

# AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER.

## ELMFIELD HOUSE RESIDENTIAL HOME

### RECENT EVENTS:

We have had our usual activities throughout August.

The lovely ladies from Bisley church have conducted their monthly service with the usual good turnout. All dates have now been given up until Christmas! These are detailed on the notice board.

Nicky the hairdresser has continued with her fortnightly visits.

We have been attending the weekly 'Teas on the rec' on Thursday afternoons which have been a huge success over the summer months

raising over £1,000 a week some weeks.

We have consumed lots of delicious cake! Sadly, the last one has now finished until last year but we have thoroughly enjoyed our Thursday afternoons.

We held our quarterly 'Resident's and relatives meeting.' Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and for your input. Meeting minutes will be given with the monthly reports.

Pub lunches have continued and there is a new menu offering even more choices of yummy meals. Pub lunches are as popular as ever and very well attended.

Jasmine from G-Fitness has been to Elmfield to do her exercise class within the home. This is a popular event and Jasmine is wonderful with our residents.

The amazing Graham Broad came to Elmfield to entertain our residents. He is very popular and sang a collection of 'golden oldies.' He had people singing along, dancing and having a great time.

Our visiting library is proving more popular which is a relief as the volunteers were thinking of stopping coming to Elmfield due to lack of interest. We have requested talking books

to do audio story sessions as a group.

We had our first fashion show and clothes sale this month which was hugely popular. Many residents treated themselves to new attire and several residents reported that it felt very liberating to be able to choose their own clothing without the struggles of getting to and from the shops. They will be back each year in June and December to showcase their spring/summer and autumn/winter collections of clothing. There was very positive feedback from residents and relatives and many purchases were made. Eye Concern opticians performed eye tests on the majority of our residents. They will contact relatives directly

with updates about changes, recommendations and amended prescriptions.

### Upcoming events:

In September, the Community Café at Bisley village hall will recommence. This takes place on Monday mornings from 10-12. We will be hoping to go there each week.

Also, in September, the day center at West End will re-commence and several residents have expressed interest in going there once or twice weekly. Transport is included.

Rikki the chiropodist is due on 5<sup>th</sup> September to attend to our resident's footcare needs.

As requested, we will be holding family BBQs

before Autumn creeps in..... the first one is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. Everyone is welcome!

### Staff and resident changes:

As promised, we have welcomed several new members to our growing team at Elmfield.

Fiona Fanelli has joined the night team, she has successfully worked two weeks of day shifts and will start nights in September.

Samita Thapa Ale has joined the bank staff team and will work as and when she can around her other commitments.

Christy Mosito has just started her induction and will be working four days a week.

Sharon Noel has made the transition from working in childcare to working at Elmfield doing three mornings a week.

Tendai Muchagonei is very experienced in health and social care and has also joined our bank team.

Alisha Gunn is back from a year off following a series of knee problems and is back on our bank team working a mix of days and night shifts.

Jade Gunn has been back with us doing some housekeeping to cover the school holidays.

Julie Durrant is our new housekeeper who has been with us for the past couple of weeks.

### **Birthdays:**

Well I must say, August has been our busiest ever month for birthdays!

Pat Humphries celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on 4<sup>th</sup> August with trips out with family and lots of visitors.

Vera Norbury and Jill Cooley had a double celebration sharing a birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Vera turned 86 years old and went to her Nephew's for a meal. Jill celebrated her 79<sup>th</sup> birthday with visits from family and lots of presents! A joint party was held at Elmfield.

Alan Nurney celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday with a party at Elmfield on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

### **Other news:**

Jess Burnett had her baby on 27<sup>th</sup> August after being induced. Jess is doing well and her daughter has been named 'Mia'. Everyone at Elmfield is over the moon for her and we are looking forward to meeting her in due course!  
Congratulations Jess!

### **Employee of the month:**

Employee of the month for August was awarded to Aw Jagne for covering lots of shifts, often at very short notice. For making some good suggestions on how we can improve the service and for notable progression in her confidence, competence and skills. Awa has an admirable passion for her job, she possesses a wonderful caring nature and she has a positive attitude to her work.