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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

- **'Just Jack'** will be here on his Wednesday 14:00 slot on the 15 th June & also July 1 st & 13 th then August 3 rd
- **'David Morgan'** will be here on the third Sunday of the month at 14:00 ~ that is the 19 th June and 17 th July
- **'Paul Stringer'** of the Methodist Church will be here taking communion at 14:00 on June 21 st. Also friends will collect those who wish to go to the 'housebound service' at 14:30 on Sunday 5 th June.

SUMMER IS COMING

Firstly I would like to thank all of you who have raided your gardens and brought us a never ending supply of plants ; William is busy putting these in our borders in between all his jobs of mowing the lawns, weeding, & trimming the shrubs. He is also topping these up with annuals supplied by a local trader, Duncan McKenzie who has a stall in Stockport Market on Friday & Saturday in the Old Castle Yard. We look forward to a wonderful display this summer. We have also 'gone green' in the kitchen in order to minimize our waste. Because we are a business we have to pay to have our waste taken away and so it is in our interest to reduce this where ever possible. Now all our compostable waste is separated for William to use and the tea bags are kept to one side and just added to our soil in order to improve it.

Do you know that we use 1200 teabags each week ! & our residents soon know if they are not Ty-Phoo!!!

We are also 'going green' inside in that we are now using modern low energy bulbs in place of the old style ~ we will be coming to residents to talk to them to get them to use them where ever possible as this will reduce our energy bills.

We have now got the staff badges in use and this seems to be liked by everyone ~ its easier to talk to someone if you know their name.

Wally our builder is now working his way through a list of jobs ~ I think everybody likes the new ramp at the old front door. Now for the main entrance.



See inside for the story !

Chairman's column

I would start by apologizing for the delay in getting this out on time; we had hoped for the May bank holiday but my mother in law has been ill and eventually passed away in May. However we continue to move Bowlacre steadily into the 21 st century. We had another 'un-announced inspection' from the CSCI at the end of April and are pleased to tell you that this visit produced a report that supports our view that we are moving forwards - still quite a lot to do but we are getting there. We also had a visit from the Tameside contracts division and again the results were much improved over the last time. More importantly we have a plan now for what we want to do over the next five years. It is inevitable that these changes will cause some disruption but I would ask for your tolerance in this ~ if you don't know what is happening please do not hesitate to ask but hopefully we will keep you in the picture before things happen.

ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME

Picture on previous page ~ The Easter Bonnet parade was a big success. Most people enjoyed the job of making them ready for the big day on Sunday. 24 th March. We had a lot of friends and family join us on that day and one of them, young Mr Ewan Morgen judged the hats. Winnie Higginbottom came first, Barbara Bayley second and Janet Brennan third. The raffle was a great success with Helen Waterhouseman winning first prize and

raised £90 for funds

- The trip to the Peak Forrest canal was booked for 24 th May but after the effort of getting ever one there ; there was a problem with the canal boat not long after we set off due to a tyre fouling the propeller ~ hopefully better luck next time but everyone enjoyed it.

We had a Bric-a Brac sale on April 9th. Helen and her helpers managed to move a lot of items and raised £70.; we were left with some items and are now planning for another chance to allow people to acquire these and assist our residents fund.

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.

'About The Home'

does not appeared this month as I have had not time to do any research this month

Religious Events

We are now working with local churches to provide forms of worship on a regular basis along with visits to local services by those who are able to go out with assistance.

IN OUR MEMORY

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

We are sad to report that Mrs Mary Sholes who has lived in Bungalow no 2 for the last 2 years died on the 6 th May aged 81 after a short illness. Kath tells me her mum loved her little bungalow.

Marjorie Evans died on May 18 th aged 89. She ended her days in Bowlacre having spent some-time in hospital. She was buried in Hyde on the 25 th May at a service in Gee Cross Methodist church attended by many of our own carers and staff.

