

# St Thomas's Almshouses

## Regular Events

MONDAY: Coffee Morning from 10am

TUESDAY: Coffee Morning from 10am  
Exercise Class 10-11am

WEDNESDAY: Coffee Morning from 10am  
Bingo 5.30-8.00pm

THURSDAY: Coffee Morning from 10am  
Knitting & Water from 1.30pm

FRIDAY: Coffee Morning from 10am  
Bingo 5.30-8.00pm

1st Friday every month—*The Sweet Man*, from 9.30am

SATURDAY: Coffee Morning from 10am

Not long to go!

## Getting in touch

### WARDEN

Sharon: 01474 534385

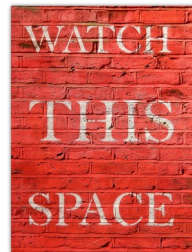
The warden is on duty from 8am to 6pm every day. Outside of these times, Centra will help with emergency calls.



### CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES

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# Pinnocks News

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## We're Nearly There!!

We're hopeful that social restrictions can be removed in line with government guidance, and that we will be able to re-start the usual social events from 21st June, and visitors will return as normal. If we can do so safely before then, we will. But either way, we will let you know, depending on government guidance.

We're also looking forward to be able to welcome new residents to the almshouses, and we know how important it will be for everyone to be able to meet up and have a chat.

It's a timely moment to thank everyone who has played their part—staff and residents—to keep themselves and others safe.



Keep on keeping safe everyone.



## EMERGENCY—HELP!

We know that things will go wrong from time to time in your home, and the trustees pride themselves on putting things right as soon as possible. BUT.....please stop and consider whether it IS an emergency if out of hours.



### .....Emergency Situations.....

- UNCONTROLLABLE WATER LEAK
- SMELL OF GAS
- TOTAL LOSS OF POWER
- LOCKED OUT or LOCKED IN
- SMELL OF BURNING (but not cooking!)

### .....Emergency Situations.....



Any other non-emergency maintenance/repair issues should be reported during working hours to the Warden or Centra, and a request will be logged. There are some portable heaters

which can be borrowed via the warden if needed.

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## Did you Know?



If you can make it into town, why not visit the warm indoor Borough Market down the High Street. It has an interesting selection of stalls and food, tourist information and special events. The Saturday Food Market has a wide array of fruit and veg and other stalls.

## DON'T BE POLITE!!

If anyone calls to be let in...



**Don't let just anyone in. It could be anyone! If in doubt, check with the warden, or with a friend or family. A genuine visitor WILL WAIT.**

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## A quick reminder

Under the terms of your licence, there are SOME areas of decoration which you may organise in your own flat. But PLEASE, ALWAYS check before you do anything at all, to save difficulties later. Work carried out without permission to walls, floors etc is likely to be required to be put right at your own expense.

## Around the Site



The BINS on site are for normal household recycling or refuse. Most LARGE items (furniture, white goods, large electrical items) can be collected by the council for a FEE. See Gravesham Council online—or call them on 01474 337000.

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We know that parking is sometimes tight on site. But please only park in allocated car park spaces—do not block paths and gates and access. Let your visitors know too.



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## EYE SPY..

If you see a woman with a camera around the grounds, it's probably Sarah! She's taking some photos and footage of the almshouses for a new website—coming up soon.

Sarah would also like to talk to a couple of residents about living at the almshouses, for a possible article in the local Borough Magazine. Maybe you've moved in quite recently? Or perhaps you've been here for ages. If you'd like to have a chat with Sarah, please let Sharon know in the next few weeks. Thank you!

## Spotlight on...

**Peter Nebbs  
Pinnocks Treasurer**

*Peter is retiring soon, and with his diligence and attention to detail, he has been a vital part of the Charity's operation; his work greatly valued and appreciated by the Trustees. We wish him all the best, and hope that his family enjoy seeing him a bit more!*

**How long have you been involved with Pinnocks?**

I will have completed twenty years' service on the day I 'retire', having started on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2001, a little while before the completion of the current almshouse buildings being completed. My role has involved meeting trustees and staff and the occasional resident; maintaining records, book-keeping and the preparation of regular reports for the trustees.



**What was your background prior to that?**

Since leaving school, in 1957, my principal career was in local government finance, starting with Rochester City Council. From 1979 until 1998 I had a very popular job – Revenues Manager for Gravesham Borough Council, responsible for the billing and collection of rates, community charge and council tax, etc ! I also worked for Gravesend Churches Housing Association as an internal auditor. Alongside this, I have been treasurer of the church that my wife and I are members of, for almost thirty years (and secretary for twenty years).

**What's been the best part of the job?**

I have enjoyed all my work with Pinnocks Charity – at least I don't recall any part that I haven't!

**What do you hope to do with your time after you retire?**

Being aware of slowing down, physically and mentally, due to age, I hope to take things a little easier, reading more, but still keeping up my daily brisk walk, recommended after heart surgery a few years back.