

Welcome to our June newsletter, we have some more updates and new information for you.

New care team member

Firstly we will be welcoming a new care team member who will be joining us on June 8th. Her name is Jackie Gwilliam and she will be joining us initially for a year to provide maternity cover. Jackie has had a lot of experience in care and I am sure will make a very positive and valuable addition to the team.

Garden project

Our garden project has come on in leaps and bounds since the last newsletter. Steve Mitten, the son of our support worker Brian Mitten spent a huge amount of time and effort into preparing the raised beds for us in readiness for planting, arranged the collection of all the plants and oversaw all of the planting. We were then visited by some rather unwelcome visitors, namely pigeons who did their best to undo all of the good work! Steve and Brian responded by putting up netting to ensure no further visits. The beds have been planted with a mixture of vegetable and flowers and we have already taken advantage of some home grown radishes. Our thanks go to Steve and Brian for all their hard work. We have now fenced around the raised bed area and the patio at the back of the Manor which has provided a lovely area where our guests can stroll at their leisure.

Willow Trust boat trips

Our first Willow Trust trip of the year took place on May 17th and a great day was had by all. Our next trip will take place on June 10th. The boat trips have always been very popular with our guests and we are grateful to the Willow Trust for the service they provide. We have also taken our guests out on several local trips to see the bluebells and daffodils and these will of course continue.

Staff training

All of our care team have now completed the 'safeguarding vulnerable adults in Gloucestershire' training. The next training that we will all be doing as a team is updating our moving and handling skills in July. We now have in place new securing systems for wheelchairs on our buses and all of our staff have received training in their correct and safe use.

Age UK information event

Age UK, the national organisation recently formed by Age concern and Help the Aged joining forces, can provide a range of services. We would like to invite you all to attend an information afternoon on June 29th from 2pm to 3pm when Jan Perkins from Age UK will be explaining what services they can provide and how to access them. We will be holding the event in the community lounge of the sheltered housing complex at the back of the Manor, Manor Gardens. Call in at the Manor and we will direct you across to the lounge.

Entertainers

We will be having entertainers coming into the Manor over the summer months; two musical organisations have contacted us, who provide varied musical performances from choirs to accordion players. We have previously had a harpist and various singers who treated us to concerts here at the Manor, so we look forward to their next offerings.

Carers meeting

Our next carers group meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th June from 1.30 until 3pm, in the Manor Gardens community lounge. Jane and Teresa will be leading the group as usual.

Barnwood Trust BBQ

As mentioned in the previous newsletter the Barnwood Trust is holding a Midsummer's Day BBQ on Saturday 19th June from 12.00 until 4.00pm in the Manor grounds. There will be entertainment provided by a live traditional jazz band, morris dancers, Punch and Judy and the Cotswold Male Voice Choir. Tickets are available now at £4.00 per head to include food and soft drinks. There will be no charge for children. Please contact Chrissie on 01452 614429 or e-mail Chrissie.barker@barnwoodtrust.org by Friday June 4th. We look forward to seeing you on the day.