

Wimbledon Beaumont

Autumn
newsletter

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Hello and Welcome!

As 2016 starts to draw to a close I take a moment to reflect on residents who have sadly passed away this year. Every death has a profound affect not only on family, relatives and friends but on all of the staff here at Wimbledon Beaumont but we have learnt to mark the passing of one of our residents as a celebration of their life.

I am often reminded by staff or can recall myself, often months after, stories or events relating to past residents that have made us laugh and contributed to the warmth, poignant memories and unique atmosphere that is the **Wimbledon Beaumont**.

We strive very hard to make a difference to the lives of our residents; to engage them in meaningful, fulfilling and enjoyable social activities that offer choice, are versatile, stimulating and fun! Our focus for 2017 is to further develop our activity programme and commit further resources to achieve this objective. If you have any views that would assist us in our aims please talk to our Activity Manager, Paul Christopher or contact him on his email address activities.wimbledon@barchester.com

The work on the WOW project is nearing completion and it has, without a doubt, been disruptive so we are all looking forward to getting back to normal....whatever that is! We have a new café area behind the new reception desk so do make sure you utilise the facilities for tea, coffee, homemade biscuits and cold drinks in the fridge. There is the main lounge opposite the reception area for communal activities and a small 'quiet' lounge down the corridor of old wing opposite the hairdressing and beauty salon. We now have a much larger dining area and we are encouraging all our residents to join us for the dining experience in this wonderful new facility. Work is still to be completed on the main doors to ensure that these become 'user friendly' and we are in consultation with the builders on how we best achieve this very important objective. It is with a great deal of sadness that I announce the retirement of our head chef, Pauline after 23 years, sous chef Richard – 20 years and Sharon our administrator who is taking up a new position after 15 years service. These colleagues have given outstanding service, commitment and loyalty and all three will be greatly missed. I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing them the very best for the future.

I look forward to welcoming you at our Christmas party and wish you all and your families a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

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News in and around *Wimbledon Beaumont*

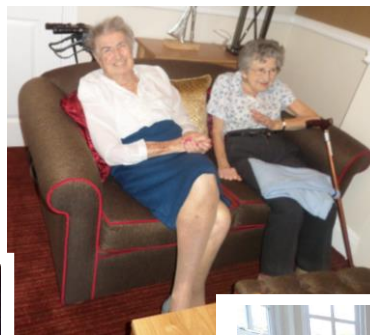
Resident is star of **BBC website film**

Last month International Friendship Day brought back a lot of special memories. Resident Mary Reynolds, aged 97, who has been living at Wimbledon Beaumont for 10 years, shared the story of her life-long friendship with Cathy, whom she met when she was 10. The two friends separated during World War II but continued to write to each other every day.

The BBC visited Mary and the Beautiful short film they produced featured on the BBC Website where it has received over 121,000 views!



Wow! Our Smart New Look



Employee(s!) of the Month

This Month 3 Employees share the title! We simply couldn't choose between them! They are Matron Tetri and Nurses Fari and Adrianna.



Long Service Awards

We are proud to say that many of our staff achieve Long Service Awards. Currently celebrating Tetri Baksh (15 Years) Rita Cheung (15 Years) Mary D (20 Years) (pictured right) and Sharon Parry (15 years) Beverley (15 Years) Viv (10 years) Vivian (15 years) Maria (10 years)(pictured left)



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In-Room Entertainment



Flower arranging

Many Residents enjoy flower arranging.



Cake decorating and Macmillan fundraising tea party



Name the Cat!

Residents have really taken to our new feline visitor... however as yet we don't know what to call him! Please give us your suggestions and the best chosen name will win a small purr-ize!

Residents and Families Christmas Party!

This year our **Christmas Party** will be on **14th December** and you are warmly invited to come along from 5.30pm and join in the fun. **Delicious buffet** and entertainment from **Debbie Haze!**

A few words from *Barchester*

Care home recommendations on carehome.co.uk

Carehome.co.uk is a website that lists recommendations for care homes across the UK. If you are pleased with the care you or a relative are receiving at a Barchester home, please consider sharing your experience with others who are looking for good quality care by submitting a recommendation. You can pick up a recommendation card to fill in at any Barchester care home or you can go to www.carehome.co.uk to submit a recommendation online.



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The Barchester Care Awards

The Barchester Care Awards are held annually to celebrate the fantastic individuals who work and volunteer in Barchester Care Homes across the UK. This year, all the national winners will be announced at an awards ceremony that is to be held in Manchester on 12th October.

We received lots of outstanding entries and read many heart-warming accounts of excellent care. Thank you to everyone who nominated somebody for an award!



Specialised frame helps man to stand again

A £1,000 grant from Barchester's Charitable Foundation has helped fund a new standing frame for a man living with cerebral palsy, which has had a dramatic effect on his health.

David Cook, aged 28, who lives in Alvechurch, was suffering with increasing health problems because it was very difficult for him to get up from his chair, but since the purchase of a specialised standing frame, David's father says these problems have been quickly disappearing.

Being able to stand strengthens David's muscles and improves circulation, helping to alleviate many of the problems he was experiencing before. It is making it easier for him to continue living independently, with support from live-in carers.



Residents' & Relatives' Surveys

The residents' and relatives' survey give residents and their family members the chance to give us feedback about the care you or your loved one receives. Your opinion really matters to us and it allows Barchester to make any necessary changes to our services so that we can continue to deliver the highest possible standard of care.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the residents' survey or who has assisted someone with filling it out. All surveys will need to be completed and sent back to us by the end of October. The relatives' survey will be sent out in September.