

RESIDENT NEWS

NEW RESIDENTS

We would warmly welcome the following residents into the home here at Brighton:

- ♦ Mrs. Grace Burgess (Dicker)
- ♦ Mrs. Grace Walder (Scaynes Hill)
- ♦ Mr. Philip Warren (Carshalton)
- ♦ Mrs. Rosie Mercer (Redhill)

SHORT STAY RESIDENTS

We have had the pleasure of the following residents joining us for short stays:

- ♦ Mr. and Mrs. Bradstock (Handcross)
- ♦ Mrs. Barbara Chiltern (Dicker)
- ♦ Miss Lois Payne (Gravesend)

RESIDENTS THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY

It is great sadness that we have lost two much-loved residents in recent months:

- ♦ Miss. Connie Sayers (Dicker)
- ♦ Mr John Tucker (Forest Hill)

Further copies of this newsletter can be obtained from:

- ♦ General Office (See address at the bottom)
- ♦ Via the website (<http://www.gospelstandard.org.uk/Bethesda>)
- ♦ By email (AdrianTopping@gsbf.uk)

STAFF AND HOME NEWS

- Gay Charles retired in December 2016, following 10 years of service to the home. We thank Gay for all her hard work over many years, and wish her well in her retirement.
- Timea Toth joined the Care Staff as Bank Care Assistant in November 2016.
- Recent works in the home include the re-fit of one bathroom, a new carpet through the entrance hall and staircase, and an exterior re-paint.

BETHESDA WEBSITE

We are pleased to introduce our new website. Here you will find all you need to know about the Bethesda Homes, our history, services, facilities, fees and news along with useful links to relevant information about care for the elderly.

Visit: <http://www.gospelstandard.org.uk/Bethesda>



I hope that this Newsletter will be a sweet reminder of the goodness and loving-kindness of the Lord to His people. May I seek your prayers for the Lord's blessing upon the dear residents, and also the work of each of the members of the staff. May the Lord go before us in the days that remain.

The support of our dear friends is always welcomed. My thanks to all involved with Bethesda, particularly to those who voluntarily give much of their time for the benefit of others.

Richard Wells (Home Chairman, Trustee)

I am pleased to welcome this first edition of the Brighton and Hove Newsletter, I am sure it will be of much interest to our friends and supporters. I am also pleased to have this opportunity to thank Sarah and all the team at Brighton for the loving care that they provide to our friends in the Home.

Adrian Topping (General Manager)

Two of our newer residents enjoying the views from the top of Devil's Dyke earlier this year.



COFFEE MORNING 2017

The next Coffee Morning has been arranged, God Willing, for Saturday 18th November 2017.

All friends are warmly invited to join with us on this occasion.

HASSOCKS GARDEN CENTRE

Monday 12th December, an outing took place to the South Downs Garden Centre for Christmas shopping and lunch. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas lunch and the opportunity to purchase any gifts.



CHRISTMAS 2016

On Saturday 10th December, Eastbourne Sunday School paid their usual visit to the Home for Christmas readings and hymns. The annual carol service was held on Saturday 17th December, the address given by Mr R. Field. Both events were enjoyed by all present.

SLIDE EVENING

Mr Gordon Dadswell presented slides from visits to Scotland, Wales and the Lake District. This evening was very interesting, and greatly enjoyed by the residents.

HAILSHAM MUMS GROUP

A number of mums and young children visited the home in February. The residents had a thoroughly enjoyable time, both watching the young ones playing and holding the babies.



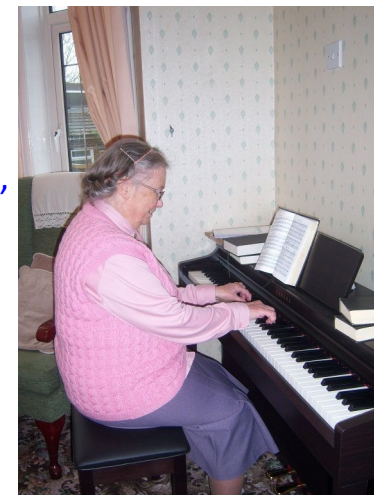
HYMN SINGING

Monthly hymn singing continues, with as many residents as able choosing the hymns to be sung. On one occasion, the lounge was full with residents. Visiting family and friends have also joined in on occasions when visiting.



CLAVINOVA

Using proceeds from the 2016 Coffee Morning, a clavinova has recently been purchased to replace the organ and piano. This is already being enjoyed by the residents, and also provides more space in the lounge.

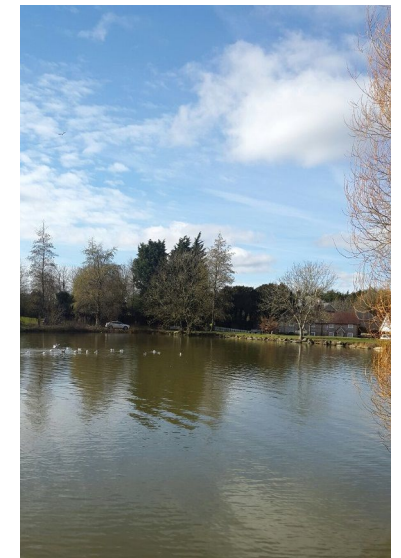


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are hoping to do a lot of internal redecoration work to areas at Brighton during 2017. If there any volunteers who might be willing to help us out by doing some painting and decorating in their spare time, please contact Adrian in the first instance. Once we have an idea of who is able to help, a timetable for getting the work done to suit availability will be made.

RESIDENT OUTINGS

Some residents have recently been out for rides to Falmer Pond and Devils Dyke. The opportunity to take a trip out and blow the cobwebs away was enjoyed by all who went.



REGULAR HOME ACTIVITIES

Regular activities at the home include: craft and cooking sessions, gentle exercises, scrabble, colouring, jigsaw puzzles and giant snakes and ladders.

