placed upon it for help and support and to be able to ensure the future health, well-being and quality of life of the elderly people who make the College their home.

"Those who are ordained give themselves to God and to others in dedicated service. It is important that they should be able to spend their retirement in a place where devotion continues to be central, where peace and beauty reign, and where, when life draws to a close, they are ministered to in dignity and with skill."

**Dr Donald Coggan,
Archbishop of Canterbury
1974 – 1980.**

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Nowadays, although retired, elderly and infirm Clergy no longer face the workhouse as many did in the 1890s, clerical poverty remains an issue for many despite the modest Church pension.

The charitable work of the College is still in great demand. Indeed we continue to provide care and shelter for former Missionaries who have no pension provision whatsoever. Now, as then, no priest is ever turned away for want of means.

No one is prevented from becoming a resident through lack of means.

What do we mean by “social welfare”?

It is a phrase that can mean different things to different people.

For us, it is about the well-being of the College community as a whole, as well as the religious and spiritual aspects of Anglican life and essential social and medical care.

At the College, social welfare is not the same as “standard of living”. Rather it is more concerned with overall well-being and *quality of life*. It involves providing services, activities and opportunities for our Residents that complement and go way beyond the statutory level of care that we provide.



The Christmas party



Handbell ringing
at the poetry group

It is about adding interest, facilitating engagement and encouraging participation. All things which enhance the vital sense of being a valued contributor to the life of this vibrant, thriving community.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed so far to our Christmas Appeal this year. Your help makes such a difference!

With your help we will be able to replace some major items of essential equipment and continue to develop our programme of activities for Residents.

If you haven't had the chance to help with this Appeal yet, there is still plenty of time to do so. Simply send your donation to:

Freepost RLXB-KZXX-SZXJ
The College of St. Barnabas
Blackberry Lane
LINGFIELD
RH7 6NJ

Please make cheques payable to “*The College of St. Barnabas*”.

You could also help by considering becoming one of our “Care Partners” and making regular donations by standing order, and by giving some thought - once you have made provision for family and loved ones - to leaving a legacy to the College.

For more information on how you can help, please do contact us at the College.

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