Miss Annie Wych came in for respite care but passed away on Wednesday 25 th May.

THE PEOPLE OF BOWLACRE

NEWCOMERS & OLD FRIENDS

Staff: We are pleased to tell you that we have a stable staff situation and that there are no changes since the last time. Several of our younger people are getting near the end of their BTEC course. Also congratulations to Anne, Eddie, Sharon & Janette who have passed their manual handling trainers course. This means that they can now train our own staff in this practise,

Residents: Molly Taylor has joined us for a trial period and we welcome back Winnie Higginbottom for another respite stay.

ODDS & ENDS

Investors in people

We now have a date for our assessment and look forward to meeting our assessor who is Peter Langford.

Hearing loop

Thanks to the family and friends of Edith Thornley for their donations in her memory This has been put to good use in that we have now installed a hearing loop to assist those with hearing difficulties in the blue room. Also Sharon and Elvira have been on a course to learn how to assist those with

hearing difficulties. We are looking forward to working with Tameside people in order to improve the quality of life for those with hearing problems.

The Trees;

Following some lengthy discussions between our insurance company and the owner of the field behind us the trees which were immediately behind our building have been removed to prevent damage to our foundations. What a difference in light this makes to us!

Stockport Road Entrance

We are working with Tameside council to improve the site access from Stockport Road. This is scheduled for the first week in June and should make this much safer ~ any one who has been turning in when a wagon is leaving knows how dangerous that can be.

Telephones:

We are busy upgrading our telephone system. We will have a separate number for people to ring in to residents on a cordless phone in place of the old payphone once good old BT have done their bit.

Coming soon

Our summer garden party is now planned for Sunday 26 th June 2005 at 14:00 .

If any one has any ideas or would like to help us on that day please do not be shy ~ any help is welcome on days like this; please hope we get a fine day !
Donations in the form or raffle prizes (bottles etc) are always welcome

Look out for the dedication of the wooden garden seat in memory of Mr Sidney Elson our previous chairman.

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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.*

In the last edition we said that we were going to offer the facility of paying by weekly standing order and we are pleased to say that many of you have taken up our offer. This has simplified our accounting procedures and hopefully has made life easier for you as well. Thanks to all of you who have helped us ~ if any one else wants to talk to us about it please just give us a ring or come to the office if we are in.

Last month we had our Annual General Meeting and Mr. Ian Wicks of 'Scott Roberts Taylor & Co' joined us to explain all the facts behind the figures and the accounts were approved and filed with the necessary bodies. Again if any one would like a copy please just contact us.

As I said in the last newsletter we had a number of legal things to do and we are now starting to issue new licences to our residents; more work is required for the staff handbook. This is to satisfy legal requirements and I would ask for everyone's cooperation. This is all very timely with the bad press received by some other care homes recently. Again any queries just ask ~ I have a saying 'you never find out if you don't ask' and if you are not sure just ask & we'll try & help; if we cant we may know people who can.

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. We find we get good service from them so if you are looking for a tradesman why not give them a call.

Milk is supplied by Cheethams dairy.

Catering supplies by Brakes.

Bread etc is supplied by Hopewall farm of Poynton.

Frozen food from Woodward's.

Meat from Allan Knight of Ashton.

Fruit & Veg by Tunncliffe of Woodley.

Carpets by R Carpets of Hyde & Gorton.

Walter Crowther of Bredbury is our builder.

Lift by Barsons of Oldham.

Signs provided by Amalgamated Signs of Hyde.

Heating & plumbing by Fishwicks of Audenshaw.

CatCH of Romiley control our pests.

Plants by Duncan McKenzie of Stockport Market.

Just Jack is our regular visiting vocalist.

Also David Morgan comes in to entertain us.

Accountants are Scott Roberts Taylor & Co.

Hair by Shirley Ewbank.

Mobile chiropodist is David Rochford of Bredbury.

Nu Pharm chemists of Stalybridge look after us.

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