



The Newsletter of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group - The only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem; treating patients regardless of religion, ethnicity, or ability to pay

Preview Screening Eyes of St John

**Queen Noor, Vanessa Redgrave,
Vivienne Westwood attend**



Newscaster Jon Snow with Trustee Dr Maged Abu Ramadan visiting our new hospital in Gaza for the filming of his piece on us for Channel 4 News to mark the anniversary of the Gaza Conflict last year.

Wednesday 16th September marked the exclusive preview screening of a new documentary from Dissent Projects about our sight-saving work.

Produced by Vanessa Redgrave CBE, and Directed by Carlo Nero, the son of Vanessa and Franco Nero, **Eyes of St John** focuses on our dedicated teams and the sight-saving work they carry out every day. In the kind presence of Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, the preview took place at Twickenham Studios, with Dame Vivienne Westwood, HE Dr Manuel Hassassian (pictured below), HE Mr Afif Safieh, Andy Slaughter MP and Sunny Vohra, the owner of Twickenham Studios, among the attendees.



Event Photos: James Strutt

Highly commended for its integrity, **Eyes of St John** spotlights the important work of our organisation through showcasing the stories of the patients we treat and the doctors we train, and how vital our work is in a region where the incidence of blindness is ten times higher than those in the West. With the film emphasising our ethos of treating people regardless of their ethnicity, religion or ability to pay, Vivienne Westwood ended the

post-screening Q&A by commenting, **“Aren’t people just so lovely?”**

In the upcoming months, **Eyes of St John** will tour worldwide at film festivals and private screenings, before being made publically available to ensure our work reaches as many people as possible. Vanessa, who is incredibly dedicated to our cause, immediately began this tour the day after the

preview screening and, showcased it as part of her Face to Face evening in the HighTide Festival 2015 in Aldeburgh.

A special screening will be held for our Legacy Pledgers and Regular Givers who so kindly support our sight-saving work. It will then be made available to all our supporters, so they can see the difference they are making, and help share this with new audiences.

Thoughts from our CEO



One of the key points about our Hospital Group is that it is intimately associated with the people, the geography, the climate and the politics of the Holy Land as well.

I use the term "Holy Land" as religion is also a major factor and I like the timeless and geographically somewhat indeterminate nature of this name. If the people are affected, for example by fasting during the Holy month of Ramadan or by heightened security measures, then we feel it. The climate has

been extraordinarily hot lately, especially when our air conditioners no longer cope! The politics of the region have an immediate bearing on us – for example, moving building materials into Gaza for our new hospital there requires endless negotiating with the Israeli Defence Force; another example is that there are sectarian attacks, arson and demonstrations every week and the passage of our patients and staff from the West Bank and Gaza is affected daily by such

events. A final illustration of how the politics of the region affects us is that UNRWA, which provides us with 7% of our patient income, is now having to divert so much of its resources to dealing with Palestinians refugees from Syria in Lebanon and Jordan as well as within Syria itself, that it has had to reduce what it pays us – this is totally understandable but makes life that much more difficult for us.

The Hospital Group exists in part precisely because this area is challenging and I think we actually thrive on overcoming difficulties. For instance, just within the last few months, we have totally refurbished the reception area, reworked the staff dining room and put

in a very good looking cafeteria in the main hospital for the benefit of both patients and staff. Here as well as in the reception areas for Hebron, Gaza and Anabta, we have added some wonderful David Roberts frescoes of the Holy Land (from the 1830s) made out of Armenian tiles, sponsored by some of our generous supporters. The new patient pathway, with coloured lines on the floor to guide patients to the correct department, is working very well. We continue to re-equip wherever necessary and, providing finances allow, we are also now improving and consolidating our practices in anticipation of the JCI inspection next year.





At time of writing, the new clinic in Hebron is nearing completion. It will be a purpose-built clinic in the middle of Hebron which should provide a much better service to the local population.

