

November  
2022

# number 63 newsletter



*Ann Garvie,  
Chair*

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Welcome to November's number 63 newsletter. It was a delight to meet so many of you in Belfast. Thank you for visiting the stand and expressing your support for Hotel 63 on Bayswater Road. We are hoping to progress the work on the building and develop the public areas and bedrooms. Legacies are a wonderful way for members who have stayed at Hotel 63 over the years to leave a gift so that current and future generations can enjoy staying there too. Since 2003 more than £500,000 has been left in bequests to Hotel 63 which has been a tremendous help in funding refurbishment and updating of facilities. If you do decide to do this, please make sure there is an instruction to transfer your shares to number 63 or another Soroptimist or Club as well as leave your legacy. Please contact me if you have any other ideas for funding the number 63 building improvements at [chairman@number63.co.uk](mailto:chairman@number63.co.uk).

Best wishes to you all,  
Ann

## Hotel 63 update

Occupancy for September was 94% and October 88%!

To save disappointment it is advisable for you to reserve accommodation at least 3 months in advance if you are looking to come for a particular event or celebration. Thank you everyone for your continued support. Please remember that to get the best rates, book directly through Hotel 63 website at <https://hotel63.co.uk>. Remember, if you have 20 or more shares you never pay more than 95% of the rate for the room. At different times, all will be able to take advantage of one-off promotions that will run across the year.

Work is being done to have the apartment ready next year. A new bathroom has been put in. The kitchen and bedroom are works in progress.

If anyone is interested in visiting the V&A museum in South Kensington. Cromwell Road, London, SW7 2RL. Opening times. Daily: 10.00 – 17.45. Friday: 10.00 – 22.00; Admission is free), Barbara Jeremiah will happily be your tour guide for a donation to number 63. Barbara has an "Art in the Community" degree, following other qualifications with textile, embroidery and design links. She gives a variety of lectures, including the "History of Embroidery", "The Straw Hat Industry from 1800", and "The Bayeux Tapestry".



*Barbara Jeremiah*



## History

Hotel 63 was built between 1865 and 1870 and for most of its seven decades of existence, it was a private address. It was first known as 2 Marlborough Gate. It was renamed 63 Bayswater Road in 1938 as part of the London County Council's standardisation and clarification of street names in London.

In the late 1880s, the lovely Italianate leaded bay window was designed and installed by William Arthur Smith Benson, a major designer from the Arts and Crafts Movement. He was also responsible for the installation of the wall lights in the entrance hallway. It has been said that he dedicated the window to his wife, Venetia, the youngest daughter of Alfred Hunt, the famous watercolour artist, whom he married in 1886. It is the only surviving Benson window of its type.



5 January 1946 was a decisive date as at a Federation Board meeting that day, the Governors decided to recommend to the next Annual Conference that a headquarters be established by 1948. At the Conference in November 1946 under the Presidency of Miss FM Bailey MBE, FCIS, the membership endorsed the recommendation and from there the idea of a residential club took shape. A Premises Committee was established and tasked with finding a suitable property to include office accommodation (the Federation was to be a tenant), a place for members to meet each other, cloakroom accommodation, catering facilities and hotel accommodation for visiting Soroptimist

Number 63 was financed by forming a Society, under the Industrial Provident Societies Act, to which Soroptimists could contribute by subscribing for shares so that it would be owned by members. Number 63 (Soroptimist) Ltd. is run as a Registered Society, regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and managed by a Board of Directors of nine elected shareholders. Individual Soroptimists, Soroptimist Clubs, National Networks and Regions from any Federation which is part of Soroptimist International are eligible to purchase shares in Number 63 (Soroptimist) Limited. The shares are £5 each with a start purchase of a minimum of 10 shares and a maximum of 500. Shareholders with 20 or more shares will never pay more than the full price less 5% for rooms at Hotel 63. The shares carry no right to any dividends or profit on dissolution and are only repayable at up to par (i.e., a maximum of £5 each) at the discretion of the directors or on death. Further information on shares can be found on the website. Please apply to Alison Cramer, the Share Registrar, at [registrar@number63.co.uk](mailto:registrar@number63.co.uk)

[Number 63 SHARE APPLICATION FORM FEB 2019 \(Word Document\)](#)

[Number 63 CLUB SHARE APPLICATION FORM FEB 2019 \(Word Document\)](#)

