

Wimbledon Beaumont

Spring
newsletter

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Hello and Welcome!

When it comes to communicating with our residents and their relatives, we can always do better and for my part, I find the use of email to be very effective. To this end, whilst I have many email addresses, I would be grateful if family or relatives would send a contact email to paul.hart@barchester.com so I can add it to my records.

I very much enjoy my job as General Manager and along with all of my colleagues, we strive to provide a home environment that enables our residents to enjoy a happy and fulfilling life, surrounded by compassionate, caring staff who take a genuine interest in the daily lives of our residents. Like any extended family, the involvement and participation of everyone is crucial to our objectives and part of this process is receiving suggestions, comments- good or bad and feedback on how we are doing or what we should be doing. The management team has an open door policy at all times so drop by my office or use my email address, whenever you have a thought or two.

Paul Hart
General Manager

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Regular Residents' Forum

Our bright, recently cleaned and re grouted patio areas are ready for new planting to take place and we'll be discussing some ideas for the Residents' Fund including possible purchases to further enhance the Patio areas for Spring and Summer enjoyment.

Please give any suggestions for inclusion on the agenda to Paul in advance of the next meeting.

Easter fun!

We'll be celebrating **Easter** and of course traditional delicious Easter goodies like Hot Cross Buns and chocolate Easter Eggs.

Plus... choose a name for the **Easter Bunny** and win a prize!

We need your nominations for Employee of the Month!

Please remember to nominate a member of staff for employee of the month! The person who nominates the winner will receive a small prize!

...Message from Housekeeping...

Please remember to label clothes, especially underwear and socks to prevent anything going astray!
If anything is looking worn and needs replacing or you just fancy purchasing some new items of clothing remember 24th April we have a visit from Bella Fashions

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Trips Out

With the promise of better weather we'll be out and about again soon for our very popular **Pub Lunches** and visits to local **Garden Centres, Parks and Gardens.**

Summer Barbecue!

A little early, perhaps it's the sunshine... but we're already planning the Summer Barbecue! Look out for dates and news in the next Newsletter!



Gardeners Club

Calling all our green fingered Residents!

The big Spring planting will start soon!

If you know your geraniums from your begonias we need you!

Get Creative!

Coming soon... Clay Pots!

Have a go at making your own clay pot or dish and decorating it!

A few words from *Barchester*

Who gets your nomination this year?

Nominations are now open for the Barchester Care Awards 2017, our annual celebration of the special people working and volunteering in our homes and hospitals.

If you know a Barchester staff member who does an outstanding job and goes above and beyond their normal day-to-day duties to help residents, patients and their families, let us know!

The categories range from Carer/Support Worker of the Year and Registered Nurse of the Year to Volunteer of the Year and Home Administration Champion.

To nominate a member of staff, please complete the nomination form on our website or pick up a paper form from any Barchester care home. Nominations close on 30th April.

The online nomination form can be found here: www.barchester.com/our-people/barchester-care-awards-2017

Carehome.co.uk

Carehome.co.uk is the UK's leading care home website. It's the care industry's equivalent of Trip Advisor. 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 review.

You can pick up a review card to fill in at any Barchester care home or you can go to www.carehome.co.uk to submit a review online.

A big thank you to our volunteers

Our volunteers are wonderful people! Giving up time regularly to improve the lives of others is no small thing and the difference it makes is gigantic.

20th April is Volunteer Recognition Day so Barchester would like to say a huge 'thank you' to every single one of our volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more about what you could do to help, please speak to the General Manager at your nearest Barchester home or hospital or visit: www.barchester.com/our-people/volunteers

Barchester's CEO takes on charity Chairman role

Dr Pete Calveley, Chief Executive of Barchester Healthcare has said he is 'honoured' to be the new Chairman of Barchester's Charitable Foundation, a charity which gives support to older people and other adults living with a disability.

Pete stepped into the role in January, taking over from Mike Parsons who chose to step down after nearly 12 years as Chairman of the Foundation.

The Foundation is a grant giving charity helping older and disabled people in England, Scotland and Wales increase their independence and improve their quality of life. It was created by Barchester in 2000 as a way to give more back to the communities it serves and has awarded nearly £2.3 million in grants since 2003.

Last year the Foundation provided 169 grants to individuals and small community groups, many of which went to projects tackling isolation through social activity, such as Dementia Adventure and the Wild at Heart project organised by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust.

Dr Pete Calveley says: "Barchester's Charitable Foundation gives vital support to some of the most vulnerable people living in our communities and I'm honoured to be able to play a key role in that work.

"I'm looking forward to working alongside the Trustees to ensure the Foundation continues to allocate grants where they will have the biggest impact for the people we aim to help.

"Thank you to everyone who helped fundraise for the Foundation in 2016 and those who are planning future fundraising activities. Without your continued support, we wouldn't be able to provide these life-changing grants."

Every pound raised for the Foundation by Barchester staff is matched by Barchester Healthcare.

Marathon man Mark needs your support!

Head Chef Mark, from Chacombe Park Care Home, is running his first ever marathon to raise money for Barchester's Charitable Foundation. You can help him reach his fundraising target by sponsoring him here:

uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Markroberts79