The generosity of many in allowing us to build this clinic is much appreciated and thanks are due especially to the Priory of Scotland, the Knights Templar, the Linbury Trust, and Mr Peter Goltra, who recently lost his wife Gail (another stalwart supporter) and who very kindly bought us a new

surgical microscope. Several other individuals and foundations also contributed to our new Hebron Clinic.

The new hospital in Gaza should be completed by the end of the year – this really is a remarkable feat, the only new build by an NGO since the conflict last year, and so necessary in an area with nearly two million inhabitants and extreme poverty (up to 75% youth unemployment, no obvious economy and nearly 30,000 homes destroyed in the conflict). The new building looks

very impressive and there is no reason to think that the services offered there will not be very impressive also!

We still have two mobile clinics providing a service to remote areas seven days a week. We intend to use these clinics in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Palestinian Red Crescent and UNRWA to promote better health, not just with eye care but also, for example, to deliver advice on diabetes, smoking and lifestyle. Preventative medicine is an area that

we should become more involved with.

As always, any reader who would like to visit us would be most welcome. As members of an Order of Hospitaller Knights, we take pride in looking after guests to the best of our ability! Despite what I said earlier about security problems, do remember that most areas out here are perfectly safe so you should not be too put off by that. We look forward to seeing you here!

Brigadier Tom
Ogilvie-Graham

Parallel Directions, Continents Apart

Palestinian and American doctors working together in the service of humanity

In May 2015, three ophthalmic surgeons from the USA, Dr James Lehman, Dr YuGuang He, and Dr David Kennedy, travelled to the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt) to visit St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group (SJEHG). During the trip they led and assisted in surgeries, clinics, and headed out with our Mobile Outreach teams to remote areas of the West Bank.

In a collaborative effort between the Dallas Surgeon's Fund, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, and SJEHG, this mutually beneficial exercise was an opportunity for doctors, who are normally two continents apart, to work together, teach, and learn



Photo: Dr Lehman

from one another. This was an invaluable partnership for our doctors to develop their sight-saving skills, and for Dr Lehman and his colleagues to gain experience in treating severe conditions that they would normally not encounter in the USA. Dr Lehman also brought with him 21 greatly needed donor corneas to treat people with

conditions such as keratoconus as well as other conditions. One of the beneficiaries from this was Aadab, 38, an amputee in a wheelchair from Gaza. The thinning of her cornea had become so severe she could only see hand movements in front of her eye. After the operation, Aadab was able to see faces and move around on her own.

One thing that struck the American doctors on their visit was how sustainable our programmes have become since we started training our own medical staff.

Speaking about the medical tour, Dr Lehman said, "St John have excellent local Palestinian doctors who are fellowship-trained.

The level of the sub specialists, Dr. Abdallah (cornea) and Dr. Omar (retina), is very high, on par with myself and Dr YuGuang. There are now three remodelled operating theatres, all outfitted with first rate microscopes and surgical equipment. Compared to 10 years ago, the hospital has advanced at an amazing rate. The facilities and staff are first class". Speaking about his experience of Mobile Outreach Dr YuGuang added, "I was lucky enough to go on Mobile Outreach twice. I was amazed that the staff can transform a simple room into a great eye clinic in just a few minutes. The first day we examined 72 persons and 80 on the second day."

We are immensely grateful to all the doctors from the USA, and around the world, who come to contribute to our work in the oPt. We hope that they benefit from the experience even a fraction as much as we do. These friendships have allowed our organisation to develop and flourish for the past 130 years and we look forward to future visits.



Dr Lehman running a clinic at the Jerusalem Hospital. Photo: Lucy Lyon

Blast from the Past



*The Duke of Edinburgh
visiting the hospital in the 1960s*

Giving Above and Beyond

Australia Now Sponsoring SJEHG's School of Nursing



Mark Compton, Chancellor of the
Priory of Australia, pictured with
Nasrallah Khalyieh, Senior Lecturer
Practitioner of the School of Nursing

The Priory of Australia have kindly agreed to sponsor Nasrallah Khalyieh and Waleed Khateeb, SJEHG's two School of Nursing lecturers.

