

Priory Court Care Home

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A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

Hello everyone, and I hope you are still continuing to enjoy the warm summer weather.

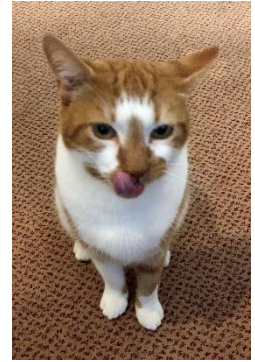
The residents at Priory Court have taken good advantage of the sunshine, and have valued spending time in our courtyard, over the last month or so. This area has been much improved on recently, and is now looking quite spectacular! So much so, that within the St Cloud Care/LRH Homes we received second prize for the best presented garden. Huge thanks to everyone who contributed into this project.



I have recently heard about an event taking place in the Bourne Hall Park on September 23 2018 which is being held to celebrate the 1918 Armistice Day. Details for this are contained in the newsletter on page 3. Perhaps you would like to go along with your relative and family.

We are expecting a visit from the CQC Inspectors in the very imminent future, and hopefully I will be able to report back to you on this next month.

Marv's Reflections



Q: "What do cats eat for breakfast?"

A: "Mice Krispies"



SEPTEMBER – BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

This month we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to **Masie** in Tulip Suite, **Yvonne** in the Rose, **Doreen, Olive, Mary** in Bluebell Suite and **Kathleen, Peter, Daphne, Wendy** in Oaks Suite. The Management and staff look forward to celebrating with each of them on their special day.

Do let us know if you wish to book the Newbury Pub or the Tea Room for a unique celebration.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....LESLEY SENIOR CARE OFFICER



Lesley is a Senior Care Officer working at Priory Court on the Tulip unit.

Lesley was born in a small village called Swanland in East Yorkshire and lived there until she was 19-years old. Lesley says she had a privileged upbringing, enjoying a holiday home and horses. Her mum was a nurse and her dad was a marine engineer. When Lesley was twelve, her dad was asked to take two big trawlers to South Africa where he had to teach men how to use the engine rooms. No mean feat! Unfortunately, the people he was training did not get the hang of things very well, and six months became four years. In the meantime, Lesley, mum and family had stayed in the UK.

During this time, the company who Lesley's dad worked for offered to fly Lesley and her family out to South Africa. They all met up in Cape Town, which Lesley says, they all loved, so much so, when Lesley was 19, the family emigrated to South Africa from the UK.

Lesley arrived in South Africa in February 1978 and was offered nurse training in June 1978. She lived and trained in the Carinus nursing college during this time and qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1981.

She had heard about Christian Barnard, the pioneering heart transplant surgeon, and went to work at the Groote Schuur hospital in Cape Town where he also worked. Lesley had the privilege to work alongside of Christian Barnard and his brother Marius, which she says was an amazing experience; she learnt so much during this time.

Also in 1981, Lesley married her husband and went on to have four children – three girls and a boy. The family had a good life for many years, enjoying camping trips around the country and doing really exciting things together.

Eventually, Lesley and her husband found that living in South Africa was very expensive, especially as her children wanted to go to university. In South Africa, this kind of education has to be paid for. In order to facilitate this, Lesley had to leave South Africa and come back into the UK to work as a live-in carer. Two years became seven years, and subsequently Lesley's husband joined her in the UK. In 2014 Lesley joined the staff at Priory Court, making the decision to stay in the UK permanently. She says South Africa had become a difficult place to live in.

Lesley says she loves the UK – this is where her heart is. Some of her family now live in Yorkshire and she sees them regularly. Her children have all achieved well in the workplace, her son is an IT Manager for a company dealing in precious stones. She is a regular traveler around the world.

Lesley loves the UK, her job and has such a heart for the elderly. She is such an asset to the home and we are the richer for having her with us.



JUST A THOUGHT....

"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me – just be my friend."
Albert Camus



What a wonderful picture of friendship and this reminds us just how precious our friends are. Today, think of your friends and be grateful for their contribution into your life. Think on the way they have supported, loved and cared for you. True friends are indeed a gift we should not take for granted.



At Priory Court we are keen to know what we are doing right and where things might need improvement. This is why we are asking our friends and families to speak out about the staff and service at Priory Court. You can either pick up one of the forms in reception or send it FREEPOST to carehome.co.uk **OR** you can go directly online and post a review.

EVENTS IN AND AROUND PRIORY COURT CARE HOME

Event in Bourne Hall Park – Sunday 23 September 2018 – A Day in Gratitude for those who fought in the First World War

The event will be held from 2pm to 4pm. This is a Thank You Concert and Picnic organised by the British Legion, with performers including Oatlands Pipe Band, Ewell Castle School Choir, Epsom and Ewell Male Voice Choir and the singer Sandra Gaye. The concert will climax in a sing-song of the greatest hits of the time. Bring your picnic and join in with a big thank-you to the men and women who served in the Great War. There will be stalls selling refreshments.



EVENTS AT PRORY COURT

SEPTEMBER 3RD

Performance from Harry
Classical and musical songs in main reception area.
14.30 pm – 15.30 pm

SEPTEMBER 7TH

Party in the Court Yard
14.30 pm onwards
(Weather permitted.)

SEPTEMBER 14TH

Cream Tea's in the Court Yard
To celebrate our new and improved Court Yard.

SEPTEMBER 27TH

Nigel Dawson
Topical discussions with slide show.

SEPTEMBER 28TH

Macmillan Coffee Morning
The biggest fundraising event for people facing Cancer.

SUNDAY SERVICES

**Sunday Service 2nd September
with Douglas**
**Sunday Service 9th September Cameo
with Jan**
**Sunday Service 16th September Maria
and Gracian**
**Sunday 23rd September Service with
Wendy**



TRIPS OUT ON THE MINIBUS

**Wednesday 5th September
Bluebell Suite**
**Wednesday 12th September
Rose Suite**
**Wednesday 19th September
Oak Suite**
**Wednesday 26th September
Tulip Suite**



Family members are more than welcome to meet us at the destination on days out.