

AGE CARE

news from...

Bradbury Centre

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Art and Craft day with Leah, Alison and Beth

NEWS FROM MATRON...

Spring at Bradbury Centre brought lots of lovely colourful bulbs and the gardens started to look more interesting. The residents are able to walk in the gardens and enjoy the warmer weather. In March two student nurses from the Czech Republic, Lucie and Michaela, arrived for a six week placement to learn about the care of people with physical and dementia needs. In May we had a Care Standards Commission Inspection visit, and we await our report. The feedback was positive. The report will be posted

on the notice board and available on the CSCI website.

Jackie Ballerino, our Dementia Nurse Specialist, went with the team members from AgeCare Awards Training Centre to deliver training to the University in Prague.

A very successful Mini AGM and Presentation of Certificates to our staff took place in May and our Chief Executive, Ian McLintock and Homes Director, Tony Lyne gave valuable information about the Society, plans for the future and now. Anyone wishing to have a copy of the presentation please contact me.

A new domiciliary dental service will commence on Monday 16th June 2008, offering check ups to all our residents.

The Wolfson and Wedgewood wet room conversion has begun and will soon be completed.

[Shepperton Residents Association](#)

Ian McLintock has made a presentation about AgeCare and the Bradbury Centre on Tuesday 24th June 2008 in the Shepperton Village Hall.

Staff News

Two of our staff had babies early this year congratulations go to Carers Jackie Chira and Tracy Ramsay and all our good wishes.

Diary of Events 2008

11 July Sports day

Thamesmead School

6 Aug Coffee Morning

8 Aug Weekend Trip to Butlins

11 Sept Interhomes quiz at

the Bradbury Centre

1 Nov Autumn Fayre

1.00pm-3.00pm

29 Nov Childrens Xmas Party

2.00pm-4.00pm

9 Dec Xmas Lunch noon

16 Dec Xmas Tea 3.00pm

"Jason sings" + Father Christmas

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Kerry Bradley, care assistant, has been appointed as the new DayCare Co-Ordinator following Mobery Ruby's resignation.

Other staff who have moved on are Carers Chris Battle and Tina Mudavanhu, all good wishes go to them all for their future.

New Staff

Daren Felgate has joined AgeCare as a Dementia Training Specialist and will offer training support to our staff.



AgeCare Star Awards - 2008

On Wednesday 12th March carers Kerry Bradley and Sarah May were winners from the Bradbury Centre nominations for this much coveted award. Each received a voucher and personal shopping experience. Presentations were made by Lord Strathalmond, President of AgeCare. Congratulations to them both and many thanks for their contributions to our residents.

Recognition of Good Work

Results for

February Carer Becky Allen.

March Carer Ola Konopnicka.

April Carer Cathy Fellingham.

May Carer Diane Robinson.

Well done to all these staff who deserve the recognition for all they do to improve the care and standards for the residents. Please

remember to complete the forms at the entrance desk each month.

Training

**...Update from Verna Doe
Training Co-ordinator**

I am pleased to say that I was delighted with the response from everyone at the last fire drill, it was encouraging to see that even the workmen attended. The rolling programme continues for all staff and is planned until September.

Several staff have already undertaken their level 2 Food Hygiene and there are two more sessions planned so that all the kitchen staff will be updated.

Beverley Jordon from Wightman & Parrish will be presenting a session on COSHH (control of substances hazardous to health) for all the non direct staff.

The student nurse placements have continued and this month the mentors will attend an update.

Ann Miller a McMillan Nurse from Woking Hospice has delivered the first of her sessions, on the Liverpool Care Pathway. This document covers all aspects of palliative care and unlike a care plan will be left in the residents room so family members can access care given and planned.

With changes of staff, there are now seven members undertaking NVQ 2 but we still have 76% of staff that have achieved level two. We have one level three in progress at present and Kim Brackenbury has almost completed her level four.

There are still two members of staff to make their final presentations from the previous group of first line managers. The second group of first line managers who are undertaking the award are Jackie Ballerino, Annette Farr and Elizabeth West.

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There are 25% of our non direct staff with a Btec and two staff that will commence theirs soon.

Activities

...News from Beth Collin

Well it's good bye to Christmas and Winter and hello Spring and Summer.

