



Bath Bike Workshop.

Presently, the bike workshop is full of beautifully restored bikes thanks largely to the volunteers. We have been able to spend quite a lot of

time on refurbished bikes whilst the servicing and repairs have been quiet through the winter. With the sun starting to shine, the workshop has been getting increasingly busy and sales of refurbished bikes have been good.

We have also made various improvements to the workshop most noticeably the addition of the wheel racks (see picture). The used wheels are now securely stored on scaffold bars which makes them much more accessible and visible to everyone building bikes. This was a combined piece of work between the staff and volunteers and has made a real difference to the workshop. We are still looking for a volunteer Sales Assistant to help with customer care and sell bikes.



Forthcoming Fundraising Events:

Friday 7th March Big Bath Sleep-Out. Spend just ONE night under the stars in Alice Park from 8pm to 8am Saturday and raise vital funds for our projects supporting homeless and vulnerable men and women. Join us, either as an individual or as part of a team - you'll be in good company. Giving up your bed for just one night could really make a difference.

20-24 May & 12-16th August Cotswold Way Challenge. Walk 102 miles in 5 days! Starting at picturesque Chipping Camden you will spend the next 5 days walking the 102 miles of the stunning Cotswold Way National Trail through quintessentially English countryside to the Roman city of Bath. The challenges are limited to 12 places and although we will arrange your transport, accommodation and packed lunches – the rest is up to you!

June Various Open Gardens. Sat 7th Great Chalfield Manor; Sun 8th 1 Grosvenor Terrace Bath; Sun 15th 5 gardens in Ashley Village; Fri 27th Cold Ashton Special Plants

3rd July Brain of Bath. This popular grand corporate quiz celebrates its 16th anniversary this year. Up to 25 teams will compete for a magnificent Waterford Crystal trophy, but more importantly.... the title of Brain of Bath Champion for 2014. Some companies use it for client entertaining – others for staff team building, all are guaranteed a highly entertaining evening.

For more information about any of the above, whether it's to volunteer or take part please contact **Cathy on 01225 354656** or cathya@julianhouse.org.uk

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Introduction — Sandra Lockwood, Volunteer Coordinator

At this time of year I see the daffodils and crocuses flowering and know that Spring is just around the corner, which means that it is time for our annual

Springmas Party!



This is Julian House's opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers for your great work over the past year, helping us continue to provide a variety of services to those who we support. It is also an opportunity for volunteers to meet those who work different shifts or days at the hostel, or volunteer in the different projects and shops. Please see the accompanying Invitation and let me know, by Friday the 14th of March, whether or not you will be able to attend and if you have any special dietary requirements. The event will be taking place again at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (BRLSI), 16 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN on Thursday the 3rd of April, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. There will be a buffet and soft drinks provided and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Best wishes, **Sandra.**

Charity Shops -New Shop Gets Off To Flying Start

Post Christmas can be a bit tricky for retailing generally and particularly for charity shops. The Julian House shops however have had a good start to the year – including the new outlet in Chippenham. Once the shop fit was completed the staff there worked incredibly hard to get the shop open on 30th January. They were ably assisted by a handful of new volunteers. Well done all of them.



Since then reaction from the public has been terrific and shop manager, Linda Raud, is confident that they will be making a significant contribution towards funding the charity's frontline projects – "It's a marvellous big shop which has allowed us to

The Mayor, the Town Crier and Lady Venetia Fuller all turned out to launch the opening of the Chippenham shop.

expand a couple of sections such as books and bric a brac. Comments from customers have been really encouraging. A few more volunteers would be really helpful – to help us keep up with stock processing”. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer phone 01249 447547 or e-mail lindar@julianhouse.org.uk

Whilst sales at all the shops have been encouraging, stock donations have been a bit light. If you or any of your friends are thinking of having a clear out – particularly women clothes and bric a brac please consider dropping these items off at one of our shops: Walcot St, Moorland Rd (Bath), Market Place (Frome) or Market Place (Chippenham). Collection of larger amounts can be arranged by phone: 01225 354652 or email: cecilw@julianhouse.org.uk. The Chippenham shop is located at 51/52 Market Place, SN15 3HU

Manvers Street Hostel for the Homeless

Since the last bulletin we have been able to recruit some fantastic new volunteers to help prepare, cook and serve meals to the people staying at the hostel and those who use our Day Centre. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the morning and afternoon shifts so if you know anyone who would like to join the volunteering team, please ask them to contact Sandra Lockwood on 01225 354657 or e-mail sandral@julianhouse.org.uk. Thanks again to our more experienced volunteers for ‘showing them the ropes’ and making them feel welcome.

A reminder of the shift times:

Mornings	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon Afternoons	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Tue to Fri Afternoons (excluding 2nd Wednesday of each month—see below)	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Evenings	7.00pm to 9.00pm

Please be aware that, with effect from the 12th of March 2014, the Baptist Church will be providing the evening meal for our residents at the hostel on the second Wednesday of each month. This means that we will not require volunteers for the afternoon shift on these days, but will still need them for the evening shift.

Henrietta Street

We currently have a small number of volunteer cooks who are doing a fantastic job providing week day evening meals and Sunday lunch for the residents at our supported housing project in Henrietta Street. We would like to increase the number of volunteers and are looking for people who may be interested in working as part of the team. With residents looking to improve their independence and cooking skills, there are opportunities for this role to evolve to meet the goals of both residents and volunteers. Anyone who is interested should contact Sandra Lockwood on 01225 354657 or e-mail sandral@julianhouse.org.uk.

A Volunteer’s Perspective—Jacqui Dibble

I began volunteering for Julian House in the hostel kitchen just over 2 years ago. During my first few shifts I helped prepare and serve food to service users in the temporary accommodation at Manvers Street church. Since the move to the renovated hostel next door, I have continued to work the evening shift regularly and have learnt a lot about the work that Julian House provide to the homeless in Bath and about the people behind the Charity.

I enjoy the challenge of preparing and serving meals to service users, as well as meeting and learning from fellow volunteers. I always feel the service is appreciated by both service users and staff and I find the work personally rewarding. I have been fortunate enough to have been given a few opportunities to volunteer at Julian House fundraising events—in the car park, giving out event information and shaking a charity bucket. Following some of these opportunities I was able to watch the Opera at Prior Park on a beautiful summer evening, the fireworks at the Bath Rugby ground as well as enjoy a lovely pie and chips meal as a reward for giving up my time.

In December last year I decided to offer to help in the hostel kitchen on Christmas day. This day can be a very emotive time for many people and I really wanted to give service users a nice experience. The shift was from 11am – 3pm and in total 4 volunteers including myself worked together in the kitchen serving around 45 meals. It was a great experience and one I would highly recommend.

Volunteering at Julian House has given me an insight into other peoples’ lives and has provided me with some new skills. It’s also been an opportunity to help provide a worthwhile service and a chance to meet some interesting people.

Social Media Update

We currently have 353 likes on Facebook and 734 followers of Twitter. If you have something you would like to share with Julian House and our supporters you can share it with us through Facebook or Twitter. We have a growing community of supporters who would love to hear about our volunteers’ experience.

Social Enterprise

Bath Soup Company—Bath Soup Company is busy at the moment supplying soup to St Michaels Without Church Cafe. We have been trialling some new recipes and hope to start supplying our soup to some previous customers over the next couple of months. Just before Christmas we supplied soup for the Frome Christmas Community “Get Together” and had positive feedback on the quality of the soup.

We are looking for a food loving volunteer to help Robb make the soup on a regular basis. If you can help, please contact Sandra Lockwood.