This is on top of their current sponsorship of Khaled Zuaiter, our Mobile Outreach Manager.

The Priory of Australia are now significantly contributing to two of SJEHG's most important programmes. Our School of Nursing, which trains between six and ten nurses every year, not only allows nurses to specialise in ophthalmology, but also vitally increases the level of medical expertise in the region.

With our Mobile Outreach Programme, we can bring eye care to even the most remote and isolated areas, where medical care of any kind is scarce and those in need often go without.

Nasrallah, Waleed and everyone at SJEHG would like to thank the Priory of Australia for their generous sponsorship.

Case study

Maya

Maya, 3, from Hebron, came to St John with a convergent squint in her right eye, as well as long-sightedness.

Her conditions meant that Maya's right eye was unable to focus as well as her left eye. In turn, her brain had started to ignore signals from it, and

for Maya's sight and future well-being. If not treated by the age of 7, Maya's squint would not respond well to treatment and this could lead to double-vision and even physical defects.

As her lazy eye was further deteriorating the vision in her right eye, it

Without treatment, Maya would struggle to continue her education, possibly facing prejudice and the prospect of not getting married when she grows up.

St John provided Maya with glasses to wear and doctors treated her lazy eye by patching her left

in treating Maya and changing her life. Maya's family added, "we are thankful that the St John hospital in Hebron ensures that Maya's treatment remains easily accessible to her, especially as Maya's frequent appointments would be hard to accommodate if we needed to travel long distances."

Maya continues to have regular follow up treatment at the Paediatric Clinic, with her mother noting that, "my child is very happy with the treatment and likes to come to your hospital and see her doctor."

Studies have shown that blindness creates a spiral of poverty. That is why SJEHG is a vital component for the long term economic sustainability of the oPt. We endeavour to continue to save the sight and change the lives of more children like Maya, enabling them to live without debilitating eye conditions.

so her right eye became amblyopic – or, as it is more commonly known, a lazy eye.

As Maya is so young, her mother was extremely worried about the effect this could have on her vision in the future. She put her trust in St John

was extremely important that Maya was treated as soon and as effectively as possible. In a society where disability remains heavily stigmatised, a little girl like Maya with a squint is instantly faced with many social and ultimately economic barriers.

eye for three hours a day. Maya's squint has almost gone and her right eye visual acuity has improved.

Her family have praised the treatment she received, thanking St John and our staff for their care and humility



Trustee Report

Susan Dingwall

In my work as a lawyer, I advise clients on the management of risk and I have a particular specialism in Islamic insurance (takaful) which has allowed me the privilege of travelling much of the Arab world.



I was delighted to be approached to become a trustee of the Board of SJEHG some four years ago and I can genuinely say that the experience has been a humbling one.

By way of illustration, to have visual impairment is a distressing condition at any age, but particularly for children and young adults. I recall seeing one teenage boy being treated in the Paediatric Clinic in the hospital in East Jerusalem. He had just had a procedure to correct a squint and was attending the Clinic to learn the outcome. His father accompanied him and was clearly very concerned as to whether the treatment had been successful or not. The young boy presented himself as a typical sullen teenager when he walked through the door. He affected not to

be concerned one way or the other regarding what he was about to find out. However, when the bandages were taken from his eye, gone was the impression of the sullen teenager - the boy's face transformed into a huge smile from ear to ear as the tests were performed and they confirmed what he knew - he could now see properly. His father was crying tears of joy in the corner of the room.

This is just a very small example of the life-changing work that the staff at SJEHG do



on a daily basis. Their professionalism is a continuing source of inspiration as they deliver sight saving treatment, often in challenging conditions.

