

Newsletter

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25th Anniversary Tea Party



At Heathfield House

*Saturday 3rd September
2011*

4pm-6pm

Special points of interest:

- ◆ **McMillan Coffee Morning**
- ◆ **Mini Bus**

Come and help us celebrate this occasion by joining residents for afternoon tea on the lawn

Heathfield House Nursing Home requests the pleasure of your company to attend our 25th Anniversary party on the afternoon of 3rd September.

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Sarah's summary

Summer Fete

The summer fete was a huge success and enjoyed by all. I would like to say a big thank you to all who gave such lovely donations, we very much appreciated the support. We



raised £323.00 and the money will be split between palliative care equipment and the new mini bus which the home has kindly bought for us. If anyone has any suggestions for outings in the future please let me know and I will



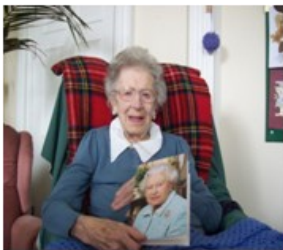
do my best to make these happen. I would also like to say 'thank you' to all the members of the R.A.F.F committee for their input and support for helping to mind the stalls at the fete and to the many staff who also took the time and effort to give their support to the home.



Birthdays and Anniversary's

We were pleased to share in the celebrations of Marjorie's Watton's 100th birthday along with two special wedding anniversary's for Mr & Mrs West and Mr and Mrs Whitehead.

Marjorie Watton with her telegram from the Queen



Coffee Morning

We raised £49.00 for the coffee morning which was held on the 27th May 2011. Thanks to all who supported us.

Summer trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park—As you are all aware we are organising this trip for 26th August, and will let you know how it went in the next newsletter.

Sarah

Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

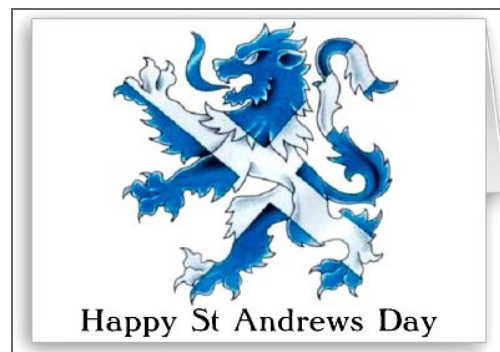
<i>Friday 9th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>John Hobbs—singer</i>
<i>Wednesday 21st</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>	<i>Richard Deverox—singer</i>
<i>Friday 23rd</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Coffee morning (Macmillan Cancer Trust)</i>
<i>Wednesday 28th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Brad—Guitarist & singer</i>

OCTOBER

<i>Tuesday 11th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Jenny Maynard— Entertainer</i>
<i>Monday 17th</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>	<i>SG Productions (That's Amore)</i>
<i>Wednesday 26th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sue—Clarinet</i>
<i>Monday 31st</i>	<i>12.00</i>	<i>Halloween Lunch</i>

NOVEMBER

<i>Tuesday 8th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Katie Holland—Singer</i>
<i>Monday 21st</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>	<i>Donna Charcraft—Singer</i>
<i>Wednesday 30th</i>	<i>12.00</i>	<i>St Andrew's Day lunch</i>



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

New staff members.

We would like to welcome the following new staff members:-

Cindy Drinkwater—Care Assistant, Lashya Hatiyal—Kitchen Assistant, Callum Robertson—Kitchen Assistant, Jojo Crossin—Care Assistant, Mumbi Mutali—Registered Nurse

I am delighted to announce that we have successfully recruited a Registered Manager who will be starting on 5th September. Her name is Linda Jordan and she has worked as a manager in Care Homes since 2003, so brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge. She is hoping to join us for our 25th Anniversary celebration on Saturday 3rd September, and she is very much looking forward to meeting everyone.

Pippa

Staff Farewells

Dot has been at Heathfield House since 2nd February 2009, and will sadly be leaving us on 31st August. We all wish her farewell and the very best of luck for the future.

We would also like to wish the following members of staff ‘Good Luck’ in the future. Sissy John, Joseman Chacko and Lynda Boodell.

Debbie

RAFF - Relatives and Friends Forum

Heathfield House Relatives and Friends Forum (RAFF)

Who we are...

Family and Friends of Heathfield residents

What we do...

- ◆ *Informal support group for Family and Friends*
 - ◆ *Independent forum for feedback to Heathfield House*
- Supported by Heathfield House*

- ◆ *Support Heathfield House resident activities*

Where and When we meet...

Location—Oxfordshire Inn

Adjacent to Heathfield House

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MEMORY WALK MARATHON IRELAND 9TH OCTOBER 2011

Last year we supported the Alzheimer's Society by doing the memory Walk Marathon from Avebury to Stonehenge. This year Yaz, Deb and Pip are going to do the 26 mile walk in Northern Ireland. This walk is part of the Causeway Coastal Way on the Antrim Coast, and will take us past the famous Giant's Causeway. The terrain will vary from grassy or muddy coastal paths to pebble and sandy beaches, and there will be steep inclines both up and down—have no doubt, this will be a very challenging walk!



Please help us raise as much money as possible for the Alzheimer's Society. There is a sponsor form in the main office and your donations will be greatly appreciated.

DOT's SNIPPET

Hello again, these newsletters seem to come around quite quick. How time passes. Myself and the nurses have been very busy with care planning. This is an ongoing process.

Three monthly next of kin reviews are undertaken by myself and the nurses, although you are aware that, at any time, you can approach any of us.

Many of you are probably aware that I am leaving on 31st August 2011. I shall miss seeing you and thank you for your support over the last two and a half years. I feel confident the home will go from strength to strength. My best wishes to you all

Dot

HEATHFIELD PORK FOR SALE

PORK SAUSAGES £2.50 PER PACK
PORK BURGERS (6) £3.50 PER PACK

PORK BBQ BOXES

1 X Pack Pork Chops
3 x Packs Burgers
3 x Packs Sausages

Approx weight 5 kg
£25.00

Please order from Yasmin in the main office

Mini Bus

We have recently purchased a minibus and hope to use it for more regular visits to garden centres, shopping trips, trips for afternoon teas etc. If you have any ideas for future trips please contact Sarah.

Debbie



STAIR GATES ON BEDROOM DOORS

Following our recent Care quality Commission review, and Oxfordshire County Council monitoring visit, in both of their reports they consider the use of stair gates to be restrictive and present a danger to residents.

To this end, we have decided to remove some of the stair gates where we do not consider them to be necessary, and adopt a “ closed door ” policy, whereby residents who are not actually in their bedrooms have their doors closed to discourage people from wandering in and out.

If you would like to discuss this, or are unhappy about our decision, please speak to Pippa or Debbie so that we can explain more fully our position in view of opinions expressed by the CQC and OCC.

Thank you.

Memory Boxes

For those residents that do not yet have a memory box, we will provide a plain box that will be decorated during activities to make it individual. Please can I ask all family members to assist with providing some memorabilia. We will keep an itemised list of the contents of the boxes and they will be stored in a safe place in each bedroom. The boxes will be used for Reminiscence Activities.

Thankyou

Debbie