

Friends and Family

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Our monthly newsletter
for relatives about life at

**THE
FED**

Heathlands
Village



MAKING MUSICAL MEMORIES WITH THE BBC

Heathlands Village played host to a BBC film crew last month, as residents, relatives and staff took centre stage in making a short film which will explain how the BBC website 'Music Memories' can be used.

"Music Memories is about utilising familiar music to stimulate interaction between those with dementia, and other memory-loss related illnesses, and their families," explained BBC Music Producer, Robert Sugden. The easy-to-use website allows users to smoothly navigate towards music that stirs happy memories and interests from times past.

Marilyn Simkin and Marion Lipson, both residents of Beach House, took part in the filming, with their relatives assisting and providing valuable feedback for the BBC team.

Marion's daughter, Tina Salisbury, said "We were happy to help out and mum really enjoyed it - she said it was lovely to do something different.

"Whenever she recognised a tune, she would sing out loudly - even after the music had finished!"



BURNS NIGHT

Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race!

Last week, our residents celebrated the life and works of Robbie Burns with a special Burns-themed lunch in Balcombe Hall.

With a scots-inspired menu (with veggie haggis!), readings of Burns' verses and tartan decorations and Scottish flags adorning the hall, everyone got into the spirit!



MANAGERS SWITCH UNITS

Wishing the best of luck to managers who recently switched units!



**SALLY
WILLIAMS**

is now leading the
Unit 2 (Hamburger)
Care Team.



**ASHLEA
WYTON**

is now leading
the First Floor
Residential Care
Team.



**ANGELA DE
MASCIA**

is now leading the
Beach House Care
Team.

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY!

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

Rosemary's Evening Quiz

Thursday 6 February - 7pm

Tu B'Shvat Talk by Rabbi Walker

Monday 10 February - 11am

Intergenerational Activities with King David Nursery

Tuesday 11 February - 2pm

'BIG' Birthday Party

Wednesday 12 February - 2pm - Memorial Hall

Poetry morning with Charles Bloom

Monday 17 February - 10am

Intergenerational Afternoon with King David Reception

Tuesday 18 February - 2pm

Jewish Theatre Choir Show

Thursday 20 February - 2pm - Memorial Hall

Residents' Monthly Forum

Monday 24 February - 10.30am

Afternoon Concert with Gary Alexandra

Monday 24 February - 2pm

Music Reminiscence - Keith Lawrence

Tuesday 25 February - 2pm

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

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

The Employee of the Month award for December 2019 went to Julie Dixon.

Julie, our Housekeeping & FMS Team Manager, is a hugely popular figure around site and has received a number of nominations, including:

"Julie never fails to provide 100% support - not only to me, but to the resident, relative or visitor that she is attending to."

"I have seen first-hand how she deals with issues that are brought to her; she has lots of empathy and shows understanding to everyone's needs. She is a real all-rounder."

Congratulations Julie, this award is very well deserved!



SAY HELLO TO JOANNE!

Hello, my name is Joanne Hodson, and I'm the new manager of the Simon Jenkins Nursing Unit.

I'm from Salford and qualified as a registered nurse in 1994, working in all specialities including midwifery and paediatrics.

Later, working as a district nurse for 11 years, I attended university to study teaching and assessing, management and counselling, and to do research.

After time out to have my two beautiful children I became the registered manager of a Jewish care home for eight and half years which introduced me to the Jewish community. I loved every minute of it.

Out of work I love to spend quality time with my children - Evan, a keen footballer for Salford Boys and Esme who's in her final year of school. I'm also a keen musical theatre and karaoke singer and enjoy exercising and practising mindfulness.



WW1 MEMORIES COME TO LIFE

Distant family histories came to life at Heathlands Village on 19th January, as we welcomed 'We Were There Too' to The Fed. The organisation documents Jewish service during the First World War and records all service histories, diaries, stories and heirlooms in a digital catalogue to pay tribute to those who served their country.

An audience of 40 people enjoyed a presentation on the work that 'We Were There Too' has achieved, and viewed the online system that chronicles each individual serviceman. Families who brought treasured possessions met with experts from the WWTT team, and in one memorable case, eight members of the family of the late Louis Loofe joined together to pay tribute to their courageous ancestor. For more information, see www.jewsfww.uk.



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