14th February saw Beth, Gill, Christine and Josie in a role befitting all four of them, as waitresses at the Valentines Couples Supper. It turned out to be a great evening enjoyed by all including the waitresses.

19th March and Easter has come early this year so after a flurry of Easter bonnet making we were on cue for the judging by Robin Sider one of our local councillors and a great supporter of the Bradbury Centre. Then we had a special tea and rounded it off with a knees up with Brian Speirs.

I've finally had my cooker installed so it's cake making and those special lunches made with the help of some of the residents.

28th March Bella Fashions were in with the usual Spring and Summer gear.

31st March a group of residents from Wedgwood and Wolfson units went to Squires garden centre for morning coffee and a trip around the garden and shop. This was followed by a group from Bishop and Haberdashers units for afternoon tea.

22nd April was the Interhomes Art, Craft and Story competition held at one of our sister homes Gloucester House in Sevenoaks. Congratulations to Mrs Maureen Southcott whose picture was highly commended and Mrs Jill Willcocks who got 1st prize for her wonderful story about her childhood which is serialized in our newsletter.



Jill Willcocks winner of the Interhomes Story competition being presented with her prize from our Chief Executive Ian McLintock

28th April Trobadour Productions put on a fab show called "No Place like Home" we had a very good response from the residents.

6th June Mini AGM and presentations of Certificates by our Chief Executive Ian McLintock. A buffet lunch was provided by our two Chefs and their assistants, a big thank you to them.

We now have a vegetable patch thanks to Ian McLintock, Gill the housekeeper and myself. We hope the residents will enjoy helping to harvest and eat them.

During the past months we have had our usual entertainers namely Brian Speirs, Patsy Peters, Jason Searle, Neil Colledge and the Thursday morning spot filled by our great friend Mr Francis Curley to play the organ for you.

Slippy our PAT dog has gone into a well deserved retirement but her owner has been enlisted to be one of our volunteers.

Sing-a-long with Jason, Maureen and Vera



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Friends of the Bradbury Centre

Now that our St George's Fayre is over, we are all extremely pleased with the £1120.00p. raised. During the afternoon we all felt that we didn't have as many visitors to the fayre, so everyone who came was generous to a fault. I can only thank you very much for your kindness on behalf of the Friends Committee.

Our main attraction, 'Rod in the Stocks' was tremendously popular. And we can only express our thanks to Rod Littlewood, the chiropodist, for his endurance of having wet sponges thrown at him all afternoon!!

Now that we have topped up our funds, we shall be able to continue to pay for the very varied entertainments for the residents in The Bradbury. This is such an essential part of life for the residents otherwise they can feel so shut off from their former life where they organised everything for themselves.

On the first Wednesday of each month, we have an open coffee morning to which relatives and friends are cordially invited. There is an exception to this rule in July; we are going to celebrate 'Independence Day' on [Thursday, 3rd July starting at 10.30 a.m.](#) We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Burrell
Chairman of the Friends Committee.

**Can we remind everyone that we are still
looking for volunteers to help with Activities**

Patron:
HRH The Duchess of Gloucester gcvo

Memories

My Childhood

In 1929 two things happened that changed my life. My little brother was born and we moved to North West London.

One morning in January, we woke to hear father's voice – that was very strange as he normally left home before 7am to cycle to North London. He came to the bedroom to tell us that we were to have a little brother or sister. We got up and went downstairs and there was a strange lady making our bread and jam. We were told that she was Mrs Beasley and she was the 'midwife'. We had never heard the word before.

Soon my mother shouted from the bedroom and Mrs B rushed to see her. Later she come back to shake hands with my father and tell him he had a son. We would be able to see mum and the baby when we came home from school at dinnertime.

I fell instantly in love with my new brother, which was all well because from then on I was the unpaid nursery maid. On Saturdays I minded him all day, taking him everywhere with me.

My sister came along as she looked after a baby from up the road. She got paid 2pence, but would not even give me a halfpenny of it! I learnt very early that life can be very unfair! I somehow got hold of a copy of A.A Milne's "When we were young" and by 3 years old, my brother could read several of the poems.

In September of that year we moved to Kentish Town, but that's another story.

Jill Willcocks
Resident

**Articles for the newsletter are welcomed. Please send
your contributions to Lorna Brown**



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