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Housman Court's Monthly News Letter

January 2019

Dear Residents, Relatives and Friends

Welcome to our latest newsletter and Happy New Year! We've already had a busy start to 2019 with The launch of Amica Care Trust, A recent CQC inspection and implementing the new PCS care planning system.

Amica Care Trust Launch

All relatives should have received a letter in December regarding our launch, which took Place on 7th January. We are in the process of changing over all our paperwork and staff are looking very smart in their new uniforms. We also have a new website with some fabulous photos of staff and residents. Please follow the link below to view the website <https://www.amicacare.co.uk/>

Any feedback about the launch and the website will be warmly received. We will be sending out invites very soon for our official Launch of Amica Care Trust. This will be held on the 5th February 2019 at 11:00. More information to follow soon. We hope you will be able to join us.

We would like to welcome some new staff to our team: Molly Bissett who has joined our Housekeeping team. We have 2 new night staff starting soon. These staff come with lots of experience and should prove to be valuable additions to our team.

FUNDRAISING

We raised £325 from the Christmas Fayre and Raffle. A big thank you to Heather and Helen for organizing the Fayre.

Also a big thankyou to Lisa for organizing the collection for the homeless in Birmingham.

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. Sue and Eileen 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).

Fixed events

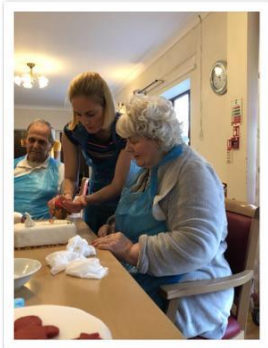
- First Monday of the Month Bowling at Rubery
- Church service Reverend Richard (in house)
- Methodist church every other Sunday.
- Coffee morning last Thursday of every month

Oomph trips planned for

- 27th February Shopping and Lunch and the kingfisher Shopping Centre
- 4th February Bowling
- Seven Valley Railway – Date to be confirmed.

Annual Weston trip is being planned for June 2019

Please see photos below of the fun things the residents got up to in December



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Christmas Carol and Father Christmas visited the residents.





The residents celebrating New year together.



Ice Skating at Webs. The residents enjoyed it so much we went in December and January.







Employee of the Month.

We had an amazing response to employee of the month with several nominations this month. The winner of Employee of the Month for January was Toni Wheeler



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

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE HOME.

We had our CQC inspection on 4th and 5th December. The visit went really well and we retained our Good rating. I would like to thank all the staff for all the hard work they do in delivering.

Upcoming Residents and relatives meetings are

Tuesday 19th February at 14:00
Tuesday 7th May at 14:00 and 18:00
Tuesday 6th August at 14:00 and 18:00
Tuesday 5th August at 14:00 and 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

Monday January 28th at 14:00
Monday March 25th at 14:00
Monday May 27th at 14:00
Monday July 29th at 14:00
Monday September 30th at 14:00
Monday November 25th at 14:00

Flu vaccination

Flu season is fast approaching and staff will be asking relatives to complete consent forms for this year’s flu vaccination. Can I also remind visitors not to visit if they themselves are unwell with flu symptoms or sickness and diarrhea viruses Flu is easily spread in care homes and residents are extremely vulnerable to complications of the flu

virus. Last year we had a particularly nasty strain of flu which effected a lot of our residents, staff and visitors.