



Caribbean Party



Joe Higab (our resident featured on the next page) has a son, Sam, who plays in a steel band. Joe's wife, Marina, kindly arranged for them to play for us at Springfield Cottage in June. A number of family and friends joined us and everyone thought they were fantastic. The band played a wide variety of music from traditional calypsos to chart-topping pop songs.

The band gave a considerable amount of time to us playing two sets of 45 minutes each. Everyone got into the spirit of the Caribbean theme with flower garlands and fruit punch complete with fancy umbrellas and cocktail sticks. The centrepiece for our buffet table was a fresh ripe pineapple and everyone had lots of fun.

We would like to thank Marina and the band for taking the time to entertain us – it really was a fantastic event.

Jubilee Celebrations



With the home trimmed throughout with bunting, we recovered from the Caribbean party with a sedate Jubilee tea with fancy plates and cups covered in Union Jacks.

The sense of community was strong and we all thoroughly enjoyed watching the Jubilee Concert together in the evening.

Regular Activities



Tuesday & Thursday afternoon
Domino's Club

Tuesday
Sing-a-long 7pm

Wednesday afternoon
Music & Movement

Wednesday
Gardening Club

Saturday
Physio with Raymond

Renee Handley's 90th Birthday Party



Renee was recently joined by all her friends for a wonderful birthday party. The entertainment was provided by Sylvia Kendal who sang songs and told lots of stories that everyone enjoyed. We can see Renee here with her friend Kathleen who provided refreshments for the celebrations.

Joe Higab



*Joe with Eileen
at the Valentine Dinner*

Born in Alexandria, Egypt, Joe came to England to study at the Royal College of Surgeons in London. Joe became an Orthopaedic Surgeon and is well known in the area from his career at Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

Joe has many passions. He is very keen on photography, astronomy and Scuba Diving. He met his wife, Marina, whilst scuba diving and together they have two children, Sam and

Laura. Joe has enjoyed a visit from his cat, Crystal, who was brought into the home by his wife and daughter. Joe likes to spend time quietly in the lounge reading his 'Sky at Night' magazine and also likes to watch the news in the mornings. He loves to be outside and can often be found sunning himself in the garden. He has a camera which he takes outside to take photos of the wildlife that visit the home. Joe also has a son called Adam and a daughter, Zena, from a previous marriage.

Gardening Club

Our gardening club meets on Wednesday's. The first meeting was held in the garden as it was a lovely day and our first project was to make up some hanging baskets with red, white and blue flowers in honour of the Queen's Jubilee.

We discussed having a vegetable patch and also replanting the two flower beds at the front of the home. We will also be buying a communal seed tray so that we can start growing seeds.

Staff Training



All staff were provided with mandatory training during June including our excellent additional fire training course. Staff learned how to use fire extinguishers properly and how to use a fire sledge—this is a sturdy mat onto which a person can be strapped in order to drag them to safety in the event of a fire.

Day Care

To provide an additional service to the community we have recently added a new Day Care facility at Springfield Cottage. Care services and activities can be tailored to meet any requirements so please call Lindsey on 01254 264704 for more information.

Respite Care

As community care needs change, there is an increased need for respite care, especially during the current holiday season. We are keen to promote the provision of respite care and have a room dedicated for this purpose.

Lindsey Farrimond



Lindsey is a senior care assistant, trained to NVQ level 3. She has been with us since 2002. Lindsey takes everything in her stride and has a great relationship with all our residents and staff. She spends her spare time with her son, Declan, and also goes to the gym with her friend. Lindsey has pet cats and has lived in the Blackburn area all her life. She thoroughly enjoys her work and is very committed to the home. Lindsey is happy to step in to any role, even if this means donning a red robe and being Mrs Christmas at our Christmas Fayre.

Oswaldtwistle Mills Visit

Our most recent trip to the Oswaldtwistle Mills was a fantastic success. Lots of residents came and many friends and family too. We had to go in two trips because there were so many of us!

On arrival we had coffee in the cafe then spent the afternoon shopping—with Stockleys sweet shop seeming to be a favourite for everyone. Phyllis Riding and Sheila Parkington bought themselves lots of nice new things to wear, whilst Eileen managed to buy herself a red, white and blue t-shirt in the spirit of the jubilee.



Staff Recruitment

Welcome to Emma Bloomfield who is already very popular with our residents and joins our night team.

We are currently recruiting more staff to expand our team so please contact Lindsey if you would like more information.

Staff News

Gemma Groves gave birth to a baby girl, Lily Mae, both mother and baby are doing well.



Extra Services

Miscellaneous costs

Chiropody—£20.00 initial session then £10.00 thereafter

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

Upcoming Events

19th July—3pm

Sing-a-long with Margaret

There will be photo's to purchase with feather boa's, hats etc... lots of fun!

25th July—2pm

Music for Health

2nd August—2pm

Peter will be playing the piano accordion

8th August

Trip to Blackpool Zoo

Please let Eileen or Lindsey know if friends or family would like to attend

26th August—2pm

Summer Fayre

Feedback

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the Home or the service we provide, do let us know. Please feel free to send Lindsey any articles, memoirs or photos for inclusion in future newsletters.

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