

Ernehale Lodge Care Home

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This year we will
be Celebrating
20 years of
quality caring at
Ernehale Lodge

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A message from the Manager

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We have had a very busy year to date. I hope everyone has enjoyed the activities, throughout 2007 and also the Christmas festivities. I would like to thank all the families, friends and staff who have helped to make it all possible, your support and hard work is very much appreciated.

Thank you.
Sharon Va-ay
Manager



Refurbishment

Ernehale Lodge has seen a big change over the last six months, we have created a much needed Shower/wet room with a specialised tilting shower chair. A new staff room has also been created. A brand new conservatory building has been erected and we are just waiting for the curtains to be made to add the finishing touches. This room will provide residents and their relatives with an additional quiet lounge where they can sit and maybe listen to music or just talk. We are also planning very soon to lay a new carpet in the main ground floor corridor and hopefully in the not too distant future replace the dining room floor.



Enjoying the sunshine at Whitepost Farm.



Summer Fayre—Sept



Fireworks and Hot dogs on Bonfire Night



Biscuits baked by residents



Activities

The Residents enjoyed a variety of activities over the festive season. Over this period the residents were entertained by 'The Balloon man' who created individual balloon shaped animals for each and every resident at the Christmas party. The 'Birdie man' made Christmas eve very special and the residents were in awe when the St Mary's Brownies came to sing their Christmas carols, they even invited the residents to join in by playing their musical instruments and singing 'jingle bells', the brownies also presented each resident with a gift, an excellent time was had by all. Redhill school choir also came to sing carols.

The group held the annual Christmas card competition, whereby residents from all the homes in the group design a Christmas card, the winning card is then used as the group Christmas Card. We are now looking forward to the year ahead and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2008

Catering



The dining room. tables all set for Christmas day lunch

A resident delivers gifts to the local Doctors Surgery



St Mary's Brownies Singing carols



Residents receiving a gifts from the Brownie.



'Dave' the Balloon man At the Christmas Party



In recent months the Head cook, together with the residents and their relatives now devises new menus on a weekly basis with two choices which are both wholesome and nutritious using the freshest of ingredients. There are regular meetings with residents and relatives to discuss their favourite foods. This allows the residents to be more proactive with making decisions about their daily life.

We now have a catering group which meet every two months, the group consists of managers and head cooks from all the homes. They discuss new ideas, swap recipes and are always updating themselves with the latest changes in health & safety and nutrition. A big thank you goes to Karen Bates and her team of dedicated kitchen staff for providing excellent food.

Staff News & Training

Staff news

In December we said a sad farewell to **Pauline Barlow** who at 64 years young has decided to throw in the towel and retire, we wish her every happiness and a relaxing retirement.

On the baby scene, we congratulate **Nikki King** on the birth of her 2nd daughter Lola and also to **Angie Chantry** on becoming a grandma to grand-daughter Honey born just before Christmas.

We would like to say a very warm welcome to new staff members **Colleen Allen** and **John Crickett**, we hope that you will enjoy working at Ernehale Lodge and that you now feel 'one of the family'.

Training

COMPLETED NVQ TRAINING IN 2007

Karen Bates	NVQ2 catering
Elaine Burrows	NVQ2 care

OTHER TRAINING COMPLETED IN 2007

- Dementia Care
- Continance awareness
- Mental capacity
- Tissue Viability
- Moving/handling
- Health and safety
- Basic food hygiene
- Palliative care

TRAINING PLAN FOR NVQ 3 IN 2008

Jessica Pallon	Jessan Malagad
Colleen Allen	Charito Balla
Roberto Senir	Rene Rondan
Johnathan Factoran	

MILFORD CARE TRAINING ACADEMY

Milford care homes take training very seriously and are committed in ensuring all staff have good opportunities to improve their knowledge and professional development.

We have employed a lead training coordinator Marilyn Sanderson to ensure all our training needs are met throughout the group. We have recently been approved as a Training center and have successfully registered The Milford training academy.. This means we will now be undertaking our own assessing for NVQ and ASET level 2 training in positive dementia, care of medicines, and infection control. Marilyn was a practicing infection control nurse and has assisted in re-writing our policy along with Kara Gratton Care and Development manager.

Each home now has its own training co-ordinator, and for Ernehale Lodge this is our very own Julie Jepson.