One of the things that I most admire about SJEHG is that it recognises that it cannot stand still and must adapt to change. While one thing sadly does not alter - the continuing political unrest and uncertainty - SJEHG realises that its facilities and services must evolve in order to best reach patients and deliver care to those most in need. Examples of this include:

- re-locating the hospital facilities in Hebron so that they are easier for patients to visit;
- the construction of the new hospital in Gaza which will enable

patients to be treated without having to endure the very difficult (often impossible) journeys imposed by travel restrictions placed upon Gaza residents;

- building up the outreach teams so that care can be delivered to those in the remotest parts of the West Bank; and
- refurbishing the flagship hospital in East Jerusalem and introducing new features to improve the experience for patients (and their relatives) visiting the hospital.

Every trip I take to Jerusalem, I witness more examples of the transformative work performed by the staff both at that hospital and elsewhere within the Group. A few days in Jerusalem makes me appreciate that while I love my job and get great satisfaction from it, the really valuable work is being done in East Jerusalem, Anabta, Hebron, Gaza and on outreach.

Susan Dingwall

Case study

Hassan

Earlier this year, our Mobile Outreach team were in Yatta, a small village near Hebron.

Throughout the day, Dr Husam and his team saw around sixty patients, with most only needing to be prescribed with eye drops or glasses to improve their eyesight. Some, however, have to be referred to one of our hospitals as their treatment is not so straightforward. Hassan was one of these people.

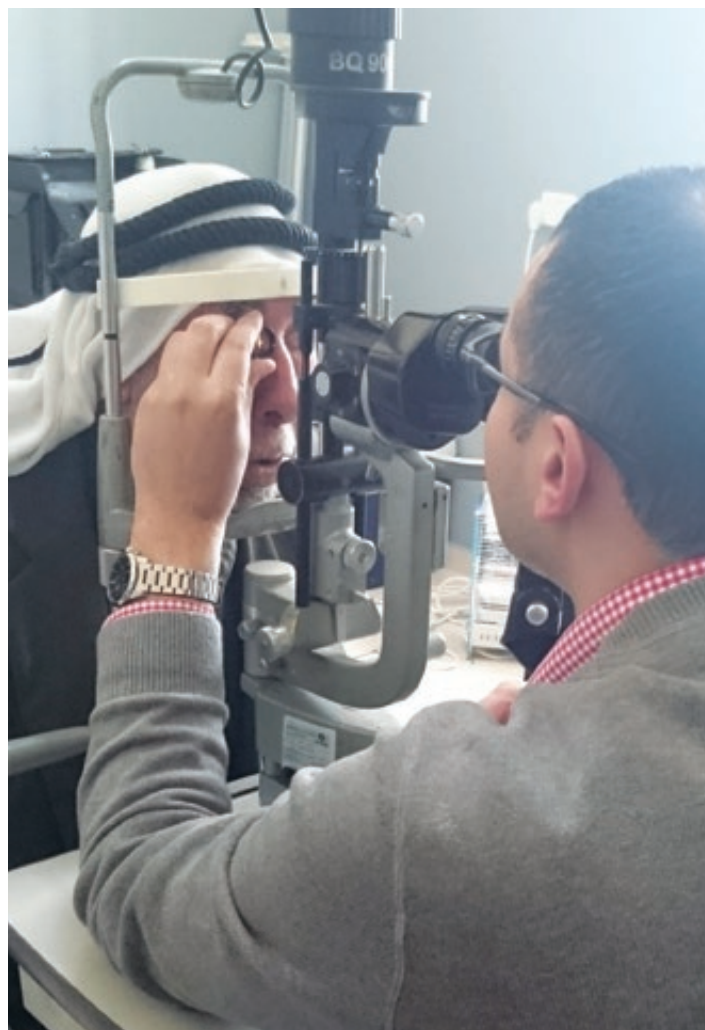
Hassan had come to our clinic with many members of his family, including his grandson, as the cataracts he was suffering from had become so dense that his vision was severely compromised. Indeed, during his vision test, he had to halve the distance between him and the board just to see the top line. This maturity in cataracts is very rarely seen in the West as they will be treated before this stage.

