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[Historic Bristol Almshouse appeals for past stories](#)

Dr. White's Almshouse of Prewett Street, Bristol, is set to enter a year of astonishing significance – a 400th anniversary.

The Almshouse, formerly of Temple Street, and now situated in Prewett Street near St. Mary Redcliffe, provides accommodation for 18 residents and a warden.

Dr. Thomas White, a celebrated preacher, social reformer and benefactor, founded the Almshouse in 1613.

Until 1882, the Almshouse consisted of a parallelogram of small buildings, with a narrow grass plot running through the centre. It was intended for 10 'poor and impotent' people. In March 1882, Governors decided to pull down the Almshouses and rebuild. This building was eventually demolished in 1968, replaced by the current Almshouses at Prewett Street.

As Dr. White's Almshouse approaches its 400th year in operation, the Almshouse charity – managed by a body of Bristol-based trustees – is attempting to delve into the deep and eventful history of the Almshouse. An Almshouse in its 400th year of residency is unprecedented and frankly astounding – hence its trustees' desire to turn the relatively unknown part of Bristol's history into a renowned landmark of a great city.

The Almshouse would like to appeal to readers of the Evening Post for information and anecdotes from Bristol residents who had friends, relatives and loved ones accommodated in Dr. White's.

The Almshouse is set to launch a website later this year, followed by a celebratory anniversary event tentatively scheduled for summer 2013.

Do you know somebody with links to Dr. White's Almshouse, Bristol? We would love to hear from you. Get in touch with your stories!

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