

Friends and Family

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Our monthly newsletter
for relatives about life at



**THE
FED**

Heathlands
Village

JOY OF PURIM SHARED BY ALL AGES

The joy of Purim was palpable throughout Heathlands Village with a wonderful programme to celebrate this fun-filled festival. The highlights included a Costume Parade by youngsters who attend our Children's Centre at Eventhall House who charmed residents as they showed off their fancy-dress outfits. There were Megillah (Book of Esther) Readings in the shul; deliveries of delicious matanot l'evyonim (Purim parcels) to residents, a packed Purim concert by Maxine and Brian Warner.



MURIEL SHARES HER SECRET COOKING TIPS



Our Catering Team are always on the lookout for suggestions for new or traditional 'homestyle' recipes and who better to provide advice than our own residents?

Above, our Head Chef, Mike Hyde, is seen deeply concentrating as he received instruction from long-term resident, Muriel Cobb, who generously shared her secrets for producing the best chopped and fried fish!

Residents and Moorview tenants will soon be enjoy the delicious results, thanks to the efforts of Muriel, Mike and our Catering Manager, Natalie Tracey.

SCHOOL LUNCHES AT THE FED

Moorview tenant, Wilf Lazarus, had a great time chatting in the sunshine recently with a group of pupils from King David Primary School as they enjoyed their packed lunches. The visit was part of an ongoing weekly programme - 'GEMZ' - which brings year 5 pupils to get to know people living at Heathlands Village.



FAY MODELS STYLISH NEW APRONS



Last November we were delighted to received a grant of £1,400 from the Hospital Saturday Fund towards the cost of buying new cotton aprons to protect residents' clothing at meal-times.

Opposite, resident, Fay Varley, kindly agreed to model one of the cheerful, seaside-themed aprons for us!

COMING UP IN APRIL!

Besides our regular residents' activities, there are lots of special highlights every month:

Intergenerational Activity with King David Nursery

Tuesday 2nd and 30th April - 2pm

Rat Pack Crooner Concert

Tuesday 9th April - 2pm

Evening Party with DJ Alan Brookes

Wednesday 10th April - 7pm

Rosemary's Evening Quiz

Thursday 11th April - 7pm

Evening Music Appreciation with Naomi

Sunday 14th April - 7pm

Residents' Forum

Monday 15th April - 10.30am

Pre-Pesach Pamper Day

Wednesday 17th April - 10am till 4pm

Glenda Anne School of Dancing Show

Tuesday 18th April - 2pm, Memorial Hall

Family Art Session

Tuesday 23rd April - 2pm

Afternoon Concert with Dovetail Trio

Wednesday 24th April - 2pm

Morning Poetry with Charles and Janice Bloom

Monday 29th April - 10.30am

All activities will take place in the Activity Centre unless stated otherwise.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

February's Employee of the Month Award went to Colin Lea (on the right of the photo). A member of our Maintenance Team, Colin is a popular figure around Heathlands Village. One award nomination read, "Colin works behind the scenes, and yet is a big cog in the wellbeing of the organisation. He endeavours to keep the fabric of this complex in tip-top shape with the help of others, and nothing is ever too much trouble for him." He's seen here being presented with his award by CEO, Mark Cunningham. Congratulations, Colin!



CEO AT RESIDENTS' FORUM

At our regular Resident's Forum, residents of Heathlands Village and tenants of Moorview House, get to air their views on whatever subjects matter the most to them about life in 'the village'.

Staff listen and look for ways to solve problems and do their best to make any changes needed to improve the wellbeing and day-to-day lives of the people we care for.

At our most recent Forum, chaired by Fed volunteer Steph Roth, our CEO, Mark Cunningham, joined a full house. He listened to opinions and concerns and explained the reasons behind, and plans for, a number of developments around the village.

It's not just about letting people be heard. It's about really listening and when ever you can, taking on what people have to say.



MPs' VISIT TO HEATHLANDS VILLAGE

The Fed played host to a group of Councillors and MPs, among them Jonathan Ashworth MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Health, and Barbara Keeley MP, Shadow Social Care Minister.

Fed CEO, Mark Cunningham was delighted at the opportunity saying "We had the chance to talk about pressures affecting the social care system - especially residential and nursing care funding. To be able to explain our point of view to two members of Parliament - both with a keen interest in, and responsibility for, the social care sector, was incredibly useful."



HEATHLANDS VILLAGE RELATIVES' FORUM

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