



November 2018

The long, hot summer is now only a distant memory, and thankfully the Home's lawns have recovered their greenness. It hardly seems possible that next year will be the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Harpenden Home. If the Lord will, we hope to hold an open afternoon, which will begin with a service in the Home. Mr B A Ramsbottom, who has been closely connected with the Home those fifty years, has kindly agreed to take the service. We expect to have a marquee where the service will be relayed for those with young children. Following the service, tea will be served in the marquee. The date is Saturday, 22nd June 2019 and everyone is invited to join with us as we remember the Lord's mercies over such a long period. Please do make a note of the date.

Trevor Scott (Home Chairman).



### HOME SUPPORT GROUP

#### *Sitting L-R*

Johanna Wigley, Catherine Green,  
Phyllis Pearce, Anna Scott,  
Alison Kingham, Judith Hadley

#### *Standing*

John Wigley, Elisabeth Skelton,  
Trevor Scott, David Christian,  
Graham Hadley

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—2019 IF THE LORD WILL**

All friends are warmly invited to join us on these occasions.

### **PRAYER MEETING**

*Friday, 25th January 2019 in the lounge at 7pm.*

### **COFFEE MORNING**

*Saturday, 9th February 2019 in the Home 10.30 to 12.30.*

### **HYMN-SINGING EVENING**

*Friday, 7th June 2019 in the lounge at 7pm.*

### **FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

*Saturday, 22nd June 2019.*

## **RESIDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY**

- Mrs Martha Bradley (Manchester) passed away on Friday, 6th July at the age of 97. She had been a resident in the Home since October 2015. A short memorial service was held in the Home on Tuesday, 17th July, taken by Mr B A Ramsbottom.
- Miss Frances Curd (Redhill) passed away on 29th October and had been a resident in the Home since May 2013.

## **NEW RESIDENT**

Mrs Joyce Baker (Haynes) came into the Home in May.

## **STAFF MATTERS**

- We welcome Anne Marie van de Woestijne from Holland who joined the care team in August 2018.



- We were sorry to lose our laundry assistant Debbie Cox who left us in September to take up fresh employment. She started work in the Home in October 2010 and always made sure the residents were turned out neatly.

- Many thanks to: Lucie Baker, Annie Crowter, Kate Crowter, Beth Ramsbottom and Emma Wigley who helped out with shifts over the summer months caring for the residents.

- Mary McRoberts joined the domestic staff in June 2018.



- We were all very sad when Esther Green's husband, Peter, passed away while driving on the A6 on 9th July. Esther works in the home as an administrative assistant. We extend to her and all the family our deepest sympathy in her sudden loss.

- Naomi Kerley (née Kingham) a former carer gave birth to baby Elsie Marion on 29th September 2018.

## **STAFF TRAINING**

In-house training has been conducted by nurse Tina from the Care Home Improvement team. Subjects covered included: Falls, Deteriorating Residents and Sepsis.

### **STOCKWOOD DISCOVERY CENTRE**

There was an outing to Stockwood Discovery Centre on Tuesday, 19th June. Nine residents from the Home were well enough to come, together with a similar number of helpers. We were also pleased to have with us Mr and Mrs B A Ramsbottom and some of the residents' family members were able to join us too. Our visit was made the day before the Discovery Centre café closed for refurbishment.



### **CREAM TEA**

Our cream tea afternoon was held on the lawn on Saturday, 1st September. Earlier in the week we were worried about the weather, but in fact it turned out ideal. Although there were other events on the day, over a 100 residents and friends were present. The scones were much enjoyed!



### **OCTOBER SUNSHINE**

Some residents enjoying the sunshine whilst the window boxes were being replanted for the winter.



### **WREST PARK**

Our annual visit to English Heritage Wrest Park took place on Wednesday, 15th August. This is a beautiful place for picnics. We usually sit under one of the mature trees. Sadly only five residents were well enough to come, but it turned out a very pleasant day, finishing with cups of tea and ice creams at the café.



### HYMN SINGING

Jane Rayner organised two Saturday afternoon hymn-singing occasions when a band of local musicians came to play their instruments in the summer, and at a harvest thanks-giving and remembrance event.



### SUNFLOWERS

A competition was organised by Debbie Cox to see which of the residents grew the tallest sunflower from seed.



### BARBEQUE AT CLIFTON

At the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs David Lawson and organiser Jane Rayner a group of residents were provided with an excellent buffet lunch in the garden of Chapel House, Clifton. After the meal the residents joined in with two quizzes.



### ACTIVITY GROUP

Johanna Wigley is planning to continue the activity group formerly run by Debbie Cox whose purpose was to provide physical and mental stimulation for the residents. Helpers and ideas wanted.

### RESPIRE CARE

Mr and Mrs Michael Bailey (Tenterden) came into the Home in September for a period of respite care.

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