

HOLMFIELD NEWSLETTER



MAY 2021



I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff working at Holmfield for their commitment and hard work over the last 12 months. We have the most wonderful staff team who have continuously shown their qualities throughout this dreadful pandemic. Every staff member has shown 100% commitment to the home and the residents. Each staff member has worked to the best of their ability to ensure our residents have been protected and cared for.

COVID has presented a number of challenges which have affected staff, residents and families. We are now at a point where restrictions are starting to ease and more indoor visits can take place. We are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel and are hoping for a more opportunities for our residents to be with their families and for our residents to enjoy outings in the local community.

I would also like to thank all of our amazing families who have made this difficult year better by continuing to support us as a home. We are thankful for everyone's understanding and working with us to keep our residents safe. We know how hard it has been but we remain thankful for your level of understanding and support.

And most importantly our wonderful residents, keeping our days full of laughter even when things have been really difficult. Despite the challenges we have continued to stay positive and make the most of everyday.

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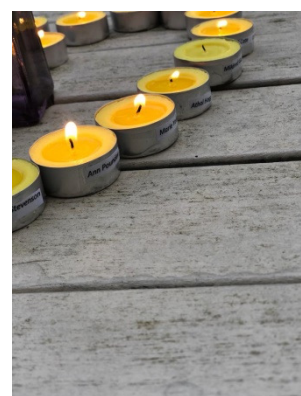
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As most of you already know we have maintained the Gold Standards Framework award since September 2014. We are again coming at the point where we need to be reaccredited. The GSF portfolio has been submitted and we hope to achieve the award for a further 3 years.

Sharon Latimer is the GSF lead within the home and continues to work hard to develop the GSF within the home. We recently celebrated Reflection Day on the 23rd March 2021 where we remembered all of residents who are no longer with us. Staff and residents celebrated by letting balloons into the sky and lighting candles for every resident who has passed away.

Sharon also ensures our memory tree has a ribbon placed on the branches to recognise all special events.





Dementia Awareness week starts from Monday 17th May 2021.

Holly Armitage who is the Dementia and Dignity lead within the home has planned a week of exciting activities for everyone to enjoy.

Here are a few of the activities planned for next week:

Cake making

Pamper day

Denim for Dementia day

Afternoon tea

Mocktail afternoon

Pet therapy

Tuck shop





A lovely local gentleman has kindly donated this vehicle to Holmfield. The vehicle will be used for the residents to enjoy more activities in the local community. From the 17th May 2021 our residents will be able to access activities in the local community and this new vehicle will support us to enjoy outings once again





Keeping fit is never easy and has been even harder during the pandemic. But here at Holmfield we try to make keeping fit fun, throughout the last 12 months the staff have been supporting residents to keep fit by going for walks in the garden and following exercise videos on youtube.

We are now at a point where we are slowly bringing external activities back into the home.

Prior to lockdown Drew Hubbard was a regular at Holmfield. Drew will again join us every Wednesday and support the residents to join in with armchair Zumba.



Jeanette has continued to host residents meeting throughout the last 12 months. The meetings take place every 3 months and a chance for our residents to get together and discuss things that are important to them. Please let Jeanette know if you have any topic you would like to be added to the agenda, the next meeting is due in July 2021.



It has been lovely to welcome back Christine the hairdresser to Holmfield.

Christine will come to Holmfield every Wednesday to ensure all residents are given the opportunity to have their hair done.

I would like to give a special mention to Jeanette and Mark who are always on hand to help with home improvements and odd jobs around the home. You are both fabulous and I know the residents appreciate your efforts.



All staff have continued to be supported with training and now the restrictions have eased we have been working hard to ensure all staff training needs are up to date.

On Tuesday 4th May 2021 we had our first indoor entertainer in over 12 months.

SG Productions Rock around the Clock. The show was enjoyed by the residents and staff alike.



Summer Ball

On Tuesday 15th June 2021 we will be hosting a Summer Ball for all our residents.

The Summer Ball will be a chance for all the residents to get dressed up and have a lovely afternoon. We will have a lovely afternoon tea, a selection of drinks, music and dancing.



All of your suggestions and comments have been very useful to us so far. If you have any ideas about things you would like to see happening at Holmfield we would be delighted to hear them. We are keen to find out what our residents want and to get feedback from all of you!