It is conditions like Hassan's which make doctors from around the world want to work with us, as the conditions we

see during our line of work can be at a much more advanced stage than is typically seen in most Western countries. From this, doctors gain vital experience in treating different eye diseases at every stage of their development.

Not only were Hassan's cataracts blocking him from seeing, but it also meant that Dr Husam found it extremely difficult to see into Hassan's eye to examine it. Luckily, Dr Husam was able to notice an ingrown eyelash, which he immediately removed to save Hassan from any further discomfort. Hassan was then referred to our Jerusalem Hospital to receive phacoemulsification – an ultrasonic surgical removal of his two cataract lenses – before intraocular lenses were inserted to replace them.

Like Hassan, many people do not immediately receive treatment once they notice an eye condition. Contributing factors to this include a lack of education about these issues, a restriction of



movement meaning that travel is impossible or very difficult, or an inability to provide means of payment for treatment. St John endeavours to help combat all these factors. Not only do our Mobile Outreach clinics serve as an expert information hub for both symptoms and the

treatment of different eye conditions, they enable us to bring expert eye care to even the most rural communities in the oPt, regardless of their ability to pay.

In 2015 so far (August), St John Pories and Associations have raised £1,235,982

Australia – £49,570 England – £365,371 New Zealand – £112,707
Scotland – £150,250 United States of America – £558,085

Funding Today

Our work would not be possible without our kind donors, whose generosity allows us to continue saving sight and changing lives. We would like to thank everyone who has given in 2015 so far, and everyone else who has taken part or organised any fundraising activities on our behalf.

Major Donors June-August 2015:

Bishops Waltham Charity Garden Fair
Christian Blind Mission
Fred Hollows Foundation
German Federal Ministry for Cooperation (BMZ)
The Karl Kahane Foundation
Qatar Committee for Patient Relief
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
The Valentine Charitable Trust
World Diabetes Foundation

We would particularly like to thank David Verity, Lady Corinna Hamilton, Julia Corkey, Sarah Shilson and all those involved in arranging the Loseley Park Summer Soiree in June, which raised over £30,000.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the tireless volunteers who come in three times a year to mail out these issues of Jerusalem Scene; John Quigley and his team of Fellowship ladies, James Nash, Philippa Wrightson, Lady Ursula Westbury, Elizabeth Mellows, and everyone else who has helped us with this vital task.

Employees of the month

June

● **Elias Juha**
(*Anaesthesia Technician*) Elias is highly committed to his job; he shows good care for his patients, continuously works on improving his own knowledge and makes the best use of the theatre's instruments and equipment.

July

● **Khitam Hasanat**
(*Staff Nurse*) Khitam is a committed, cheerful and flexible Nurse, with a good relationship with her fellow colleagues. She works hard to implement all JCI standards and is able to scrub in to all kinds of surgeries.

August

● **Assem Ali**
(*Driver*) Assem is both dedicated and loyal to his work, with a good relationship with all other staff members. When a senior driver was on a long period of absence, Assem was in charge of arranging the daily work of the other drivers. During this period, Assem was greatly commended on the high-quality of his performance.

September

● **Mohammad Ayyad**
(*Guard/Painter*) Mohammad is doing two jobs of a painter and a guard. He is very professional and performs his duties extremely efficiently and to a high standard. During September, Mohammad was particularly dedicated to ensuring that all the preparations for the Board visit were completed.

Employee of the Year:

● **Rania Khair**
(*Staff Nurse*) Rania is one of our most motivated and loyal employees. Not only is she very conscientious, she is also kind to the patients, assertive when needed, extremely committed to her job and enjoys a very good relationship with her colleagues.

If you would like to sponsor any of these individuals please contact Isla Richards
(Isla.Richards@stjohnseyehospital.org)
020 7553 6963

Supporter Corner

The Guild

Originally founded by Queen Mary in 1927 as The Ladies' Linen Guild, this group was composed of ladies who wanted to support the work of the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem.

