



# DISPENSARY NEWS

## WE DID IT!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**MONDAY 8TH JUNE 5.30-8PM**  
**HISTORY IN THE MAKING**  
Halle St Peter's

**SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2-5PM**  
**HISTORICAL WALK AROUND**  
**ARDWICK**  
St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green

**WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2.30—7PM**  
**THE ARDWICK GREEN HISTORIES**  
**PROJECT**  
St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green

**SUNDAY 26TH JULY 12—4PM**  
**PARTY IN THE PARK**  
Philips Park  
Alan Turing Way

**SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**  
**11AM—4PM**  
**VICTORIA BATHS OPEN DAY**  
Hathersage Road,  
Chorlton-on-Medlock  
Manchester M13 0FE

At the end of March we were able to announce the terrific news that we had reached our target of £55K raised via our Spacehive Crowdfunding initiative!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all those people who made personal pledges from £5 to £1,000 as well as organisations such as Great Places Housing Association and Heart of Experian Charity that made pledges of £5K each. In the closing days of our fundraising campaign an anonymous donor pledged an amazing £28K!

These donations have enabled us to draw down a portion of the Heritage Lottery funding awarded to ADT and will contribute to the cost of essential safeguarding and scaffolding work that is required to be carried out on the Dispensary.

Best wishes from the Team at Ancoats Dispensary Trust.

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# WELCOME TO OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE KAREN HOUGHTON



We are pleased to welcome Karen Houghton as our Chief Executive. Karen joined ADT at the beginning of January and has been busy getting to grips with the mammoth task of fundraising which will bring the vision of restoring the Dispensary into reality.

Karen comes to us with a wealth of experience in community development, regeneration and charity management. She also has fundraising expertise which we will certainly need as we try to match our Heritage Lottery funding. Karen's maternal family are all Mancunians, so she feels at home here. When she's not working, she likes to head for the hills with her dogs.

Karen will be attending the Creating Our Future Histories event at Halle St Peter's on Monday 8th June so you will have a chance to meet her in person.

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2015 5.30—8pm HALLE ST PETER'S

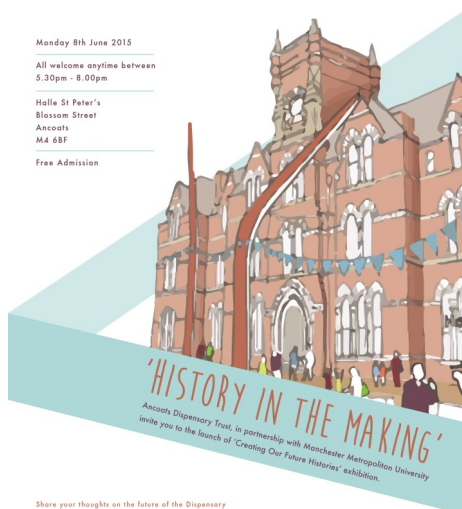


Come along to this **FREE** exhibition which is a celebration of the collaborative work that's been taking place over the past six months between academic researchers from Sheffield, Liverpool and Hertfordshire universities who have joined the **Creating Our Future Histories project**. This is a 'first' for Manchester Metropolitan University as academics have been working with community groups, something that has never happened before.

Manchester Metropolitan University and members of the Ancoats Dispensary Trust have been gathering oral history from residents past and present as well as discovering the rich history of Ancoats Dispensary down the ages. You may have seen some of the fascinating facts the researchers discovered and posted onto our website under the blog title '**Ancoats in 100 Objects**'.

This is your opportunity to share any old photographs of Ancoats Hospital you may have as they can be scanned on the night for **FREE** and will help build up the Dispensary's heritage achieve. Please also bring along any interesting items of memorabilia you may have. We'd love to see them.

There will also be entertainment from students from Manchester Communications Academy, Sing in the City, Dialect Ballad Jennifer Reid and readings from our very own Poet in Residence, Andy Hickmott. Andy has written a book of poems dedicated to the Dispensary and this will be on sale on the night. Don't miss it—it's bound to be a great night. Refreshments will be available.



Monday 8th June 2015

All welcome anytime between  
5.30pm - 8.00pm

Halle St Peter's  
Blossom Street  
Ancoats  
M4 6BF

Free Admission

Share your thoughts on the future of the Dispensary

See the imaginative images of the Dispensary as  
seen by students from the Manchester School of Art.

Enjoy live performances from Manchester  
Communication Academy students, Sing in the City,  
Poet in Residence, Andy Hickmott.

Explore historic, pioneering, spirited and tragic  
stories of Ancoats

Bring your old photographs of Ancoats Hospital  
and have them scanned for FREE while you wait

Discover things you never knew about Ancoats



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# I BECAME A CADET NURSE AT ANCOATS HOSPITAL BY LIZ MCCAFFERTY



Liz McCafferty

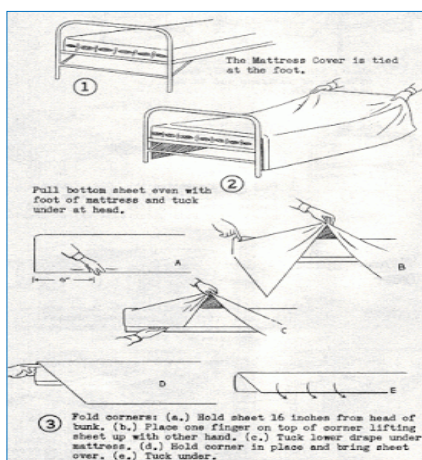
Liz McCafferty's second instalment of her memories as a nurse at Ancoats Hospital.

