



## SUCCESS AT STAGE ONE BUT THE DISPENSARY IS STILL AT RISK!



ADT Members celebrating their success outside the Dispensary on hearing the news of the Stage One LHF Funding bid.

## DISPENSARY NEWS

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**W**ell it was a good start to the summer when we found out that we had been successful with our second attempt to obtain funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. **BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE SAVED THE DISPENSARY. THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE.**

**T**aking ownership of the dispensary still remains perilous as Ancoats Dispensary Trust needs to raise an enormous amount of money to match-fund the Stage One funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. We need to raise £55K by February 2015 before the Stage One Funding is "unlocked" to allow us Permission to Start. If we don't raise the funds the Dispensary will be demolished!

**THE PEOPLE OF MANCHESTER MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.**

# 100 DAYS TO SAVE

## “THE BEATING HEART OF ANCOATS”

**A**DT has launched an urgent appeal on the Crowdfunding website Spacehive asking the people and businesses of Manchester, and those who support the restoration of the Dispensary, to give whatever they can. The donations will allow us to safeguard the building. Raising this money by the 28th February deadline is the only way we can move forward. So if it's crossed your mind to get involved, **THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.**

[www.spacehive.com/thebeatingheartofancoats](http://www.spacehive.com/thebeatingheartofancoats)

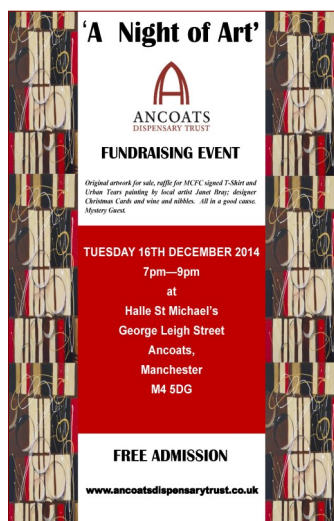
If you are one of the thousands of people who have already shown your support then we are asking you once again to please help meet this urgent challenge by donating or spreading the Word on facebook & twitter and telling your friends and family. Thank you.

### Quote from MP Lucy Powell

*“The Ancoats Dispensary is a fantastic building at the heart of my constituency of Manchester Central. I am pleased to support ADT’s 100 days appeal to raise the funding necessary to kick off the first stage of the project. I hope that people in Manchester will get behind the project and give their support.”*



## ‘A NIGHT OF ART’ FUNDRAISING EVENT 16.12.14. HALLE ST MICHAEL’S



**O**ur first fundraising project during the winter will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm – 9pm when a 'Night of Art' organised by fundraising team will be held at Halle St Michaels in George Leigh Street, Ancoats. This is a **FREE** event where original art work by Janet Bray and other artists will be up for sale at very reasonable prices. Originally designed Christmas Cards will also be on sale as well as a raffle for an original piece of artwork by Janet herself.

The draw for the winning raffle ticket for a signed Manchester City football shirt will take place at this event.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to help raise funds for ADT.

All the money raised will go towards **SAVING THE DISPENSARY.**

## POLITIK—ART IN THE CITY

Towards the end of the summer several members of the group as well as people in the local community and those with an interest in Ancoats Dispensary took part in an exciting project 'Politik –Art in the City'. This project was led by Upper Space a community art organisation based at Spectator Mill in Ancoats. Ed Hall, the famous banner maker, travelled up to Ancoats and made a massive template banner onto which people



Residents of the Ancoats community  
busy working on the banner.



More images of the banner can be seen on the website at:-

[www.ancoatsdispensarytrust.co.uk](http://www.ancoatsdispensarytrust.co.uk)

## RAFFLE OF MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB SIGNED SHIRT



Manchester City Football Club have kindly donated a signed T-shirt including an Authentication Certificate to raise funds for ADT. Raffle tickets will be on sale outside MCFC Stadium on the following home match day.

**Tuesday 25th November at 19.45**

The T-shirt will be presented to the winner in a special picture frame. The draw will take place on the 16th December at the Night of Art event .

A great Christmas present for some lucky person!

Tickets are £1 per strip



# CREATING OUR FUTURE HISTORIES PROJECT



Members of ADT, including our Patron June Rosen (2nd on the right) together with MMU researchers at their first meeting.

During the summer Ancoats Dispensary Trust became one of the groups to be part of the Manchester Metropolitan University project 'Creating Our Future Histories'. This is the very first time that academic researchers will be working with community groups and assisting them in areas of research.