The Guild was responsible for collecting funds from the ladies of the Order of St John for the supply of all the linen to the hospital. Over the years The Guild began to raise funds for other areas of our work. In 1965 it was restyled as The Ladies' Guild, and more recently as The Guild, to embrace gentleman members too.

The Guild are a diverse group of individuals from different backgrounds. Normally meeting in Lady Ursula Westbury's flat in Chelsea, The Guild hold four events a year to fundraise to sponsor our Nursing Director, Ahmad Ma'ali. The events include an annual Christmas bazaar called the Gift of Sight Fair (started in 1990 by the recently deceased Lady Cathcart), bridge tournaments, champagne receptions, lecture series, concerts and performances in



Gift of Sight Fair sponsor Della Tamari of the Tamari Foundation with Guild chair Sarah Shilson

amazing venues both in and outside London.

We spoke to some of the members of The Guild on what motivated them to get involved, and what it's like organising these fundraising events.

Former St John employee, Trustee, and Chair of The Guild Denise Magauran (pictured below) explains her involvement:



"I was Chief Surgeon for the Eye Hospital in Jerusalem before I returned to the UK in 1999. Eager to remain involved in the good works of St John I joined The Guild, of which I have been Chair on multiple occasions. I still go to Jerusalem regularly to help with training and in the operating theatres. I also go to give a Cup to the doctor who has contributed the most over the course of the year."

The Gift of Sight Fair is one of the most important event for The Guild. It is both a

fundraising opportunity and a chance to raise the profile of our organisation. At the 2007 Gift of Sight Fair, Janet Marsh won a raffle prize for a Tour of the Holy Land including a visit to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. ***"I was impressed with the work that they undertook under such difficult circumstances. On my return I was asked to join The Guild and was delighted to do so"***

Janet now illustrates cards and has donated two paintings in order to raise money for our sight saving work.

Over the years The Guild has organised a number of different events, Tara Elliot remembers some of the highlights:

“The first Guild event I was involved in was a wonderful lunch in the Savoy Hotel in 1986 with Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and Queen Noor as our guests of honour. This event raised £50,000, a lot in those days. After that we had dinners and operas in a number of spectacular venues including the Drapers Hall, Spencer House and a number of occasions at St James’s Palace and also Kensington Palace. Another highlight from the past was when Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II very graciously gave us a private viewing day at Frogmore.”

Tara Elliot has been on The Guild for over 30 years. She joined when her stepfather General The Earl Cathcart was Lord Prior and her mother Mariebelle Cathcart was the Chair of The Guild. The Guild faced a similar problem to the present day: the need



for younger members. So Lady Cathcart asked Tara to get involved. The most recent event The Guild hosted was a dinner at Loseley Park, Surrey, which was organised by Lady Corina Hamilton, amongst others, and raised in excess of £30,000.

Part of the reason that The Guild are able to fundraise so much for our work, is because of the experience they have gained prior to supporting us. For instance, proud Palestinian Nina Zomaya got involved with The Guild after retiring from her job as a Global Marketing Manager for an oil company in 2011.

Do you think you have a skill set which The Guild could benefit from? The Guild are always in need of more volunteers for their events, or why not get in touch about becoming a member? Please email Chairman of The Guild Sarah Shilson at stjohngiftsight@gmail.com if you would like to help with one of The Guild's upcoming events, or to discuss becoming a member.