"You could become a cadet nurse at age 17 years of age. Any training given was by the sisters and nurses on the wards and the staff in the other departments you were allocated to. We worked from 8.30am to 5pm with a half-day Saturday and day off on Sunday.

On my first day our group were sent to the Sewing Room where we were given our cadet uniform - a heavily starched, white, wrap-around overall which we all hated. It certainly did nothing for our 17 year old youthful figures and made us look like attendants at the public baths or lavatories!

I started off in the Records Department where we were given daily lists of patients who were detailed to attend the Out Patients Clinic the next day.

There was a room full of metal shelving units reaching ceiling high. Health and Safety not being considered at this time and being provided only with short step-on ladders we were obliged to climb the actual shelves themselves to reach records which were often thick and heavy. You sometimes needed to balance them on your head to get them down. There were always one or two missing and that meant journeys to X-Ray, Physio, Medical Secretaries and Pharmacy in an attempt to provide the complete list.



Then, joy of joys, I was back on Thomson and Armitage Wards with Sister Robinson and Staff Nurse Irene Russ, whom I idolized. There was no hanging around or given time to observe. It was straight into being taught how to make the beds and then assisting nurses actually

making two rows of them and those corners had to be perfect.

I was immediately helping with bed baths, giving and taking away the bed pans and entering the results onto the Intake and Output Charts hung at the end of the beds.

An important job for us, after patients were discharged, was sterilizing the rubber coated mattresses with carbolic acid solution and scrubbing out the wooden lockers with the same solution - not very good for the hands and no rubber gloves around for protection.

The pillows would be hung over the fire-escape railings overlooking the canal to sterilize in whatever sunlight was available.

Meal times for medical patients was very important and Sister Robinson took charge of this task herself. She would measure out the correct diets at the big food trolley which was wheeled into the centre of the ward. She would then hand out each patient's plate and send a member of staff, including me, to help feed those patients who needed help. If they took very little or refused their food Sister would need to be informed. The patients were also weighed on admission and then weekly with results being entered into their records.

We were also used as ward messengers - collecting X-Rays, taking the blood samples to the Laboratory, borrowing equipment from other wards and taking verbal messages to all and sundry. We were not at that time encouraged to have cosy chats to the patients unless we were in the process of attending to them. If sister thought you were wasting time 'chatting' or spending too much time in the sluice then your surname would be called from the other end of the ward and another job would promptly be given.

By the end of my cadet year I knew every area of the hospital and its personnel. I was fairly proficient in all basic nursing care and knew the routine of one ward quite thoroughly. All this and I had not yet started in the Preliminary Training School for State Registration Nursing.

We were given a pittance weekly maintenance wage but I can't remember anyone complaining as in exchange we received a good deal of professional and very practical training on the ward itself. I also met many friends during this year who were with me for the next 3 or 4 years and who are still my friends today.

Why the cadet nurse scheme is not used in some form today is beyond my understanding".

# HISTORICAL WALK AROUND ARDWICK

## SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2015 2PM—5PM



St Thomas's Church and the Church Inn, Ardwick Green 1921. Thanks to Manchester Libraries, Information & Archives, Manchester City Council for granting ADT permission to use the above image.

Chris Makepeace, local historian and Mark Watson, Victorian Society, will lead this walk which will begin outside St Thomas's Church, Ardwick Green. They will examine the history of the Ardwick Green area and how it has changed since it was the area of choice to live in for the Ancoats mill owners.

This guided walk is a fundraising event and both Chris and Mark are donating the fees to Ancoats Dispensary Trust.

Fee: £10 per person (Children under 16yrs FREE)

# JOIN A GUIDED TOUR OF 3 LISTED BUILDINGS NOW 'AT RISK' IN LANCASHIRE

## FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2015



Long Street Methodist Church



Bank Hall, Bretherton



Lytham Hall

Are you up for a full day visiting 3 Grade 1 and Grade II Listed Buildings now considered to be 'At Risk' on the Fylde? As Ancoats Dispensary was once 'At Risk of Demolition' we would like to offer our support to The Heritage Trust for the North West that is organizing this tour. The cost is £25 per person which includes a light buffet lunch.

A Coach will collect delegates at Store Street, under Piccadilly Station, Manchester and will visit Long Street Methodist Church in Middleton (Grade II\*), Bank Hall, Bretherton (Grade II\*) and Lytham Hall (Grade I). A Buffet Lunch is provided before the tour departs for Blackpool to visit the Winter Gardens. On the return journey there will be a stop for tea and biscuits served at Long Street Methodist Church before the coach returns delegates to Manchester Piccadilly station.

If you are interested in going on this tour please send a cheque made payable to 'Heritage Trust for the North West' along with your Name, Address, Tel No and Email address to:-

Heritage Trust for the North West  
Higherford Mill, Gisburn Road  
Barrowford  
Nelson BB9 6J