



Home Safari



Renee Greaves & Mary Speight with Blister the snake

Steve from Home Safari brought all sorts of creatures, great and small, to Springfield. He had with him "Blister" the snake, Bill and Bob the bearded dragons, Pepe the skunk, Rita the rabbit, a meerkat that we think was called Lola along with many more. The visit was a great success and



Sheila Parkington and Alice Goldson with the bearded dragon

we will be arranging another in the not too distant future.

Donkey Sanctuary Visit

We were all very excited when Rusty the donkey came to visit us in our home. It has been a popular few months for animals and again the residents absolutely loved him, as did their friends and relatives who also came to enjoy the visit.

Rusty spent time in our lounge being petted by the residents and was presented with a box of polo mints for his efforts. He comes from the Donkey Sanctuary in Manchester and we will be planning a trip to the sanctuary to see Rusty in his own environment and to meet all of his 'house mates' - we'll probably wait for the warmer weather though!



Mary Shorrock with Rusty



Phyllis Riding getting to know Rusty



Colum McLaughline says hello

Suzanne McLeary



Suzanne is our new Deputy Manager. She has been married to Steven for 10 years and they have four children. She is also about to become a grandmother to a little girl, Hope Lillie Grace, who is due in the New Year.

Suzanne has lived in Blackburn all her life and attended St Emmanuels Primary School and then Witton Park High School. She has worked in Health & Social Care for 20 years, most recently supporting residents with complex needs. She has worked alongside many professionals such as DOLS Outreach team, Safeguarding Adults, the NHS and many more.

Regular Activities



Tuesday & Thursday afternoon
Domino Club

Tuesday
Sing-a-long 7pm

Wednesday afternoon
Music & Movement

Wednesday
Gardening Club

Saturday
Physio with Raymond

Residents' Meeting

A Residents' Meeting was held on 22nd November and was attended by most of our residents and some of their relatives.

Everyone involved was very supportive and pleased with the improvements we have made to the home so far and we look forward to continuing these positive steps in the future.

At the meeting, it was agreed that as well as the usual monthly review, starting in January a full case review will be held every 3 months for each resident and their representative in order to fully assess each individual plan of care. This will ensure that the care plan is completely personalised and contains as much detail as possible about the resident and their needs.

The Minutes of the meeting are available for viewing on the notice boards but if you would like a personal copy, please ask either Lindsey or Suzanne.

A Festive Gift

We would like to say a very big thank you to Jane, Joe Higab's sister-in-law, who very kindly donated two Christmas trees to the home. These are now trimmed and look beautiful in both the lounge and dining room.



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.

Welcome to Our New Staff

Following our recent recruitment drive we are pleased to welcome five new members to our care team. They are Lynsey Hindle, Zoe Finch, Mandy Fox, John Smith and Joanne Bamber. They are all settling in very well.

Blackpool Illuminations



A group of residents and staff recently took a trip to Blackpool Illuminations joined by Mary Speight our day care resident. The visit was made during the half term holidays so there were lots of families enjoying a holiday. There were so many of us that we filled two buses and everyone had a jolly good day out. When we arrived back at Springfield everyone enjoyed a fish and chip supper from the local chip shop. It was nice to have this when we got home as it meant that other residents who had not come with us on the trip could join in with the supper and listen to all the gossip from the day.

Brenda Chamberlain

Brenda joined us in September and has settled in very well after moving across from the Fylde Coast after living there for the past 30 years.



Brenda's son Neil gave us some newspaper clippings which were published when Brenda was working in the Leyland Central Kitchen. There she was responsible for seeing that the children of 12 local schools (1,500 in all), received balanced meals day in and day out. This was not an easy task and Brenda trained for three years before taking her Diploma in Institutional Management. She supervised a staff of 15 including an assistant supervisor, cook, boiler men and drivers.

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

9th December—2pm

Christmas Party / Fayre

17th December—2.30pm

Geraint Cabaret Show

19th December—2pm

Music for Health Christmas Special

23rd December—4pm

Kate Conway, Singer

31st December—4pm

New Year Party

We are in the process of arranging Christmas Shopping & Lunch at Botany Bay—details will be on the notice board

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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