

Housman Court's Monthly News Letter



June 2018

Dear Residents, Relatives and Friends

Welcome to the Housman Court newsletter. We welcome our new residents; I hope you have felt welcomed and are enjoying your stay. If you do have any queries or concerns, please remember we have an open door policy for residents and relatives to come and raise concerns.

We would also like to welcome some new staff to our team: Sarah Bartlett, Jane Raybold, Donna Chinnery and Bernie Kelleher. These staff come with lots of experience and should prove to be valuable additions to our team.

We have recruited a Home Administrator this week. She will need to work a month's notice but Lynn will be covering the front desk until she is able to join us.

Forthcoming Residents' birthdays.

We have 1 upcoming birthday in June. All residents' birthdays are celebrated with a card and a gift from all the staff here at Housman Court. Families are welcome to stay for lunch or have a room made available for family to hold a get together. Eileen and Louise also prepare a birthday cake for each resident.

Planned events for the coming month (please see our notice board for the most up-to-date activities happening within the home).

- 12th June Staff awards and BBQ – friends and families welcome to join us.
- Thursday 14th June Bowling at Rubery (Bus also booked for 2nd July)
- Church service at 10:30 Revered Richard – Balloon release in remembrance of CW
- Methodist church every other Sunday.
- 24th July Western day trip
- 4th July church service (in-house service)
- 28th June Coffee morning last Thursday of every month
- 17th June Father's day lunch
- 20th June Holiday from Home – Beach clothing and activities
- 26th June Crazy Hair Day
- 29th June – Afternoon Tea

- Launch summer fayre – Date to be confirmed

Housman Court's Fundraising.

Thank you to Lisa for all her hard work with the 5-a-side football tournament. We raised £1,526.48 which was split between Housman Court, St. Johns Court and Catshill U9's FC. The tournament will run again next May. Thank you to everyone that brought raffle tickets and attended the event.

The pictures are of the winning teams:



Employee of the Month.

The winner of Employee of the Month for May was Kieran. Well done Kieran!



We welcome all staff and visitors to nominate staff for Employee of the Month when they observe their good practice within the home. We have a letterbox and nomination slips in the main corridor which we have decorated pink and yellow.

Events which took place in May.

During the month of May residents have been enjoying themselves in the garden with the good weather and celebrating the recent Royal wedding. We've also had entertainment from Cath and Jimmy Riddle





EVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE HOME.



Adventure With Dementia has been delivering training within the home. Staff have really enjoyed this training and came away feeling very motivated. The aims are to help improve the lives for our residents at Housman Court who are living with dementia. The areas staff have covered are 'The Person', 'The Joy of Food' and 'The Home'. The last topic will be 'Music'. Tammy and Rachel are fabulous speakers and very passionate

about their work which has transferred onto our staff. We really hope you notice these benefits within the home.

Our new Activity Lead will start on the 18th June. Heather has worked within the trust and has attended all our Adventure With Dementia training and is very keen to work with Helen and get these activities and ideas into place.

Refurbishments within the home.

Frustratingly these plans are going much slower than we hoped. We now have a date for the new call bell system. The stock should be available for the work to start on the 16th June and will continue through to the 20th June. There will be a certain amount of disruption within the home but we will do our best to minimise the effects for the residents.

We are still waiting for a start date for the new heating system; I will keep residents and families updated.

Once these works have been carried out we can finish off the decorating within the rest of the home. In the meantime, Mick is working very hard on refurbishing the staff toilet and staff room. Thank you for your patience with these developments.

Residents and Family meetings.

The minutes from previous meetings are on the notice board in reception. I now have a list of email addresses to send out updates, minutes from meetings and newsletters. If you want to be added to our mailing list, please let Joann or Lisa know and we will add you to it.

Upcoming meetings are 15th August at 18.00 and 13th November at 18:00.

‘Cuppa and Cake’ meetings with the home cook.

We would like to welcome residents, friends and families to join Eileen for our ‘Cuppa and Cake’ meetings. Eileen can then explain all the exciting plans we have from the training she had with Adventure With Dementia as well as get general feedback from you about our menus and mealtime experiences. We are very proud of our mealtimes but we are keen to take it to the next step of being outstanding.

Upcoming dates for this are 30th July at 14:00, 24th September at 14:00 and 26th November at 14:00.

Long service awards

Congratulations to staff who received their long service awards during May. Jess, Jayne and Helen celebrated 5 years, Eileen, Louise, Meg and Li celebrated 10 years' service and Denise celebrated an incredible 15 years at Housman. It's lovely to celebrate the staff's commitment to the resident and hard work they do at Housman Court. Well done everyone and we look forward to celebrating more long service awards in the future.



