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ANCOATS DISPENSARY: ON THE BRINK!

THIS YEAR has been a promising one for the Ardwick and Ancoats Dispensary - but the threat of demolition still looms! At 8pm sharp on the 23rd July 2014, the Ancoats Dispensary Trust announced its successful Stage One application to the Heritage Lottery Fund's 'Heritage Enterprise' for initial support towards a full grant of £4.5million. But in order to unlock this Stage One funding (a grant of £770,000 that would be used to undertake immediate stabilisation works) we must raise an additional £55,000 before 28th February 2015. To do this, we have launched the 100 days appeal through crowdfunding website Spacehive.

100 DAYS APPEAL AT SPACEHIVE

ANCOATS DISPENSARY Trust have launched an urgent appeal on the crowdfunding website Spacehive - asking the people and businesses of Manchester and beyond to give whatever they can in the interests of saving the Ancoats Dispensary. These pledged donations will allow us to safeguard the building. Raising this money by the deadline of February 28th 2015 is the only way we can move forward.

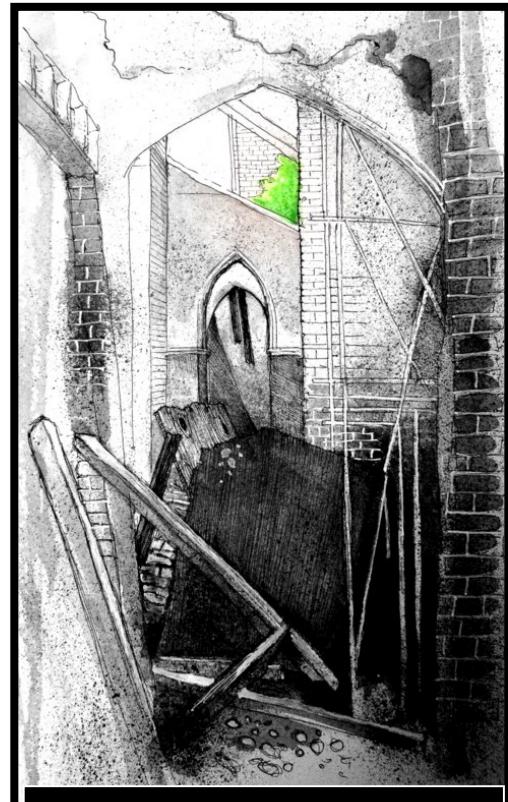
This is your opportunity to safeguard our local landmark!



If you are one of the thousands of people who have already shown your support - then we are asking once again to please help us meet this extremely urgent challenge by pledging, donating, or by helping to spread the word to

friends and family through Twitter and Facebook. You can pledge your support to the Ancoats Dispensary at our Spacehive page www.spacehive.com/thebeatingheartofancoats

Manchester Central Member of Parliament Lucy Powell said 'The Ancoats Dispensary is a fantastic building at the heart of my constituency of Manchester Central. I am pleased to support Ancoats Dispensary Trust'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.'



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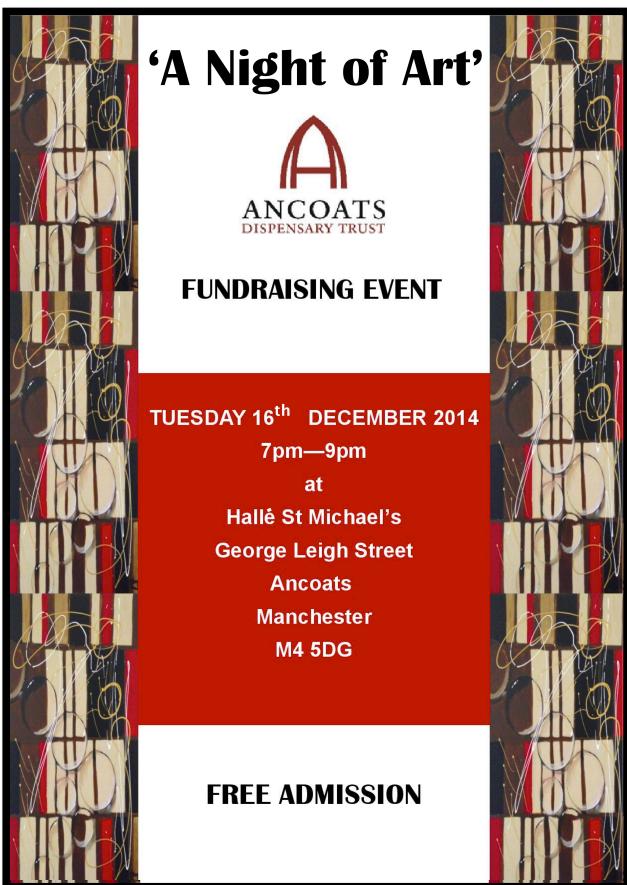
LUCY POWELL MP

We will only receive the allocated Stage One Heritage Lottery Fund money if and only if we meet our £55,000 Spacehive target! So please help us save the beating heart of Ancoats... pledge your support today!



