



Housman Court's Monthly News Letter



AUGUST 2018

Dear Residents, Relatives and Friends

Welcome to our latest newsletter, the fourth this year, all of which we hope have helped to keep you updated on our latest news and provide you with upcoming events. We hope you've been enjoying the Summer months this year, with plenty of sun around to get us all up and active and enjoying the great outdoors.

We welcome our new residents; I hope you have felt welcomed and are enjoying your new home. If you do have any queries or concerns, please remember we have an open door policy for residents and relatives.



We would also like to welcome some new staff to our team: Glenda Davies Home administrator, Sian Brecknell and Sandra Madden. These staff come with lots of experience and should prove to be valuable additions to our team.

We are in the process of recruiting a new Head Housekeeper and will keep you updated on our progress.

Forthcoming Residents' birthdays.

All residents' birthdays are celebrated with a card and a gift from all the staff here at Housman Court. Families are welcome to stay for lunch or have a room made available for family to hold a get together. Eileen and Louise also prepare a birthday cake for each resident.



Planned events for the coming month (please see our notice board for the most up-to-date activities happening within the home).

- 6th August Bowling at Rubery (Bus also booked for 2nd July)
- 8th August Entertainment and BBQ – friends and families are welcome to join us.
- 8th 9th and 10th July Methodist Church Holiday from Home event.
- Church service at 10:30 Reverend Richard (in house)
- Methodist church every other Sunday.
- Coffee morning last Thursday of every month

Employee of the Month.

The winner of Employee of the Month for June was Michelle Addis. She was nominated for the following reasons

- Team work – Helping in the kitchen.
- Positive attitude towards her work.

The winner for employee of the month for July was Helen Healy. She was nominated for the following reasons

- Organising a stunning day trip to Weston-super-Mare.
- Changing the culture within the home and creating activities that are more meaningful for our residents.

We welcome all staff and visitors to nominate staff for Employee of the Month when they observe their good practice within the home. We have a letterbox and nomination slips in the main corridor which we have decorated pink and yellow.

Fundraising

We raised £130 each for Housman and St Johns at the summer fundraiser that was held at St Johns on the day of the carnival. Residents enjoyed the carnival and staff raised money with a BBQ, face painting, tombolas and bouncy castle. Thank you to everyone to help support the event.



Events that took place in July.

During the month of July residents have been making the most of the good weather. We've been out and about to the Botanical Gardens, Potting Shed (garden centre) and shopping at the Kingfisher Shopping Centre. We had a fantastic trip to Weston creating some special memories for our residents and their families. Residents have benefited from one to one sessions with trips into the town for coffee and personal shopping.

Residents are really getting into the swing of the 'Movement to Music' classes with Heather and the pamper sessions and Bingo with Helen are also very popular. We've had a good month for entertainment and would like to thank the team for all their hard work. I'm excited to see what the next few months hold in store for the residents at Housman.

Bowling



Flower arranging



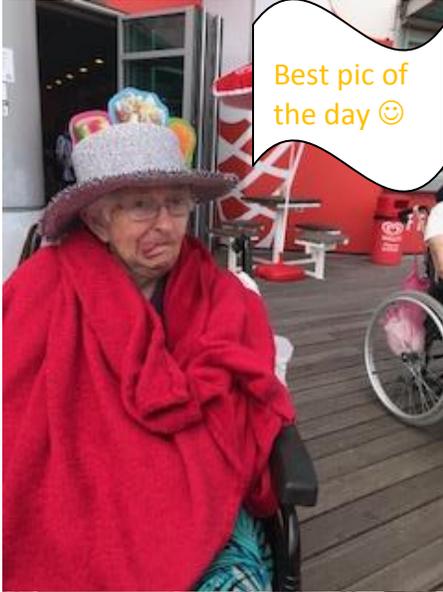
Movement and exercise



Day trip to Weston

Special memories created with families and friends





Shopping at the Kingfisher Centre



UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE HOME.

Refurbishments within the home.

We now have the new call bell system in place and after a few teething problems it's all up and working well. Our next project will be the new heating system. We are fitting infra red ceiling panels. This will heat the building and produce a softer heat. We are in the process of completing the works schedule and start date. Quotes have all been finalized.

Once these works have been carried out we can finish off the decorating within the rest of the home. In the meantime, Mick is working very hard on refurbishing the staff toilet and staff room. Thank you for your patience with these developments.

Rebranding of SRT

Intergage are still working hard with finalizing the finished product for the rebrand. The new logos, colours and web page are coming together nicely. As soon as we have more details, we will pass them on. Through this process we have also decided on the new uniforms for staff. All the staff have been sized up, ready to roll out the new uniforms in the next few months.

PCS new software program for our care plans

We are currently using Caredocs to complete our care plans. Over the next few months we will be changing over to PCS. This will be a more time efficient system for staff allowing for more free time to spend with residents.

Laundry

We are going to trial a new company Proctor and Gamble. They use Ariel products which will hopefully be more effective with stain removal and leave the laundry smelling pleasant.

Residents and Family meetings.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING. NEW DATE 22ND AUGUST

Sorry for the inconvenience but I have had to alter the date for the next relatives meeting. The minutes from previous meetings are on the notice board in reception. I now have a list of email addresses to send out updates, minutes from meetings and

newsletters. If you want to be added to our mailing list, please let Joann or Lisa know and we will add you to it.

Upcoming meetings are 22th August at 18.00 and 13th November at 18:00.

'Cuppa and Cake' meetings with the home cook.

We would like to welcome residents, friends and families to join Eileen for our 'Cuppa and Cake' meetings. Eileen can then explain all the exciting plans we have from the training she had with Adventure With Dementia as well as get general feedback from you about our menus and mealtime experiences. We are very proud of our mealtimes but we are keen to take it to the next step of being outstanding.

Upcoming dates for this are 24th September at 14:00 and 26th November at 14:00.