



Safe, Welcoming Care

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Special Occasions at Reside

As you know, here at Reside we love an excuse to celebrate. On 18th January, Doris Knight celebrated her 100th birthday.

After receiving her card from the Queen she was joined by her nephew, Roy, and his wife for a day of celebration.



The Daily Echo came along to meet Doris and her family and we marked the occasion here at Reside with entertainment from Dollie Brown, a presentation of flowers and a birthday cake. We were joined by some of the residents of Southwood Lodge for this special occasion too.

Chinese New Year & Valentine's Day

Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day fell on the same day this year and to celebrate, our residents enjoyed musical entertainment with David Bayne, our visiting trumpet player, followed by a buffet tea with a selection of Chinese savouries and an assortment of gateaux and strawberries and cream.



Easter Weekend

To celebrate Easter the residents enjoyed making and sorting Easter bonnets and Easter baskets with Activities Co-ordinator, Charlita.

Veterans share a Wartime Memory

The Daily Echo also called in to see Joe Hurst and his friend Ted Nelson after they recently discovered they were both part of the same operation during World War II.



Ted has been visiting Joe for the past couple of years and had recently launched 'A Survivors Tale', a book about his wartime experiences.



As Joe's daughter, local historian Sue Newman read the chapter about Ted being on board HMS Keppel escorting the Queen Mary out to sea, former squadron leader Joe realised he was flying a Hudson aircraft on an anti U-Boat sweep overhead at the time. Both were part of Coastal Command at that time. A check of the men's wartime log books confirmed they were right.

Ted said "it's an amazing coincidence. He was flying in aerial escort to the Queen Mary at exactly the same time I was escorting her. Usually the only time you bump into other RAF people is at squad reunions. We didn't meet when we were in the air force at all."

Out and About

Now that the finer weather is coming we have the opportunity to get out and about more. The minibus trips have started up again and are already proving to be very popular. Residents have enjoyed trips out to Mudeford Quay, Boscombe Pier and Hengistbury Head with ice creams and warm drinks provided. Residents are also enjoying coffee mornings with the Salvation Army in Christchurch. We are organising a day out to Exbury Gardens in early June, which proved very popular with staff and residents alike last year.

The gardens in both homes are looking bright and colourful now the flowers are coming into bloom and the residents can sit in the garden and enjoy the fresh air.



Last year's sponsored walk was a great success and we raised over £400 for the residents' fund and everyone had a really good day out. The money went towards providing the residents with Christmas presents and extra entertainment over the Christmas period. We also had a little left over so we were able to purchase Easter eggs for our residents.

We are planning another one this year, late August early September. We would like to raise more funds to enable us to give our residents those little extras that they enjoy so much.

Anyone wanting to take part, staff, relatives, friends, please contact Robert at Stour Road. The more the merrier.

Entertainment

Our residents really enjoy the musical entertainment provided for them. They can sing along to Dollie Brown, Andy Hague and Darren Mathews. Then there is David Bayne and his trumpet or Darryl Harvey on keyboard to name but a few. We at reside have a thoroughly good time, both residents and staff can be heard singing along.



Activities

Over the last few months we have found that a lot more residents are getting involved with the activities. Whether it is flower arranging, card making or baking, our activities organiser, Charlita Jacala, can be found in the thick of it.

If crafts are not your thing, there is skittles, quizzes, board games or you can find a quiet place to sit and

read. We try to provide something for everyone!



Staff Matters

We would like to welcome some new members to our team here at Reside Care Homes.

Stour Road has two new Senior care staff members, Jeff Sviridovics and Ineta Jeljasevica. Also joining the care team is Sebastian Marshall. We also welcome Lyndsey Southern to our housekeeping team.

Southwood Lodge welcomes new Carer Nancy Nobrega, Driver Malcolm Annable and Kitchen Apprentice Marie Kelly. Debbie Shorey, our new Administrator can be found at both homes.

Karolina Janiaczek has been promoted from Kitchen Assistant to Housekeeper in Southwood Lodge. She is doing an excellent job in her new role.

Congratulations to Wei, Tom, Rose and Maria who have all been nominated for an ABCD (above and beyond the call of duty) award for showing great team work and supporting each other during a very difficult time.

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Lilian would also like to thank all her staff for all their hard work and achieving a good inspection report and the great job they are doing.

Training News



Staff are continuing with their training and since taking over at Southwood Lodge, 60% of care staff have achieved NVQ 2+.

Thanks to Jo Pye and the Aspire training team, staff have completed training in Dementia Care, Moving & Handling, First Aid, Health & Safety and recently, staff from both homes completed a food nutrition course called 'MUST' – a malnutrition screening tool to identify and prevent risks of malnutrition.

We at Reside would like to congratulate Aspire for the 'Outstanding' Ofsted inspection. Well done!

Charity Abseil

To support the Alzheimer's society, staff at Reside and Hadland Care Group are organising a charity abseil off of Poole Water Tower. At least 35 staff will take the plunge in aid of this good cause on Sunday 12 September. More details will follow shortly about how to sponsor us!



Home Improvements

You might have seen some building work happening around each of the Reside homes. We at Reside want to make sure residents are as happy and as comfortable as they could possibly be and so we continue to invest in improvements to the homes.



At Southwood we have a new patio in the back garden and a new lift in the home to make access to other floors easier. We have also replaced our dining chairs to chairs with arms to make it easier for our residents to get in and out of.

Thanks to a fund raising cheque of £450 from Waitrose, Stour Road now has a new stereo system for the residents. Also many improvements have been made to the garden, including a new arbour and a large parasol to give some shade from the sun. We have also added some new potted plants and garden ornaments.

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