

BOWLACRE TIMES

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Forthcoming

attractions

- Trip to see Annie at the Tameside theatre on Thursday 16 th Dec at 14:30
- Pat Campbell & friends on piano accordion on Dec 10 th at 18:15
- December 17 th at is our Christmas party at 19:00
- News years eve party at 18:30
- David Morgan will be back on his keyboard at 14:00 on Sunday 19 th December

WHAT'S NEW ?

What has happened since the first newsletter ??

A lot of effort has been spent on understanding the main issues facing the home.

Our first target was to reach the standards as required by the local inspectors so that Tameside council would place more residents with us. This was achieved in September. I'm pleased to tell you that we are now full!

In the first newsletter we mentioned the new laundry equipment ; this is now fully installed & working.

New carpets have been fitted in the dining room, lounge, entrance hall & corridors.

The new central heating boiler is being installed following the removal of the old boiler & asbestos that was found in there.

We have done the required fire inspection & asbestos surveys and are actioning those points.

We now have flowers and vases on the new tablecloths in our Dining Room



Bowlacre in the spring

ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME

We want to know what you want to see in future issues;

Are there any budding reporters out there

Is any one prepared to tell everyone a little about themselves

Any funny stories or gossip that you wish to share

SEPTEMBER .

The 8th saw a coach load of residents and staff go to Southport for a day out.

CHAIRMANS

Welcome to our second newsletter. I would hope these will become a regular event; just getting us into a position to achieve this has been hard work by everyone concerned. Making changes is always hard to start with & I would

thank everyone for 'getting the ball rolling. We have had some ups & downs - a break in & theft was unwelcome but as a result we have moved to cashless pay for the staff. We have also joined into Tameside Enterprise Council's -

'Build a better Business' scheme as part of the 'Investors in People' plan to take Bowlacre forward as a thriving organization.

I would always welcome any ideas for the Home and also any assistance in our many activities.

IN OUR MEMORY

This section is the sad part of our newsletter but I feel we owe it to everyone to remember our friends who used to live with us. Those who have died recently include;

Iris Stallard

Rebecca Calderbank

Ethel Ives

We have had a letter from Ethel's family thanking everyone at Bowlacre for the care & support given during her time here.

Vera Pickett, who died 06.01.04 left a generous donation for the home in her will.

We are looking how to use this in her memory and how to acknowledge hers & other donations.

THE PEOPLE OF BOWLACRE

NEWCOMERS & OLD FRIENDS

Staff

Since July Pat Taylor, Annette Cooper, Claire Petrie, Janine Davis, Jannette Cooper have joined the carers team.

Leigh has been promoted to the role of 'house manager' and is now responsible for the domestic side of the home.

After many years of service Margaret Gill has decided to retire from running the laundry; we wish her best of luck in the future.

We welcome John Snape, our handyman, back from his visit to hospital and hope he is fully recovered.

Kelly Carson has had her baby girl; Devon Jade weighed in at 7 lb 4 oz; both are well

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What to look out for next

We have a new sign on order for the main entrance.

We have purchased a wooden garden seat in memory of Mr Sidney Elson who helped to set up Bowlacre and was the first chairman.

Look out for the dedication.

THE LAUNDRY

We have worked with our previous laundry equipment supplier, JLA , to install their up to date washing & drying equipment. The washer uses a gas called ozone which allows a cooler wash but also kills most germs including the 'MRSA' bug.

The dryer now senses when clothes are dry and switches off automatically so less shrunk clothes ; it also has a safety feature in that if it catches fire, a problem on older dryers, then it has an extinguishing feature that cuts in automatically.

THE CARPETS

November saw R Carpet's (of Hyde & Gorton) team of fitters descend on us and in 3 days refitted the dining room , main lounge, entrance hall, and all corridors with new carpets—& don't they look smarter than the old ones which were

12 years old.

If you like our carpets then I'm sure Ray or one of his staff would be pleased to talk to you at one of his shops and find one that suits your needs.



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*For your
information*

'Bowlacre Home' is a 'Friends and Provident' society that is run for the benefit of the old people of Hyde. This is managed by a voluntary committee who run both the main home and the 'properties'. If you have any ideas or would like to help please contact one of the committee.

The chairman is

Mr Bob Smith,

Mr Derek Munt

is the vice chair,

Treasurer is Mrs

Muriel Haughton.

The secretary is

Mrs Ivy Widdowson.

*Other members of the committee
are*

Mr Fred Hirst,

*Mr & Mrs Doug Hope, Mrs
Elson,*

Mrs Marilyn Smith,

*Mrs Dorothy Munt and Mrs
Joan Astles.*

*The care home manager is Mrs
Anne Irwin*

Statement of Purpose

'To be the best residential home in Greater Manchester where everyone feels at Home'

The home has the welfare and the well being of the residents as its prime objective.

The committee is the controlling influence on the running of the organisation and is the final decision point and is run under an open management principle. The committee's decision is final. Minutes of meetings are available for public scrutiny. The committee is bound by the rules and regulations of the friendly society's charter.

However in order to achieve our objective we need to be an 'employer of choice' in order to attract the staff of the calibre required to maintain these objectives. We are open with the staff and will provide them with a forum to discuss their ideas and any problems that they may have.

The day to day running of the home in respect of residents and staff is the responsibility of the 'care manager' who will refer to the 'responsible person' if necessary for advice & guidance. In this respect we endeavour to be an equal opportunity employer and, where necessary, to provide the training required for our staff. The home has a clearly stated ethical policy with clear and simple principles of resolving any issues. To keep everyone in the news by having a regular newsletter.

BOWLACRE SUPPORTERS

A home like Bowlacre is only as good as its staff & residents; there is a third group of people who are very important to us but they are often unseen & unknown. They are the various trades people

Who provide various services for us. In this section we would thank them for their help and continuing support by mentioning them by name. Each newsletter we will tell you a little more about one of them.

Heating & plumbing by Fishwicks of Audenshaw.

Hair by Shirley Ewbank.

Carpets by R Carpets of Hyde.

Catering supplies by Brakes & Iceland

Fruit & Veg by Tunncliffe of Woodley.

Lift by Barsons of Oldham.

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