

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL HOUSE
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NEWSLETTER

Spring February 08



STAFF

All staff will be receiving a First Aid update this year.

Ten members of staff are nearing completion of the Positive Dementia Care through a distance learning course.

Update of the Food and Hygiene training will be carried out for several members of staff in house via a CD rom.

Congratulations to Bridget Dix on her marriage to John Parfitt, Friday 23rd February. We wish them every happiness and must remember to call her Mrs. Parfitt.



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Care Standards Commission

We have received verbal confirmation, following our recent inspection, that our Star Rating will be **THREE STARS** (four being the highest award)

We are obviously very proud of this achievement



You may have read in the local press about the Environmental Health Inspections of public food premises receiving stars as recognition of quality and hygiene standards. We have recently had our inspection here at Longbridge Deverill House and received **FIVE STARS**, the maximum.

Congratulations to Bridgett and the kitchen team.

Obituaries

Sadly, Mrs. Constance Plummer a Resident here for fourteen years has died. She reached the marvellous age of 103 years in January and had a celebration with her family and friends at the Bath Arms, Crockerton and a birthday tea here at Longbridge Deverill House. Her funeral took place on Monday 19th February.

We shall truly miss this delightful lady.

Mrs Marjorie Van Mol, who was with us for almost three years died on 26th February and her funeral will take place on the 5th March.

FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS for MARCH APRIL and MAY

Mrs. Dorothy Crossley 10th March

Mrs. May Fisher 24th April

Mrs. Dorothy Dotesio 4th May

Miss Margaret Sanderson 7th May –100yrs!!

Mrs. Sylvia Moore 10th May

A birthday tea with cake and candles will take place on these occasions.



ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENTS

On Christmas Eve, the Residents and their relatives sang carols and Christmas songs.

Father Christmas made his annual visit on Christmas Day, accompanied by his helper. They distributed the many gifts left under the tree in the hall.

A lovely day for all the Residents with a Christmas Lunch of roast turkey and all the trimmings and in the afternoon a birthday tea for Mrs Noelle Whittard.

A Date for you Diary.

Partytime Productions will be here to entertain the Residents on **18th April at 4 p.m.** with 'The Easter Parade' followed by an Easter Bonnet competition. Hats are to be decorated by the Residents and for this we ask if anyone has a hat or two they no

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longer want and if so please let Leila know, as she will be in charge of this operation.

We hope that as many relations or friends of the Residents will join us and make this a really enjoyable day.

The green house will be ready for the residents to use. We shall have a Tallest Sunflower competition



Paul, the gardener has also been working on the pathways and patio areas around the house, leveling and relaying the paving slabs. This will make it much easier for the Residents to walk around the garden.

Tigger, one of the house cats, the one with the beautiful green eyes, passed away after a short illness. He was 22 years old!

Should anyone know of a cat in need of a good home please let Matron know. We would prefer a young cat but not a kitten.

Mental Capacity Act.

This Act comes into place in April this year. The Act aims to empower and protect vulnerable people who may not be able to make decisions for themselves.

The current system of Enduring Power of Attorney will change. However, anyone who has an existing Enduring Power of Attorney in place will be protected. Those

who do not will have to register under the new system- this could cost as much as £150 for registration and up to £800 per annum for 'close supervision cases' (as with all legislation full definition is vague).

Therefore, I strongly advise you that if you do not have an Enduring Power of Attorney in place, do so before the end of April as the costs are considerably less.

If you require assistance, please telephone Lucy Wilcox on 01225 782 019

FEE INCREASES

Unfortunately it is that 'time of year' again when we will be notifying you of fee increase and sending you new Standing Order mandates.

Again, we have endeavoured to keep the increase to a minimum but, as you will appreciate, our bills are ever increasing.

We await the new figures from Wiltshire County Council and will advise you as soon as we have been notified.

Currently residents have a massage once a fortnight without charge. Should you wish to book an extra session, these are available at a cost of £10.00. Please book with Kim and pay her directly.

Also provided free of charge is the physiotherapy, chiropody and aromatherapy.

We wish you a Happy Easter and look forward to a visit from the Easter Bunny.

