



Springfield Cottage
Residential Care Home

Resident Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter

Since joining Springfield Cottage at the beginning of September last year, we have been very busy meeting the staff and residents, ascertaining the care levels and services currently provided and drawing up our own plans as to how we would like things to progress over the coming months.

Our aim is to make Springfield Cottage an excellent Residential Care Home which provides quality care within a homely environment with all the necessary safeguards in place to ensure that our residents feel comfortable and secure within our care. Meet your new team below...



Mark Taylor

Mark lives with his wife, Kirsty, 3 year old son Samuel and their baby daughter, Amelia. He was a management accountant for a Swiss company until 2007 when he purchased his first residential care home. He enjoys running, mountain biking and snowboarding but these days spending time with Sam and Amelia is more fun!



Paul Dening

Paul lives in Somerset with his wife Michelle and two children, Georgia 14 and Ellis 11. He is a qualified Independent Financial Adviser and has also owned his own Care Home in Somerset. His hobbies include playing golf and listening to music.



Kelly Lakey

Kelly lives in Blackburn with her husband Wayne and 2 Miniature Yorkshire Terriers. She has worked in Care Homes for 20 years and was a Registered Manager for a care home in Blackburn. In her spare time she likes to work at home, socialise with friends and family, and also loves to read and sing.



Lindsey Spencer

Lindsey lives with her husband Michael and dog Bruce in Blackburn. She has worked in care since 2002. Her main hobby is a local theatre group where she takes part in productions twice a year. She was previously manager at Woodeaves Care Home and led it to achieving full compliance with the CQC.

Key Workers

A new Key Worker system has been implemented at Springfield. This system is designed to ensure each resident has a chosen, individual member of staff with whom they will build a relationship. The carer can provide support and assistance to resident's individual requirements and will be an aid for their emotional needs by offering chats on a regular basis, providing help to the resident and carrying out personal activities and hobbies. The Key Worker will also lend a hand to resident's when sorting out their wardrobes and drawers, providing a personal one-to-one relationship with them and their relatives to replenish stock and buy new things if necessary. The Carer can also help by accompanying the resident to town for supplies or just a trip out if required.

Valentine's Dinner



Thanks to everyone who attended making this such a very special event. It was a very good turnout and everyone had a fantastic time. Margaret Bradon's daughter, Jean, said "mother has always said that the food is good but now I've had it I believe her". Another guest said that he has been invited to stay for dinner a few times and has always declined but now he may have to rethink and accept!

We would like to say a special thank you to the staff who were on duty that day—they worked so hard and well as a team to pull off our busiest meal ever at the home. Thanks also go to Dawn Watson, our cook, for her efforts in organising the menu along with Angela Shears. Well done!



Morag Lisle

Morag sadly passed away recently. She came to Springfield Cottage in October 2002 and was a lovely lady who is missed terribly. Morag lived in Devon in her younger days and was a typical country lady who was very active and loved to look after her garden and enjoyed painting. Morag leaves two daughters, Barbara and Janet and son-in-law, Martin.

Resident Profile



George Leatherbarrow joined us at Springfield Cottage in November 2011 and has been the life and soul of the party ever since! George was born in Blackburn and lived in the Mill Hill area all his life. He attended St Peter's School then went on to work in a weaving mill. George met and married the love of his life, Ellen, and they were married for 63 years. They had a son George Jnr but soon after he was born, George Snr was called up and went away for 5 years to serve his country. George has 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

George has a lust for life that even the younger members of our extended family here at Springfield Cottage envy. He is the first to have a go at new things and loves to get involved by dancing, singing and playing games. He is a happy-go-lucky, cheeky chappy who will take on any challenge just to see if he can do it. George is somewhat of a TV addict and loves to watch a good film or sports programme and is a huge Blackburn Rovers fan - until recent years was always a season ticket holder. Perhaps George's most interesting hobby is the writing of his memoirs. He has been doing them for the past few years - this is a top secret project that George will only share once it is completed.

George has settled into life at Springfield Cottage with ease and is very happy here having become good friends with Stan; you will often find them sat by the window chatting about days gone by. George is a pleasure to have around and we look forward to him being with us for a long time to come.

Resident's Meeting

Our first resident's meeting was held recently and was a huge success. It was very productive and many relatives also attended. The minutes of the meeting are now available and copies can be obtained from either Lindsey or Eileen.

Respite Care

As community care needs change, there is increased demand for respite care. At Springfield Cottage we are keen to promote the provision of respite care and have a room dedicated for this purpose. Please call us on **01254 264704** — we will be pleased to help in any way that we can.

Extra Services

Miscellaneous costs

Chiropody—£15.00 per session

Hairdressing costs

Shampoo & Set—£6.50

Cut, Shampoo & Set—£8.50

Shampoo & Blow Dry—£6.50

Dry Cut —£5.00

Permanent Wave—£30.00

Part Perm—£25.00

Extra items or hair colour can be quoted on request

Activities

Tuesday—Sing-a-long 7pm

Saturday— Physio with Raymond

Day to be confirmed—Domino's Club

Regular visits and events are publicised throughout the home. If you have a particular activity you enjoy, please let a member of staff know.

Upcoming Events

18th March

Mother's Day Meal

1st April

Easter Fair—2pm

19th April

Music for Health

Feedback

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the Home or the service we provide, do let us know. Also, please feel free to send in any articles, memoirs or photo's for inclusion in our newsletter.

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