

# *MEADOWFIELDS*

## **JUNE EDITION - 2017**

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER.  
THIS EDITION INCLUDES:

- Home news.
- Resident news.
- Staff news.
- Special events.
- Useful information.

# WELCOME

Welcome to our new format newsletter. Northgate Healthcare promotes the family feeling making their 3 homes feel like your home. We therefore introduce to you our new format newsletter in which we include you in not only our resident's lives, but staff lives, company lives and important developments happening in the outside world that will affect you and your family.

We hope you like this new format, that will be issued bi-monthly, and hope you finds its content both interesting and informative.

## HEADLINES

### OUR "1940'S WEEK OF NOSTALGIA".

We turned back time with our 1940's week residents reminisced as staff wore fancy dress of land girls + factory workers. There was an afternoon tea dance, rug making and war time food on the menu.

Family and friends were invited to finish the week off with a cocktail evening, entertainment was provided by singer Becca Gee. We would like to thank family's for their continued support and donations.



Our 40's night bought back fond memories



***A 1960's NIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.***

## RESIDENTS NEWS

This month's resident is Janet Barber



Janet was born 29<sup>th</sup> May 1942 and has just celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with husband Jack daughter Antonio and granddaughter Ruth.

Janet was born in Tipton and has twin brothers she was educated at Dudley girls high school training to be a primary school teacher, she enjoyed teaching Sunday school at St Johns C.E Tipton.

Hobbies include – Craft, Crochet, Reading. She loves dancing and to play chess.



RESIDENTS BIRTHDAYS.



June :

10<sup>th</sup> Ruth Adamson



16<sup>th</sup> Phillip Steele



17<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Tallent



18<sup>th</sup> Joyce Balcher



19<sup>th</sup> Annie Beswick



★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

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July:

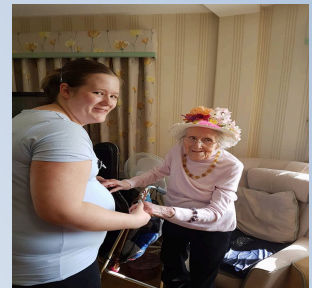
1<sup>st</sup> Val Mason



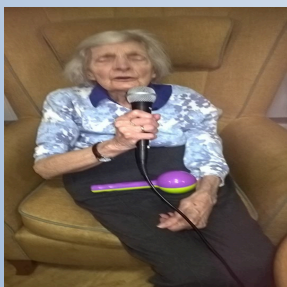
2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Hamner



5<sup>th</sup> Merle Coleman



8<sup>th</sup> Hazel Grisel



16<sup>th</sup> Anthony

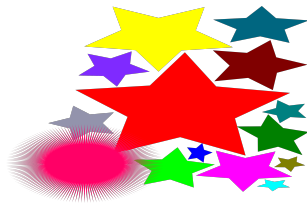


24<sup>th</sup> Margaret Horn



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## STAFF NEWS



### COMING UP IN FUTURE EDITIONS:

Please look out for our

“Staff Profiles”

Where our staff will introduce themselves.

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

JUNE:

CHRIS CODEY – 7<sup>TH</sup>

PAULINE WILEY – 10<sup>TH</sup>

HAYLEY NORMAN – 13<sup>TH</sup>

SUSEY HASSLE – 22<sup>ND</sup>

JULY

REBECCA FIRMSTONE – 4<sup>TH</sup>

DANIELLE HARLEY – 2<sup>ND</sup>

ANTHONY LAW – 6<sup>TH</sup>

CAROLINE LOGAN – 2<sup>ND</sup>

MELISSA HASSLE – 24<sup>TH</sup>

### NEW STAFF ADDITIONS

We have no new staff additions to our family.



We would like to congratulate Alison Riley who celebrated 26 years at Meadowfields on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Thank you for all your hard work.

# SPECIAL EVENTS



*TO BE HELD ON*

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

AT 2.30PM.





# ENTERTAINMENT FROM OUR WONDERFUL SINGER ANDY HARRISON

## UP COMING EVENTS AT MEADOWFIELDS

Thursday 22<sup>ND</sup> June 2017 – 11am.

Residents are looking forward to a visit to Amerton Farm for an afternoon cream tea.



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 2pm.

Singer Natalie Knight will be entertaining us.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - 2.30pm.



Come and join us for our Strawberries and Cream afternoon out and Out in the garden Entertainment with Singer Andy Harrison. Teas and Coffee will be available and all families will be welcome.

If anyone would like to volunteer their help it would be gratefully appreciated. Please See Activity Team.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

From the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 bereavement payments changed!

If your husband, wife or civil partner died after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 you may be able to apply for the new Bereavement Support Payment. This replaces the old system of being able to claim either a one off bereavement payment, a bereavement allowance (previously a widow's pension) or a widowed parent's allowance (applicable if you are bringing up children). These latter benefits may still apply if your husband, wife or civil partner died before 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The new benefit can be applied for if the deceased paid National insurance contributions for 25 weeks or they died in an industrial accident or by a disease caused by work. BUT when they died you must be under state pension age and be living in the UK.

If you fit the eligibility criteria you will receive one large lump sum payment and then 18 monthly payments eg. no children under 20 in full time education you will receive one payment of £2500.00 and then 18 monthly payments of £100.00. You must claim within 3 months of the loss to get the full entitlement. If you claim up to 21 months after the loss you will be paid less.

# HELP !

Loss can be an unpleasant experience for anyone, and as no two people experience loss in the same way it is often difficult for people to share that loss and thus find comfort. Many people find speaking to someone who is impartial, none judgmental and who is willing to simply listen a great comfort.

Below are details of organisations in the Staffordshire area that can provide this support.

## **Stafford & District Bereavement & Loss Support Service:**

150 Weston Road  
Stafford  
ST16 3RU  
01785 273768

Established in 1984 the organisation now works in partnership with Katharine House Hospice. Offering support to people experiencing grief regardless of sex, gender, religion ect. There is a flexible appointment system and the service is free although a donation would be appreciated.

## **Staffordshire County Council.**

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk)

The site gives advice on everything related to a loss from registering the death, death certificates, probate through to funeral arrangements etc.

The site also gives details of other organisations that may be able to help you through the process.

## **St Giles Family Support and Bereavement Service.**

St. Giles Hospice, Fisherwick Rd, Whittington, Lichfield WS14 9LH  
01543 432031

Individual Counselling and support for adults and children held at Whittington Hospice, Sutton Hospice or at home. Transport may be available for those with no transport.

Adult support groups offer the chance to share experiences and feelings in a safe and supportive environment. Groups consist of 6 / 8 and generally last for 6 sessions.

Child support can be 1 to 1 counselling or in sibling/family groups.

Sutton Hospice offer Young People's workshops which use activities and themes to help young people express themselves. Groups consist of 6/8 young people who can then engage in a social activity which they share with parents or guardians.

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For more advice and information on the new bereavement payment please contact:

The Bereavement Service Helpline on:

**0345 608 8601**

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