

Fundraising: Opera in the Park

The sun shone as picnics and champagne were enjoyed on the lawns in the picturesque setting of Prior Park College before 450 guests were seated to enjoy London based Garden Opera Company's captivating performance of Bizet's Carmen.

Now in its 20th season, this touring company made their debut performance in Bath. Sung in English, the 6 talented singers made intimate opera accessible to the very heart of the community in this captivating performance. The Opera were accompanied by a chamber ensemble of musicians led by Director of the Company, Peter Bridges .



The audience sits enthralled

for details of the next one!

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the evening such a success.



Picnicking Opera goers enjoying the evening sun

Of course the evening's main purpose was to raise valuable funds for our work with homeless and vulnerable men and women in Bath and the surrounding area and the event has raised over £7,000. The beautiful weather was the icing on the cake and we are delighted that so many people enjoyed the whole evening, in fact many have already been asking

Forthcoming Events: Circuit of Bath Walk

This year's **Circuit of Bath Walk** takes place on **Sunday 29 September** and we are hoping that more people than ever will take part. The circular route takes in some Bath's most beautiful countryside around the edge of the city and a unique shuttle bus service operates between check points throughout the day, which means that participants can choose to walk from 2 to 20 miles.

The sponsored event is open to people of all ages and one section of the route is particularly accessible to all abilities. Further information is available on the Julian House website: www.julianhouse.org.uk or call Cathy Adcock on 01225 354656, email cathya@julianhouse.org.uk. If walking is not your thing then you can still be part of the event by helping at a checkpoint on the day. Please contact Cathy on the number above for more information.

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Volunteers' Bulletin September 2013

Introduction from Sandra Lockwood — Volunteer Coordinator

I hope you have all had a good summer and that the good weather will continue for a bit longer. Thank you for your support over this period and for helping Julian House to continue to deliver key services to its service users.

We continue to review the way in which these services are provided and there have been some recent changes to the shifts at our hostel for the homeless in Manvers Street (see overleaf for further details). In addition, we have added some more exciting **volunteer opportunities**, which you can find out all about if you visit our website at www.julianhouse.org.uk/volunteering/volunteering-opportunities. These include a Front of House Sales Assistant at our Bike Workshop, volunteers to help run Creative Crafts Workshops and a Discovery Card Club plus Creative Designers and Inspirational Speakers to support the Women's Services Project. Volunteers are also needed for our new Charity Shop in Frome.

Further opportunities will be coming up in the next month or so in our Women's Services Project and as part of our Meaningful Occupations programme of courses, workshops and events. Job descriptions will be posted onto the website as they become available.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming back our volunteers who study at the University of Bath and Bath Spa University, who provide such valuable support during term time and still manage to fit in their studies!

Social Media Update

We currently have 277 likes on Facebook and 573 followers on Twitter. We would love to increase the size of both networks so if you are on Facebook or Twitter please take a look at our pages and 'like' and 'follow' us.



Manvers Street Hostel for the Homeless

As we have recently extended the period that lunch is served, and in order to keep the volunteer shift length to 3 hours, morning shift start and finish times have been changed. So that the Staff have enough time to get everything ready



Oliver Tabrett enjoying a quiet moment in the dining area

for the afternoon volunteer shift and to save volunteers having to wait around while they do this, we have also changed the afternoon shift times. To prevent the weekly delivery by FareShare disturbing the volunteers on a Monday afternoon, timings for this afternoon shift will be different to the rest of the week.



Stella Wain-Heapy and Shelley Ball on the Morning volunteers' shift

New times with immediate effect are:

Mornings	10.00am to 1.00pm
Mon afternoons	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Tue to Fri afternoons	2.00pm to 4.00pm

We hope you will understand why we are making these changes but if anyone wishes to discuss this please don't hesitate to contact Sandra by phone on 01225 354657 or e-mail sadral@julianhouse.org.uk. Finally, congratulations to two of our former volunteers, Pedro Smit and Serena Nicolosi, who are now working at our hostel as Relief Hostel Support Worker and Hostel Support Worker respectively.

Charity Shop News

Our two Julian House shops are going from strength to strength with Walcot Street trading for over three years and Shaftesbury Road coming up to two years. Sales are increasing year on year, and we constantly receive positive feedback from our customers about the look and quality of our offer and our excellent customer service.



The new vintage section at Walcot St

The **Walcot Street shop** has recently undergone some changes, now having a vintage department selling a range of vintage and retro clothing, accessories and collectables – the new look has gone down really well and sales have been fantastic. Don't forget – our large bookshop stocking thousands of titles is located in the basement – come and see what you can find. We are also now open every Sunday from 11am to 4pm.

The Charity Shop web page has also been updated, at www.julianhouse.org.uk click on 'shops'. We also have a new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/julianhousecharityshops

Of course, the success of our shops would not be possible without our strong team of volunteers – between the shops we have a team of over 35 volunteers – and we are always on the look out for new people to help with our busy shops. Also, coming soon...volunteers are needed to help out in our brand new shop opening in the centre of Frome in early September – please contact Angie on 01373 467940 for more details.

Social Enterprise: Bath Bike Workshop

It's been a sunny summer and the Bath Bike Workshop has been inundated with enthusiastic bikers from all corners of the city and beyond. We continue to be very popular for servicing and our refurbished bikes have been almost flying out of the door.

Pete Plume, one of our regular volunteers, has been working closely with the staff and volunteer team to help us co-design our new customer service desk. As you can see from the photo, Pete has done a magnificent job building the new desk, and we are very grateful for all his support and hard work! Come in and see the new area for yourselves – it really makes a difference.



Left to right: Pete Plume (volunteer), Mat Johnson and Mark Wilson (JH staff) behind the new counter

We are in great need of more volunteers to help us to strip and build refurbished bicycles – If you are enthusiastic about bikes and have any spare time, you can volunteer for half a day a week, a full day, or as much time as you like. If you can spare a few hours or know someone who might be interested please contact Sandra on sadral@julianhouse.org.uk

Bath Soup Company

Bath Soup Company has had a quiet summer and sales have been low as the sun has been shining. However, we are looking to build up the soup company over the Autumn and Winter months and would always welcome volunteers interested in supporting our service users to make the soup. Ideally we would have two more volunteers to assist us with serving soup at events and soup production. Do get in touch with Sandra if you feel you would be interested in getting involved with this project. Huge thanks go to Vicky Savage who continues to be a great support and enthusiastic volunteer with Bath Soup.