500 Club  
200 Club

You can buy one number for £12 for the year or set up a standing order. Bank orders should be set up for renewal once a year. The draw takes place on the last Friday of each month and two of the numbers get £50. You can buy more than one number to increase your chances of winning. <https://number63.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/500-form.pdf>



# @ Belfast Conference



Thank you to everyone who visited our stand and to those who bought shares and signed up to be part of the 500 Club





## What's on in London over November and December?

**1**

NOV

Winter Art & Antiques Fair

Tue 1 Nov – Sun 6 Nov

Olympia Art and Antiques Fair, Hammersmith Rd, London

**3**

NOV

Turner on Tour

3 Nov 2022 – 19 Feb 2023

The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London

**5**

NOV

Experience With Al Pacino LIVE (LONDON)

Sat, 17:15–23:15

Arora Ballroom, London

**14**

NOV

The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Mon, 19:30–21:45

Lyric Theatre, 29 Shaftesbury Ave, London

**18**

NOV

Hyde Park Winter Wonderland

Fri, 10:00–14:00

Hyde Park, London

**19**

NOV

Birmingham Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker

19 Nov – 11 Dec

Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London

**25**

NOV

Contemporary quilts: circles and curves. Learn how to design and make a contemporary quilt from start to finish.

25 Nov – 16 Dec

Keeley St, London

**26**

NOV

Weekend East Asian Dance Classes in the heart of the City of London

26 Nov – 10 Dec

Theatre Deli, 107 Leadenhall St, London



**29**

NOV

Christmas with Aled Jones &amp; Russell Watson (also on 29 Dec)

Tue, 19:00–21:30

Adelphi Theatre, Strand, London

**6**

DEC

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Tue, 19:30

Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London

**8**

DEC

Christmas with Katherine Jenkins

Thu, 19:30

Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London

**14**

DEC

Revolution and Romance – Sir Simon Rattle and Evgeny Kissin

Wed, 07:00

Barbican Hall, Silk St, London

**16**

DEC

Rick Astley's Swinging Christmas

Fri, 18:45–22:45

Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London

**18**

DEC

Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol

Sun, 14:30–17:00

Southbank Centre, London

**21**

DEC

Christmas with Kings College Choir

Wed, 19:00

Barbican Centre, Silk St, London

**27**

DEC

The Best of John Williams

Tue, 19:30–21:30

Barbican Centre, Silk St, London

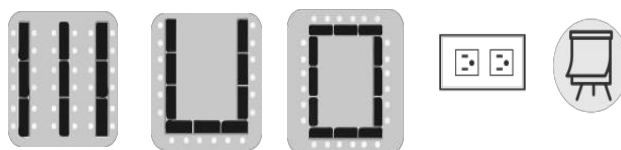
And so much more..... [What's on in London - Things to Do - visitlondon.com](http://www.visitlondon.com)

## Remember Hotel 63 is there for your meetings and events

We have two rooms for meetings, events, or conferences. It is suitable for business or personal use.



1. **Dining room** available after 10.30 am, can be used for up to 14 board room style or 16 cabaret style.



Dining Room layout and facilities

2. **Large meeting room** can accommodate up to 30 people theatre style, 24 cabaret style and up to 16 board room style. The room has full Wi-Fi, an interactive whiteboard, a data projector and a flip chart. **Hire of equipment per session** Interactive whiteboard: £45.00 (laptop provided).



Large Meeting Room layout and facilities

### Room Hire Rates:

Per hour	£40.00
4 hours	£140.00
5 Hours	£165.00
6 Hours	£180.00
Full Day up to 8 hours	£220.00

**Refreshments are available** (prices include VAT). Allergen information about ingredients is available on request.

Fruit Juice (10 people)	£8.00
Pastry stop - Danish pastries plus tea/coffee	£7.00 per person
Cake break - Selection of cakes plus tea/ coffee	£7.00 per person
Fresh Sandwiches:	£8.00 per person
• Egg Mayonnaise	
• Tuna Mayonnaise	
• Chicken Mayonnaise	
• Cheese & Onion	

### Making a Booking:

Please contact us at [info@hotel63.co.uk](mailto:info@hotel63.co.uk) or call [0207 723 8575](tel:02077238575). Final numbers can be confirmed up to 7 working days prior.