

Ainsworths Moves Next Door

by Enid Segall

Not many people know that Ainsworths Homoeopathic Pharmacy at 38 New Cavendish Street, London also had a part of its operation at 16A in a nearby mews because No 38 was too small for the constantly expanding company. White coated staff could often be seen going from one to the other in all weathers but not anymore as they have come together under one roof at No 36 New Cavendish Street.



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*No. 36 New Cavendish Street.
The three Royal Warrants are illuminated;
The Pharmacy is by appointment to
H.M. The Queen, H.M. The Queen Mother
and H.R.H. The Prince of Wales*

The shop itself is no bigger but the whole ground floor goes far beyond and customers can now see their medicine being prepared as a glass panel gives them a view to the dispensing of medicines by hand in the time honoured fashion.

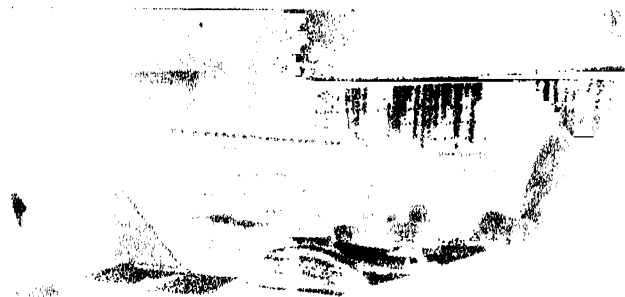


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The Dispensary: Everything to hand.

The downstairs area is fully air conditioned and there is a section set aside for the preparation of tinctures and creams. Partitioned cubicles allow for prescriptions and orders to be dictated over the phone without the background clatter of typewriters and other telephone conversations. Ample thought has been given to the welfare of staff who have a kitchenette with a breakfast bar seating arrangement.

Tony Pinkus, who took over the company when its founder John Ainsworth retired, is very pleased with the new operation, not least because he now has a room of his own too.

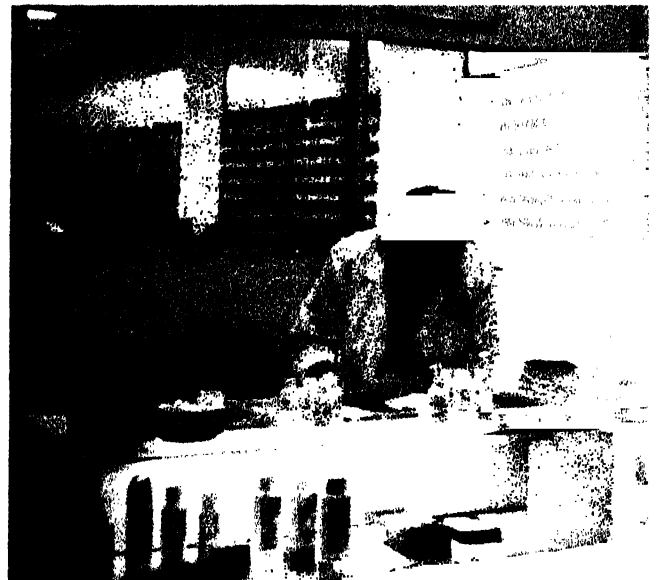
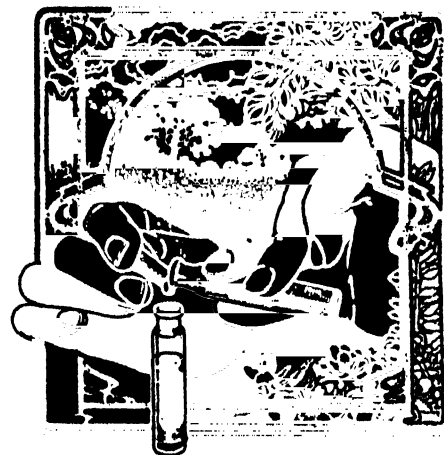


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The Shop with a view of the dispensary beyond.



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LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL LONDON HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

The League of Friends of the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital is a registered charity and voluntary organisation run by its members for the help and benefit of the patients and staff of the hospital.

The League has a committee of 13 and is currently chaired by Lt. Col. Michael Barraclough OBE. They meet every two months at the hospital and their aim is to help finance certain projects proposed by the hospital and to support doctors who wish to attend training courses and conferences.

There is currently a membership of 270 and members are invited to attend the AGM in March (followed by tea) and also the Christmas Bazaar in December. At last year's AGM it was agreed to raise the subscription for a new member to £3.00 and a renewal subscription to £2.00.

The League encourages members to make Deeds of Covenant to help finance the charity, for which they are very grateful, and they have been very fortunate in recent years to have been left a substantial legacy by a very grateful former patient. This has put the League into a different financial category and it is now necessary to employ a part-time administrator to handle the paperwork and also requires the services of an accountant and stockbroker to manage the portfolio of stocks and shares and audit the accounts.

The League has been very active this year and has helped the hospital in many ways:-

- * Purchased a new TV and video for the Quin Ward as well as purchasing health care videos
- * Purchased a Klix Drinks Vending Machine for the Snack Bar
- * Financial help for a Doctor on Training Course
- * Financial support for several Doctors on Conferences and also partly funded a Conference at the Hospital
- * Maintenance of the fish tanks
- * Hospital Newsletter

Although the financial support is both useful and necessary, what is equally as important is the dedication of the volunteers who help run the League and man the Snack Bar and Trolley Shop on the ward. Not only do they provide a superb cup of tea and sandwich, but they offer a friendly ear to the patients and advice on homoeopathy in the NHS.

If you would like to help the League or become a member, please write to:

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