

BOWLACRE TIMES

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

- **Just Jack'** will be here on his Wednesday 14:00 slot on the 1st April & 13th & also May 4th & 18th.
- Easter Bonnet parade ; The Easter Bonnets are now being made ready for the big day on Sunday.
- A trip to the Peak Forrest canal is booked for 24th May at 13:30
- We have a Bric-a Brac sale on April 9th ; any items will be welcome.
- Raffle tickets are now on sale for the Easter draw.

SPRING IS NEARLY HERE

What a winter we have had; lets hope we have seen the last of the snow and icy conditions now and hope for a mild Easter and that the weather will pick up and we can have some warmer times. It has been a time to stay indoors and keep warm and that's been very much the story here at the Home.

One of the biggest changes we have seen has been the introduction of the staff uniforms; they all look the part in their white tunics as you can see in the photograph; and yes we are proud of them to the point of having the our name 'Bowlacre' on the garments.

Have a Happy Easter ! We're already making preparations for the annual Easter bonnet parade—our residents are hard at work getting their hats ready ; watch out for pictures next time.

We are looking forward to spring already ; if any one is having a sort out in their garden we (William) would appreciate any spare plants that you may have so that we can bring the grounds back to what it was like in the good old days.



The new staff uniform.

Chairman's column

Since the last newsletter I have retired from my full time job and am finding that I am spending more time in getting involved with projects here at Bowlacre. We are putting together a business plan as a guide for the next 5 years and are meeting contractors in order to cost out and prioritise the various ideas; we are always interested to hear what people would like to see & do; equally we will try and keep everyone informed as to what we are doing.

As promised some facts about the home ;

We currently employ 35 people to run the home; that's nearly one for every room we have.

In the first year (1956-57) the wages were £894.

We are licenced for 37 residents.

ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME

Fashion Show ; this was well attended by both residents and their relatives. We are looking to find more trades people that are prepared to bring their goods to show us—we are talking to a shoe company.

We are also looking at using the spacious grounds if & when the weather improves. Sam tells us about men playing bowls on the lawn and we are looking to re-establish that sport for both sexes; also if any one has any other lawn games they would like to 'donate' or 'loan' to us again this would be appreciated.

ABOUT THE HOME

The Home belonged originally to the Armitage family who initially were boiler makers. It then passed into the name of Beely who married one of the Armitage's daughters. He then sold it to the last private owner Mr Waddington.

It was then bought by the charity under the guidance of Mr Barton. At the same time Polebank was owned by a Mr Byrom who called some of the men of Hyde together and told them that when he died he was leaving Polebank to

them as a charity. My source of this information is our own Sam Thompson who was one of the men at that meeting. Sam and his friend Mr William Clees are helping me put together the story of Bowlacre.

IN OUR MEMORY

THIS IS WHERE WE REMEMBER FRIENDS THAT USED TO BE WITH US

Doris Purcer died on her 99 th birthday on . We thank her family and friends for their kind donations to our residents fund.

Norah Bennett died on the 4 th February 2005.

Edith Thornley died on 8 th February 2005; we would again thank her family & friends for their generous gifts; we will be meeting them to choose a project for the resident's benefit and will keep you updated in the next newsletter.

Mary Taylor passed away on the 28 th February.

THE PEOPLE OF BOWLACRE

NEWCOMERS & OLD FRIENDS

Staff :

This edition welcomes Wesley Croft, Karen Davies and Diedre Lomer as care assistants.

Residents:

Doris Kaye who used to live in Bungalow no 4 has now moved into Charnley House in Hyde.

We welcome Joyce Etchells, Doris Przepiora & Marion Glaze as new residents in the home.

Coming soon

Look out for the dedication of the wooden garden seat in memory of Mr Sidney Elson : we are planning this to take place at our summer garden party which is now scheduled for Sunday 26 th June 2005 at 14:00

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Last year we joined the 'Investors in People' award scheme as sponsored by 'Tameside Enterprise Council' as a means of assisting us in getting our documentation up to the standards as required by the various government inspectors. This is progressing nicely and we will be assessed before the end of September.

This is all about 'doing the right things' and keeping everyone involved so that we are all aware of our plans for the future. Also as part of the deal we have got a system called 'CARED 4' which has been produced by the management consultants 'BETTAL' as a guide to what we should be doing in running the home. It is also about being more business

like and aware of what is going on in the world around us.

The other major principle of this system is involvement of all people working as a team and we can already feel a good team spirit building up in the Home.

We are now working on providing the staff with badges with their photo & name.

ODDS & ENDS

Entertainers :

Our Residents are entertained by our regulars, 'Just Jack' & 'David Morgan'. If you know any one else that would be prepared to come in & entertain us please contact Helen.

Entrance:

We are working with Tameside council to improve the site access from Stockport Road.

We would also ask every one to respect our 10 mph speed limit as you never know who is around the next corner.

Telephones:

We are also about to upgrade our telephone system so that we will have a separate number for residents on a cordless phone; watch this space for details and the number.

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We're on the Web!
Bowlacre.org

The web site is now established but more work will be done to it soon.

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,

The Secretary is Mrs Muriel Haughton.

The Treasurer 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

As I said in the last newsletter we had a number of legal things to do and we are close to the point of issuing new contracts both to our residents and our staff. This is to satisfy legal requirements and I would ask for everyone's co-operation. If there are any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch and we'll try to sort them out as soon as possible.

We are also now able to offer the facility of paying by weekly standing order; we will enclose details on a sheet along with the new contract and would hope you would use this as it means less work for both yourselves and ourselves.

We are looking to bring Bowlacre into the 21 st century and this is a long, slow process.

We now have a digital camera for various purposes such as residents photos on their files, medicine charts etc; we also take some souvenirs of any activities that go on ; if anyone wants copies of these we can provide these at a cost to cover our material; just ask or fill in our form.

We now pay our staff by bank transfer, the next step is for us to pay our suppliers using a similar manner.

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.

Heating & plumbing by Fishwicks of Audenshaw.
Hair by Shirley Ewbank.

Carpets by R Carpets of Hyde & Gorton.

Catering supplies by Brakes & Iceland

Fruit & Veg by Tunncliffe of Woodley.

Lift by Barsons of Oldham.

Mobile chiropodist is David Rochford of Bredbury.

Just Jack is our regular visiting vocalist.

Signs by Amalgamated Signs of Hyde.

Milk is supplied by Cheethams dairy.

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