

# Bethesda

Brighton & Hove

# Newsletter

No. 4: November 2018

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY GOD WILLING

**COFFEE MORNING - 9.30AM**

**Saturday 17th November** - All are welcome

**PRAYER MEETINGS - 7PM**

**Tuesday 27th November**—Eastbourne friends,  
conducted by Mr B Mercer

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS - DECEMBER 2017**

**Saturday 8th December** —Eastbourne Sunday  
School [Provisional date]

**Saturday 15th December** —Carol Service, 6.30pm



It is with much pleasure that I write this introductory paragraph to the current issue of the Brighton and Hove Bethesda Home Newsletter. Why “with much pleasure”? Certainly, as you read of the activities in the Home then it is very encouraging to see all the work, effort and above all love that is shown to the residents by staff, volunteers and others to make their experience of the home a pleasurable one.

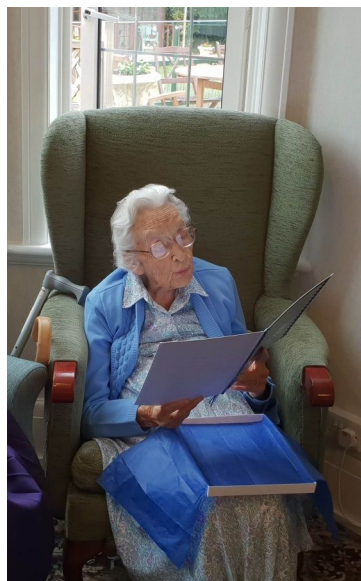
As you will see, the Coffee Morning is, if the Lord will, due to be held on Saturday, 17 November 2018 at 9:30 am. An invitation is extended to all to come and join us on this occasion and we look forward to meeting you on the day.

Also, we are grateful to Matthew Hyde for contributing a short piece in recognition of Mrs Ruby Poole’s 100th birthday (Psalm 107:7).

Michael Ridout (Bethesda Committee)

## MRS RUBY POOLE

Mrs Ruby Poole, in the Lord’s mercy, reached her 100th Birthday on Saturday 13th October. Her birthday was marked by two parties, the first for residents on the Friday, and then a gathering of family and friends on Saturday. A short service to mark her birthday was also held in the home on the 13th. Hymn 9 was sung, and her pastor read some verses from Lamentations 3 and made a few suitable comments.





## OTHER HOME ACTIVITIES

Alongside the outings and day-to-day activities, the residents have enjoyed cooking, hymn singing, knitting and playing board games with the staff.

We also taking advantage of the good weather over the Summer to enjoy the patio for resident activities.



## MILL COTTAGE FARM VISIT

We once again had the pleasure of Mill Cottage Farm visiting the home. A good number of residents were able to go out and enjoy seeing and handling the animals, with a number of other friends and families joining us for the morning. As usual, the residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



## COFFEE MORNING 2018

The next Coffee Morning has been arranged, God Willing, for **Saturday 17th November** at 9.30 am. All friends are welcome. Proceeds are to update the relay and telephone system throughout the home, including the connection to Galeed. We hope to have the usual range of jams, chutneys and marmalades, Christmas Cakes and Puddings, Christmas gifts and much more.



## VISITOR KITCHEN FACILITY

A new visitor kitchen area with tea/coffee making facilities and a fridge has recently been provided along the corridor, giving able residents and visitors the ability to provide refreshments throughout the day.



## HOME OUTINGS



Over the summer months, a number of outings and trips out have taken place, these include:

- ♦ Fish and Chips by the sea
- ♦ Cream Tea at a friends
- ♦ Sheffield Park Gardens
- ♦ Devils Dyke



## FRIENDS & RELATIVES AFTERNOON TEA

In September, an Afternoon Tea was held for residents and their relatives and friends. This occasion was enjoyed by both all, with many able to join for us for tea, both in the home and outside on the patio.



## IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOME

Since the last newsletter, the lounge has been re-decorated, with the carpet to be replaced in due course. A two-seater settee has been purchased with proceeds from the 2017 Coffee Morning. The Summer House has been refreshed with new curtains and furnishings.

Works have continued to refresh and tidy the gardens with the removal of some overgrown shrubs. We would like to thank the volunteers, young and old, who have given of their time and expertise to improve the home for the residents.



## DEMENTIA CARE AT BRIGHTON

As many friends and supporters of the Brighton Home will know, the recent re-decoration of communal areas have been undertaken to provide a sensory tool for those residents with Dementia. This has led to visits by the Local Authority and other homes to see the work that has been done. This has given rise to positive comments on the decoration and atmosphere of the home, particularly on the interesting and thoughtful redecoration of the corridors with the added benefit of help for those suffering from Dementia.

## FRIENDS OF BRIGHTON BETHESDA

Friends of Brighton Bethesda (FoBB) set up as a means of contacting friends and supporters of the Brighton Home.

Emails are also sent throughout the year to provide information and updates of outings and activities in the home.

If you're not already signed up, you can do so by emailing:

**[friendsofbrightonbethesda@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbrightonbethesda@gmail.com).**

If you wish to unsubscribe from receiving Friends of Brighton Bethesda updates, you can do so by emailing the above address.

## SLIDE SHOWS AND TALKS

Do any friends feel able to give slide shows or talks on topical events or places of interest, if so, please contact the home. Such activities are always thoroughly enjoyed by the residents.

## RESIDENT AND HOME NEWS

### STAFF NEWS

We would take the opportunity to welcome Katie Playfoot, who joined us recently and has settled in well as a Care Assistant.

Louise, one of our Senior Care Assistants was married in June to Joseph Hayden. We would like to wish them well for their future together. There was a small presentation from the residents and staff to mark the occasion, with Mr. Philip Drury presenting the gift.



### SHORT STAY RESIDENTS

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

- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Bradstock (Handcross)
- ◆ Mrs. Ruth Dann (Dicker)
- ◆ Mrs. Pauline Warren (Bromley)
- ◆ Miss. Lois Payne (Gravesend)
- ◆ Mrs. Hughes (Dartford)

### RESIDENTS THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY

It is great sadness that we have lost one much-loved resident in recent months:

- ◆ Mrs. Ruth Woodhams (Rotherfield)

Further copies of this newsletter can be obtained from:

- ◆ Brighton Home
- ◆ General Office, Harpenden
- ◆ Via the website <http://www.gospelstandard.org.uk/Bethesda>