St John's Annual Staff Awards Presentation

Presentation of Long Service Medals by

The Lord Vestey KCVO DL, Patron of the Hospital

Ahmad Awadallah

Fida'a Abu Ali

Hamzeh Abu Sneineh

George Asfour

Wasim Derani

Tamer Hriebat

Ahmad Rasras

Johnny Ra'i

Dr Ibrahim Sawalhi

Nader Shio

Khaled Zawahrehh

Presentation of 1st Bar by

The Lord Vestey KCVO DL, Patron of the Hospital

Wafa Abu Hilal

Dr Amer Muhsen

Presentation of 2nd Bar by

The Lord Vestey KCVO DL, Patron of the Hospital

Ra'ed Bannourah

Jihad Ya'eesh

Presentation of 3rd Bar by

The Lord Vestey KCVO DL, Patron of the Hospital

Fatmeh Abed El Hafez

Fouad Najjar

Presentation of Gold Bar by

The Lord Vestey KCVO DL, Patron of the Hospital

Lina Mascobi

Syvia Kirry

Adel Muhsen



Presentation of Ophthalmic Nursing Diplomas to Staff Nurses who have completed the University of West London Post Graduate Ophthalmic Nursing Course 2015

Presented by Mr Nicholas Woolf, Chairman

Alice Aslanian

Salah Abu Awwad

Azhar Alshalash

Reem Badwan

Atef Murrar

Amr Wahadin

Presentation of Baroness Audrey Emerton DBE DL Cup for Quality Services to Nursing 2015

Presented by Dame Fiona Woolf, DBE, JP

Hani Abualhaija



**Presentation of Special Prizes Halendorff Cup:
To the Top Student Achieving the Highest Grade in
the St John Eye Hospital Examination 2015**

Presented by Dr Anne Coleman, Trustee

Amr Wahadin
.....

Jaqueline Jaidy MBE Cup for Nursing Excellence 2015

Presented by Mrs Margaret Dibsy

Fida'a Odeh
.....

**Sheenah Davies RRC DL (Davies Plate: Jerusalem)
For Nursing Excellence Award Runner Up 2015**

Presented by Mrs Nicki Shaw, Trustee

Khawla Ghaith
.....

**Sheenah Davies RRC DL (Davies Plate: Gaza)
Gaza Employee of the Year 2015**

Presented in Gaza by Dr Majed Abu Ramadan, Trustee

Yamen Qulab
.....

**McDougall Cup for Member of Staff who has
contributed most to the Hospital over the Year**

Presented by Mr Nicholas Goulding, Trustee

Peter Khoury
.....

**Magauran Cup: To the Doctor who has made the
most contribution to the services provided by
the Medical Department during 2015**

Presented by Dr Anne Coleman, Trustee

Dr Amer Muhsen
.....

The Professor Saul Merin Memorial Award

Presented by Mr Michael Nelson, Trustee

Dr Islam Al-Hashash
.....

Employee of the Year

Presented by Mr Nicholas Woolf

Rania Khair
.....

Christmas Cards

Spread the joy of Christmas this year with our seasonal cards!

This winter we have eight amazing Christmas card designs for your consideration.

All profits from the sale of these cards go toward St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group's vital activities.



New

Mary and Jesus
(165mm x 120mm)
Greeting: Happy Christmas

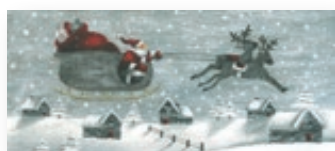


New

Kings from the Orient
(165mm x 120mm)
Greeting: Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



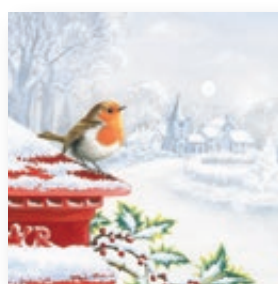
Doves over Bethlehem
(120mm x 160mm)
Greeting: Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Santa's on his way
(195mm x 90mm)
Greeting: Season's Greetings



Christmas Shopping
(165mm x 120mm)
Greeting: Season's Greetings



Robin on Post box
(120mm x 120mm)
Greeting: Season's Greetings



Adoration of the Magi (140mm x 140mm)
Greeting: With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

£4.50 per pack of 10, including post & packaging.

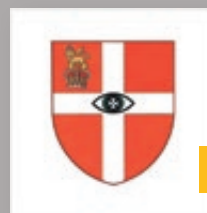
Thank you for your support!

