

BOWLACRE TIMES

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**FORTHCOMING
ATTRACTIONS**

- **'Just Jack'** will be here on his Wednesday 14:00 slot August 17 th & Sep 2 & 14
- **'David Morgan'** will be here on the third Sunday of the month at 14:00 ~ that is the 21 st August
- **Rev Paul Stringer** of the Methodist Church will be here taking communion at 14:00 on 13 th September
- **Vision Call** will be here from 10:00 on 12 th September doing eye tests for those who would like to have this done.

SUMMER FAYRE EDITION

We're now well into the summer months and the nights are already drawing in. Hopefully we'll get our share of better weather in August when the school holidays are on. We must start by reflecting on our summer fete. We haven't had such an event for some time so this was really a trial run for next year when it will be our 50 th birthday party; yes Bowlacre has been here since 1956 as a home for the people of Hyde. In fact one of our current residents, Mrs Margaret Edwards is the niece of Mr Cyril Barton, the first chairman. As we've said on the back page of each issue to date that we appreciate the firms that support us; and they really came good to help with our fete in one form or another. Not only businesses we do business with but other local enterprises helped in various ways. In total we raised over £650 for the residents

fund (see page 4). I think what was more important was the atmosphere that was created on the day. We had lots of support from staff, and their families, residents and their families so it became a 'big family party'. I know we were fortunate that we had a dry sunny day. It was generally enjoyed by all who were there. I don't intend to name everyone one who helped as I'm sure to miss out one and offend them but would say thank you to 80 year

young Albert on his fair organ which I believe was enjoyed by everyone and that set the tone for the event. Please see additional photo sheet for more pictures. Side 1 is another view of residents listening to Albert, the bouncy castle and other side stalls and Helen with her lucky black cat raffle prize. Side 2 is more raffle winners (residents & staff), another view of the lawn events and Mrs Elson unveiling the seat in memory of her husband.



Chairman's column

Doesn't time fly ; its now over a year since I became chairman. While sometimes I am frustrated that things do not move as fast as we want them to I would hope that the effort put in during the last year has been worthwhile and showing signs of a dividend. I would thank the other committee members and everyone for their support ; its been a team effort to drag Bowlacre into the 21 st Century but I feel we are getting there. This is my first experience of a small business and the amount of red tape and rules certainly take up a significant amount of effort and time. We are now starting to see some daylight at the end of the tunnel and have a plan to bring us back into good working order by doing the jobs in an ordered manner so that we prevent any future emergency work needing to be done. We are also about to start on upgrading the properties so that we can get back on track with those in order to bring some more revenue in to the business.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for my surprise birthday party last week ; it was good to share it with all my friends here at Bowlacre.

ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME

The summer fete / garden party or whatever name it went by was rated a successful day. Anne Irwin guessed the number of sweets in the jar (dentist appointments for her family!). Our sweetie man, Phil Martin won the numbers quiz (answers available if you want to satisfy your curiosity). The main raffle was won by Mrs Joyce Etchells.

We are now on the distribution for the Tameside talking book ~ a group of local people read articles from the local advertiser, reporter etc onto a cassette tape and we are getting into a routine of playing it at 11:00 on Saturday and 18:00 on Sunday before it goes back for the next lot of news.

Of residents and carers to take part in card games etc.

The first sighting of Bowls on the back lawn has also happened during the fine weather.

We are trying to encourage small groups

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'

Reading old minutes we have found reference to 'William our Irish gardener' ~ is there something in the name?; We are in the process of registering our property and this will give us details of previous owners.

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

Mrs Marion Glaze passed away on the 21 st of July following some time in Tameside hospital. Mrs Janet Brennan died in Tameside hospital on 28 th July and Mrs Margaret Oldham died there on the 29 th. We extend our sympathies to their families.

In memory of Mrs. Marjorie Evans the family are using donations in her memory to purchase a keyboard for the home. Marjorie was a pianist herself although she chose not to share that fact with others at Bowlacre due to her fingers not being as nimble as they used to be. I am sure that others will get pleasure from this.

We would also like to acknowledge a donation from the family of Mrs Norah Bennett in her memory and would hope that they will stay in touch with us.

THE PEOPLE OF BOWLACRE

NEWCOMERS & OLD FRIENDS

Staff; We welcome Barbara Phenix who has joined us to replace Mrs Val Parker who left us in July. Also Karen Davies left during June. Just as we are going to press our cook, Jean Wallworth has told us she wants to spend more time with her husband and wishes to retire; we wish them well & hope they will keep in contact.

Residents; Mr Don Rose returned home following his respite stay; he and his family appreciated the love & care he got during his time here. Recent new residents include Mr. John Winters, Miss Anne Woods, & Mrs Jenny Birkenshaw

ODDS & ENDS

Investors in people

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

Projects ; We have now completed the three ramps and they look like they've been part of the building for some time. Not only does this help our residents but is a requirement under the DDA legislation. We have also completed a periodic inspection of our electric services and the annual 'portable appliance testing' ; please note the lat-

ter if you wish to bring any new electrical device into the home for one of the residents we must have it certified 'PAT' before it can be used

Insulation ; Hillserve have been on site and we now have cavity wall insulation and loft insulation; that should help us through the coming winters.

Our Gas meter has been upgraded so that we can benefit from our dual boiler system

Stockport Road Entrance Tameside council have worked with us to improve the site access from Stockport Road. This 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 have now upgraded our telephone system.. We are now waiting for a separate number for people to ring in to residents on the cordless phones.

Coming soon

I know we are still looking forward to what's left of summer but our thoughts are now starting for our xmas fayre;

Why not start
knitting
sewing
jam making

Or what ever you can do to make this a successful event.

Any ideas are always welcome.

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We're on the Web!
Bowlacre.org

The web site is now established but still needs more work to be done to it.

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.

We are moving forward steadily; all our private residents have our new 'licence' so that is another step to completing all the requirements to keep in line with legislative requirements.

We also have established our identity in that we are 'Bowlacre Home' and validated our official registration and updated our letterheading in that we must now declare that we are a charity.

As you may notice in the panel on the left we have also moved our e-mail address to 'Bowlacre@yahoo.co.uk' so if you want to contact us electronically that's our new name.

We have a residents fund and would like to tell everyone that this is used to provide the 'extras' that improve everyone's quality of life. These are things over and above what we are contracted to do.

Anne and her team have now completed most of the reviews and the main criticism is lack of activities; we're working on that but really would appreciate input from residents and families as to what they want to do and any support they (or friends etc) can give us in this area.

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 Cheetham's dairy.
Brakes Catering supplies provide our food.
Bread etc is supplied by Hopewall farm of Poynton.
Frozen food from Woodward's.
Meat from Allan Knight of Ashton.
Fruit & Veg by Tunnicliffe of Woodley.
Moorside chemists of Simmondley provide our drugs.
Carpets by R Carpets of Hyde & Gorton.
Walter Crowther of Bredbury is our builder.
Lift by Barsons of Oldham.
Electrical work by Envirolec of Ashton.
Accountants are Scott Roberts Taylor & Co.
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.
Hair by Shirley Ewbank.
Mobile chiropodist is David Rochford of Bredbury.

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