Ancoats Dispensary Trust are now involved in exploring with the researchers how best to engage the community in discovering the heritage of Ancoats and the dispensary.

There is now a 'blog' on our website where you can read more about the ongoing progress of the project.

## "I WANT TO BE A NURSE AT ANCOATS"

**W**hat was it like to be a nurse at Ancoats in the 1960s? Well here is the first chapter written by someone who worked at the hospital. It is a fascinating look at this period through the eyes of a nurse and we hope to follow her journey in our next newsletter.



Liz McCafferty

I was born in 1942 in Droylsden, Greater Manchester, an area which was a far-flung part of the Ancoats hospital catchment area. We were sent there for Out-Patients appointments, x-rays, physiotherapy and, of course, treatment on the wards. We would catch the bus and travel through Clayton, Bradford, Beswick and Ardwick. You held your nose as you passed Clayton Aniline dye works and always looked out for the wheels turning on Bradford Pit. Regeneration had not begun in these areas so you passed many more old factories, mills and Lowry type streets of back-to-back houses.

We got off the bus in Great Ancoats Street and walked up Old Mill Street. Lots of the buildings on the right had been enclosed with high fencing and I never found out what they were concealing. There were rows of decrepit back-to-back houses on the left with a pub on the corner opposite the hospital.

One vivid and embarrassing memory I have was when I was taken to the Out-Patients for some disorder or another and was given an enamel jug. "Go and put some water in there for me", said the nurse. Happy to help I found the nearest tap, filled the jug and gave it to the nurse. It was, of course, the wrong sort of water!

When I was 16 years of age, having left school at 15yrs with only commercial qualifications, I was working as a shorthand typist at the National Coal Board in Manchester. My uncle was a patient on Armitage Ward for several weeks and I think he was quite surprised by the frequent visits from his niece who had never taken an inordinate interest in his welfare before. I just loved watching the work going on in the ward and so wished I could be part of it.

I made a telephone call to the General Office and was invited to come in and speak to Mr Dafforne who was the Chief Administrator at that time. He was such a lovely person and having found out that I could only offer shorthand and typing skills (not very useful on the wards at that time), did not send me away empty handed. He offered to add my name to the list of cadet training places to start the following year when I was 17yrs. In the meantime I had to start getting some GCSE's especially in English and Maths. **Continued overleaf.....**

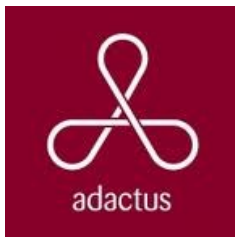
# "I WANT TO BE A NURSE AT ANCOATS"/continued .....

I had shown little interest in academic work as a young person, apart from being an avid reader, so I set about starting night-school courses and worked really hard. I managed to get 3 GCES's but failed Maths and thought that would be the end of my ambitions as 5 GCSE's were required. However Mr Dafforne informed me that he thought I had the necessary motivation and attributes for nursing and allowed me to start the cadet scheme but with a day release to further my academic qualifications at St John's College.

I have often wondered whether Mr Dafforne's methods of recruitment would be valuable in hospital nurse recruitment today.

**Watch out for the next instalment.....**

## THANKS TO ADACTUS AND THE MILES PLATTING 'YOU DECIDE' PROJECT



**A**ncoats Dispensary Trust wish to thank Adactus Housing Association and the residents of Miles Platting 'You Decide' Project for awarding us funding to purchase presentation material so that we can promote the Dispensary far and wide. The equipment has been ordered and we should be using it quite soon. The equipment will be used to show heritage films, presentations to community groups and businesses and for educational purposes/training. ADT hopes to continue to have a positive relationship with this forward-thinking Housing Association.

## MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY

**THANK YOU** to all our Supporters from the community and local businesses and all our Volunteers who so generously give of their time in the massive effort to save the Dispensary. Over the past year we have made lots of connections with organisations and made lots of friends who in the future we hope to work with and become stronger. They are too numerous to mention but below is a snapshot of a few of them.

MACC  
MERCi - Bridge 5 Mill  
42nd Street  
The Halle St Peter's  
Manchester University  
Salford University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
GMCVQ

Brighter Sound at Band on the Wall  
Community Organisers  
Upper Space  
The Victorian Society  
Save Britain's Heritage  
North Manchester Communications Academy  
St Georges Community Centre  
Gorton Monastery

Brickhouse Productions  
GMP Police  
North West Sound Archives  
Gulliver's public house  
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**Ancoats Dispensary Trust  
wishes residents of  
Ancoats and all the citizens  
of Manchester A Very  
Happy Christmas.**



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