To order your cards, you can fill out our form on the back page of this newsletter. Or, you can order through our online shop on our website. You can also pay by card over the phone on 0207 553 6965.



Mini Coloured Pencil Set - £3.50

Gifts from St John



New



SJEHG Coat of Arms or St John Logo - £4.50
(107mm x 107mm)
Greeting: Blank inside



Tote Bag - £3.50



Mini Notebook - £3.00



Flashlight Pen - £5.50



4GB USB Memory Stick - £8.00



Humidity Meters Appeal

At SJEHG we pride ourselves on keeping our East Jerusalem Eye Hospital in line with the strict JCI criteria to ensure our patients have the highest standard of care they possibly can. It has recently been required that we need to introduce a new and more effective system to ensure our medication storage areas are consistently at the correct temperature.

We have just finished a trial of a temperature and humidity logger in our Pharmacy, and have confirmed it will ensure we meet the vital JCI criteria. Not only does it ensure the medication storage is correct during our usual working hours, it also has an alarm linked up to an external, manned station so that during the weekend and night, we are alerted immediately if there is a problem. In the case of a power shortage, the loggers are also equipped with back up batteries.

Without these temperature and humidity loggers, our medication may be

severely compromised and our patients will not be able to receive the care they so vitally need.

Each unit costs £340 and can accommodate two humidity and temperature sensors, which cost £73 each. We need a total of seven units, at an overall cost of £2,380 and ten humidity and temperature sensors, at a cost of £730. Altogether, we are looking to fund £3,110 worth of equipment to keep up the standards of our hospital.



If you would like to consider funding a sensor, a unit, or any contribution to this appeal, please fill in the form at the back of this newsletter or contact the office on 020 7553 6969. Thank you.

Shopping list

£10 could buy 3 bed sheets for baby cots

£25 could buy a diagnostic Corneal Topography procedure

£50 could fund Outreach education sessions in the rural West Bank

£100 could fund laser treatment for diabetic retinopathy

£200 could buy 4 phaco packs, which are used in cataract operations

£500 could cover the cost of 50 children's gowns

£1,000 could have a crucial impact on the development of our teaching and training programme

£2,000 could pay for a laser lens to be used in major operations

£15,000 could sponsor a nurse for a year

Upcoming Events

Please call 020 7553 6969 to order tickets for all events unless otherwise stated

Lecture by former Lord Mayor of London Dame Fiona Woolf: 28th October, 6.30pm

Tickets in advance, £30
Brompton Oratory
Brompton Rd, London SW7 2RP



Gift of Sight Fair Exclusive Preview Evening Monday 9th November

tickets in advance £30 & £20 for students, includes entry the following day

Gift of Sight Fair Tuesday 10th November
£5 on the door

St John Tour of the Holy Land May 2016

led by Brigadier John Hemsley OBE,
Call 01255 871423 for more information

Order Form

Item	Cost per unit	Number of units	Total (£)
New! - Kings from the Orient Christmas Cards	£4.50 pack of 10		
New! - Mary and Jesus Christmas Cards	£4.50 pack of 10		
New! Blank Cards - SJEHG Coat of Arms	£4.50 pack of 10		
New! Blank Cards - St John Logo	£4.50 pack of 10		
Doves over Bethlehem Christmas Cards	£4.50 pack of 10		
Christmas Shopping Christmas Cards	£4.50 pack of 10		
Adoration of the Magi Christmas Cards	£4.50 pack of 10		
Santa's on his Way Christmas Cards	£4.50 pack of 10		
Robin on Postbox Christmas Cards	£4.50 pack of 10		
Mini Coloured Pencil Set	£3.50		
Mini Notebook	£3.00		
Tote Bag	£3.50		
Flashlight Pen	£5.50		
4GB USB Memory Stick	£8.00		
		Merchandise total	
		Donation (optional)	
		Total to be paid	

Donation Form

☐

I would like to support the work of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

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I would like to support the Humidity Meters Appeal

£25

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£50

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£100

☐

£1000

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Other

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