

COMFORT ZONE

NEWSLETTER FOR PITTENDREICH CARE HOME

FEBRUARY 2019



Welcome to our new style newsletter.

Hello, my name is Keith, my father has been in residence here in the care home since November 2014.

I have been asked (told) to have a go at producing a new style of newsletter for our home. I hope you enjoy reading it and I am open to suggestions from you all as to how to format it in the future. Please feel free as this is a first for me.

New manager

I would like to start by welcoming our new manager Susan Gibson to the home and wish her well during her time with us. Hopefully it will be a long one. We have already seen some huge changes to the home, and we note that she has a fantastic sense of humour also. (Much needed) haha. Welcome Susan.

SEATING

As most of you will have observed, the home has had a change of furniture lately as the old chairs and couches looked a bit worse for wear. Now the residents have beautiful, comfortable new supportive chairs and recliners, and the foyer and lounges have lovely new seats and couches that give a feeling of welcome and comfort to visitors on arrival.



COMMUNAL AREAS

The communal areas, such as the lounges, will be fitted with new carpets, roller blinds and curtains. They will also have new lighting fitted.

BEDROOMS

All the bedrooms are in the process of being decorated and fitted with new sinks and vanity units where they have ensuites. They will also be fitted with new lighting, lamps and curtains. New bedding is being sourced, including new pillows. The pillows are being trialed as they are of a different make.

BATHROOMS

Photos of the new fit will follow when it is completed.

The ground floor bathroom to the rear of the building is being subjected to a complete overhaul. Everything has been removed and it is being turned into a wet room / toilet.

STAFFING

Susan has been employing new staff members and it is noticeable that numbers have risen.

We would like to welcome three new members of staff to the home, and hope they enjoy their time here with us.

They are Cheryl who is a Care Assistant, Andrew who has joined the Domestic side, and Cara who is

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Recently we have had staff members being promoted and achieving qualifications.

Congratulations to Janine for being promoted to Deputy Manager. Janine has been with the home for some time and is very helpful when approached.

Congratulations to Jodi who has achieved her SVQ3 qualification.

I know Jodi has been working very hard for this and has been away on course work.

Well done to you both.

New Residents

We welcome three new residents to Pittendreich.

Agnes Banks joined us on 13th December.

Margaret Arthur joined us on boxing day 2018.

John Taylor joined us on 4th January.

Recent goodbyes

It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to 3 of our residents who sadly passed away recently.

They are Roddy Chalmers, Agnes Dickson and Bobby Ballantyne.

They will sorely missed and may they rest in peace.

Events

For Burns night we had our kilted friend return to the home with his great singing voice and gid Scottish songs.

It was great to see him get the residents and visitors up singing and dancing. Haste ye back.





ENTERTAINER
MICHAEL PATTERSON

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

14th February (Valentine's day) Entertainer TOMAS at 2pm

18th March Entertainer ALAN WEATHERHEAD at 2pm

17th April Entertainer STEVIE QUINN 2pm

We hope you can come along and join in.

Fund raising

Pittendreich Carehome needs to fund raise in order to pay for things like the entertainers and for outings that the residents look forward to. They especially love their visits to the barges at Ratho. Usually we have raffles and such likes to raise the money required, but we are always looking for relatives to come up with new ideas so that the same old boring ones come up every time. Please can I ask you to put your heads together and approach Susan if you have any good ideas as this would be really appreciated. Many thanks.

BIRTHDAYS OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS

RESIDENTS

JANUARY: JOHN TAYLOR 18TH, EVELYN MURPHY 19TH.

FEBRUARY: ELIZABETH GALLOWAY 21ST, MURIEL ARCHIBALD 22ND.

STAFF

JANUARY: TAMARA 9TH, ALAN 10TH, SUSAN 10TH, MUNIBA 10TH.

FEBRUARY: PRIMROSE 17TH.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO YOU ALL, WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT DAY.

RELATIVES MEETINGS

The next relatives meeting is on Wednesday 13th March at 6pm.

Please try your best to attend, as the more people taking part means that more ideas are put forward. It is also a fantastic way to meet other relatives who you might miss because they visit at different times to yourself. There will be free hot and cold drinks and snacks provided along with fun and hilarity.

We are also looking for a new name for the newsletter. Please contact Susan or myself with your thoughts.

If anyone has any recently read magazines at home, could you possibly bring them in and leave them in the magazine rack in the front hall. Anything interesting like women's magazines, car magazines etc. Similar to the ones you see in Dentists and Doctors waiting rooms would be great. Thanks.

AND FINALLY

Finally it just remains for me to say thank you for taking the time to read the first newsletter produced by myself, and if you do happen to have some ideas or criticism for the newsletter, then please don't be afraid to approach me or Susan. We don't bite. Really. We will also be looking for interesting photographs you may have whilst visiting.

Thanks again

Keith Raeburn.