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The poster features a stylized background of vertical and horizontal lines in shades of brown, beige, and red. At the top, the text 'A Night of Art' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it is the Ancoats Dispensary Trust logo, which consists of a stylized letter 'A' above the text 'ANCOATS DISPENSARY TRUST'. Underneath the logo, the words 'FUNDRAISING EVENT' are printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A red rectangular box contains the event details: 'TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2014', '7pm—9pm', 'at Hallé St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, Manchester M4 5DG'. At the bottom, the words 'FREE ADMISSION' are printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

'A NIGHT OF ART' FUNDRAISING EVENT

ON TUESDAY 16th December 2014 at 7 - 9pm Ancoats Dispensary Trust will be holding a special fundraising event, 'A Night of Art', at Hallé St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats. This is a FREE to attend event where donated original artwork, by artists such as Janet Bray, will be up for sale in aid of our fundraising programme. Original Christmas cards will also be available to purchase.

The draw for the signed Manchester City Football Club replica shirt will take place at this event (see below). So don't miss this fantastic opportunity to help raise funding for the Ancoats Dispensary!

WIN A SIGNED MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB REPLICA SHIRT!

MANCHESTER CITY Football Club have kindly donated a first-team signed replica shirt with accompanying Certificate of Authentication in aid of the Ancoats Dispensary Trust's fundraising programme. The shirt will be sold through a raffle draw, and the cost of each ticket will be £1 (information on where and how to buy these tickets will be available on our website). The winning ticket will be drawn at the 'A Night of Art' event at Hallé St Michael's, and there will also be an announcement of the winning raffle ticket on our website. This would make a fantastic surprise Christmas present - all in aid of supporting a local landmark of national significance!

We wish to thank Manchester City Football Club wholeheartedly for this thoughtful donation and hope that our friendship continues for the benefit of the local Ancoats community.



POLITIKA PROJECT

IN THE summer, several members of the Ancoats Dispensary Trust and people from the local area with an interest in Ancoats Dispensary took part in Upper Space's innovative project 'Politika - Art and the Affairs of the City.' Organised at Spectator Mill in Ancoats, Ed Hall – the famous banner maker – helped to coordinate the production of a beautifully colourful banner featuring the Ancoats Dispensary. A specially produced video of the banner project and images of the banner itself can be seen at www.upper-space.org and also at www.ancoatsdispensarytrust.co.uk. The image on the right gives a brief snapshot of the Politika exhibition.



'CREATING OUR FUTURE HISTORIES' PROJECT UPDATE

IN SEPTEMBER, Ancoats Dispensary Trust became one of the many organisations involved with Manchester Metropolitan University's 'Creating Our Future Histories' project. This project aims to promote academic research and engagement with a community emphasis. Subsequently, Ancoats Dispensary Trust is exploring how best to engage the local community in discovering the heritage of Ancoats, and how this heritage relates to the Ancoats Dispensary. There is now a regularly updated blog on our website which details the activities of this project, and blogs by other similar Manchester-based organisations can also be found at www.futurehistories.mmu.ac.uk. A special blog written by the Creating Our Future Histories academic researchers, called 'A History of Ancoats Dispensary in 100 Objects', can be found at www.ancoatsdispensary100.wordpress.com and will be updated by the researchers every day for the next 100 days. They are currently seeking the donation of material to be involved in the blog, and you can help the researchers by using the contact information on page 6. Thank you.

THANKS TO ADACTUS RESIDENTS!

ANCOATS DISPENSARY Trust wishes to thank Adactus Housing Association and the residents of Miles Platting for awarding us funding through the 'You Decide' vote. This grant allowed the purchasing of technical equipment that will enable the Trust to spread the message of the Ancoats Dispensary far and wide! This equipment will enable for the displaying of heritage films and presentations to community groups and businesses, and for training and educational purposes as part of our commitment to up-skilling in the local community. We hope to continue such a positive relationship with this forward-thinking housing association!



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THE TALE OF A FORMER NURSE (PART ONE)

WHAT WAS it like to be a nurse at Ancoats Dispensary in the 1960s? Reproduced here is the tale written by a former nurse at the Ancoats Dispensary throughout this period, Liz McCafferty. It is a fascinating look at this period from a first-person perspective.

"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 outpatients 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 has 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 outpatients 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 give it to the nurse. It was, of course, the wrong sort of water!

When I was 16 years of age, having left school at 15 years 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 17 years. In the meantime I had to start getting some GCSEs especially in English and Maths.

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 GCSEs but failed Maths and thought that would be the end of my ambitions as 5 GCSEs 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."

We will continue Liz McCafferty's journey towards becoming an Ancoats Dispensary nurse throughout the following editions of Dispensary News and on our website!



LIZ McCAFFERTY



Janet Bray's Christmas card design

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to say **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** to all of our supporters from the community, local businesses and volunteers who have generously given their time in the effort to save Ancoats Dispensary! Over the course of 2014 we have made many friends and connections with people and organisations that care about the future of Ancoats and the Ancoats Dispensary. Whilst we cannot possibly acknowledge everybody, we would like to give a special mention to:

- 42nd Street
- AWOL Studios
- Brickhouse Productions
- Brighter Sound
- Community Organisers
- Gorton Monastery
- Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVQ)
- Greater Manchester Police
- Gullivers Public House
- Hallé St Michael's
- Hallé St Peter's
- igloo Regeneration
- Locality
- Lucy Powell MP
- MACC
- Manchester City Council
- Manchester City Football Club
- Manchester Environmental Resource Centre initiative (MERCI)
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Newton Heath History Group
- North Manchester Communications Academy
- North West Sound Archives
- NOVO Press
- Our Patrons
- Save Britain's Heritage
- St George's Community Centre
- The Prince's Regeneration Trust
- The University of Manchester
- The University of Salford
- The Victorian Society
- Upper Space
- Urban Splash
- Working Class History Library

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