



## AUTUMN 2018 NEWSLETTER

### **Chestnut View Care Home**

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### **A WELCOME FROM US ALL:**

We would like to welcome you to our Autumn Newsletter! We have had a great summer with lots going on including our Summer Fayre and Dog Show, trips out to the seaside and birthday parties.

We would like to thank all of you who have supported us in the last few months with our activities, The Macmillan Coffee Morning and our Summer Fayre.



### **BIRTHDAYS:**

We have had quite a few birthdays over the last few months.

We would like to wish Lena, Marion, Edward, Stanley, Pamela, Audrey, Kathleen, Morwyn, Joan and Doris a HUGE Happy Birthday!

We hope you all had an amazing day! We particularly want to congratulate Kathleen who celebrated her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday!



**I CAN SEE IT SO CLEARLY  
BY JEAN CROOK**

**MY CHILDHOOD (Continued...)**

I went to three schools, the first was in Selhurst, it was a church school and opposite the school was a dentist. I always knew as soon as mum started to take me across the road I knew I was going to the dentist and I thought "Oh golly, what is going to happen this time!"

My second school was Tavistock School in Croydon which was a comprehensive school; I knew I was only going to be there for about 6 months as we were moving to Washington in Surrey.

This is where I went to Sion High School in Worthing. I shall never forget their kindness to me when my mother was taken ill. I was late getting to school because I had to see her safely installed into hospital in Worthing. I went straight to school from the hospital which was quite a long way and I had had no breakfast and the nuns took me promptly to the dining room and they sat me down and ordered breakfast for me. The nun I remember was called Mother Lelia.

**WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER**

I must have been about 15 when the war started. I was still at school, I remember mum and I listening to the radio because we knew there was going to be an announcement.



I believe there were already troops in the area because I remember seeing them all lined up down the road and the next morning when I went to get the bus they were all gone!

When I heard the announcement it was a case of "Oh crumbs what's going to happen now!"



It didn't really alter the pattern of my life then because I was still at school. We had to carry gas masks, and we took these in boxes to school. I shouldn't imagine there was a place to collect them; it was probably the village hall I should think.

I left school when I was 16. I went to work in the office of the gas company in Storrington. There were men who used to go around reading the gas meters in people's homes and I ended up helping one of them go around reading the meters as most of the men were called up.



The older men used to have to read the meters and empty them. I worked at the gas company throughout the war.

## KAY WARDS 106<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY:

Kay was born on 25th Sept 1912 in Birmingham.

During the WW2 she remembers a Zeppelin flying over and her father engaging it with his Air Rifle.

On 11 Nov 1918 she remembers (aged 6) her parents going out to celebrate leaving them in the care the Maid "Nelly". Nelly could not resist joining the party and was absent when her parents returned. Nelly left the following day!

Kay wanted to go to Art School. She worked in fashion houses as a designer and mannequin. She was in the M&S catalogue when she was well into her 70's.

She got married in 1937 and had one son – Colonel Anthony Ward. During WW2 she remembers an unexploded Bomb on the front drive and also the Iron Gates being stolen! Taking her son to the bottom of the Garden to the Air raid shelter she placed a saucepan over hers and son's head!

A keen golfer at Bandstead Down Golf Club where she was the oldest Kay is also a good Bridge player.

Kay is fiercely independent 2017! She has never had a washing machine let alone a dish washer!



## **SUMMER FAYRE:**

We all thoroughly enjoyed our Summer Fayre and Dog Show!



We started off with our Dog Show! We had 4 categories: Most handsome dog, prettiest dog, cutest puppy and waggiest tail. The winners received a doggy treat, a trophy, a ball and a certificate! After that we celebrated our Home Manager's Ajay's birthday followed by a BBQ, prosecco and cream teas.

There were stalls and competitions whilst everyone ate and drank! In the afternoon "Memory Lane Productions" performed Summer Holiday followed by our raffle!

Thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who made this day so successful!

## **DANCE FOR DIGNITY:**



We celebrated Dance for Dignity and spoke about the meaning of dignity and what dignity means to our residents. The Activities Coordinators Rosie, Denise and Tina dressed up as The Abba Girls and Elvis Presley!

## TRIPS OUT:

We have been out and about in our new minibus. One of our trips was a visit to Hayling Island for fish and chips, ice cream and fun in the arcades! The sun was out and Jan, Gerald and John had a great day!



**JUDI KEENAN – Senior Carer/ Team Leader:**  
Before working here I was a full time carer for my mother. I am from a family of ballroom dancers and also a ballroom and Latin teacher.

I am married to John and have 3 boys 17, 27 and 28 and 2 grandsons. Our family holidays are spent all together in mostly Egypt as my boys and husband are scuba divers. I really enjoy my job with my wonderful residents and have fantastic work colleagues!





We spent a wonderful evening at Jay Millers circus. We go to the circus on Lion Green every year and we all have a great time!



### **FUNDRAISING:**

In September we held a fund raising coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support and raised ..... Thank you so much to those of you who came along and supported this!

We hope you have enjoyed reading our autumn Newsletter and we really look forward to sending you our winter one! If anyone would like to come along to any of our activities please do come along!

### **Chestnut View Care Home Mission Statement:**

Care Comfort Compassion