



Steep House News

February 2007

*Welcome to the first
Steep House Newsletter*

Our home is set in beautiful grounds on the outskirts of Petersfield Town Centre. We believe that we have a homely environment where everyone is welcome. Our priority is the welfare and happiness of our residents and staff.

We have an open visiting policy, where a warm welcome, tea and coffee awaits all.



Staff news

Sheila, our house-keeper and longest serving member of staff, has just celebrated 17 years at Steep House. She says, that she has seen many changes over the years, not only of Management and Staff, but residents too. Her philosophy is that everything she does is for the good of the residents. A commendable statement, I think, which we should all adopt.

May you have many more years with us Sheila, and thank you for the wonderful job you do!!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the staff at Steep House who worked so hard over the last couple of months, during what was a difficult period. It just proves that 'Team Work' produces good results!!

Well done, all of you!!

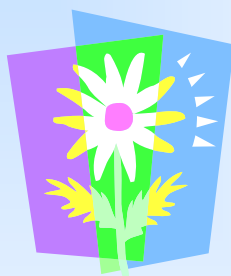




Christmas I know it seems a long time ago now, but I feel that a few acknowledgements need to be made. Our residents enjoyed entertainment from 3 local schools during the xmas period . Due a slight hitch, we had 50 children entertain us in just over an hour!!! Two schools had double booked, but with a bit of juggling, lots of laughter and organizing the residents, staff and children had a fantastic time.

A huge thank you, to the Salvation Army who presented an evening concert to residents and staff. It was heart warming to see all waving tambourines etc and singing aloud to well known carols.

A special thanks has to be to Helen, our Cook and her team who worked tirelessly to provide residents, relatives and staff with superb food over the festive season.



Jag, Michelle and Ron visited the house the other week to meet, staff, residents and relatives. LRH will be adding a 16 bedded annex to the home where the existing 'hole' is to the rear of the home. There is also to be an extensive programme of refurbishments.

LRH have joined us into the 21st Century by including Steep House on the company web site, its worth a look!!



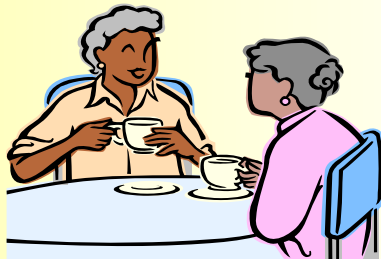
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Forthcoming Events

We will be holding the first *Carers Support* meeting on *7th March 2007* for relatives and friends of the residents. I am hoping to persuade Michelle, our Operations Manager to come that evening. It will start at 6.30pm and light refreshments will be provided.



I am hoping that monies raised from raffles recently, can go towards having 'Millers Ark' to visit the house. They bring all sorts of animals to the house from pot bellied pigs, to ducks, goats, donkey's etc. It is an opportunity for residents to touch, stroke and cuddle animals that have been specially reared to interact with people.

I also want to be able to take residents out in the summer, suggestions as to a suitable venue would be grateful, so get those thinking caps on, please.



We would, of course, still recognize and celebrate Easter, Summer, Halloween etc. I hope to have more details for you in the next newsletter.

Until then, keep up the good work!!!!





True Beauty Lies Within

**You look at my face, you see what you like
Red pouting lips, a smile full of life
A golden wisp curled, across deep sultry eyes
Sensuous blushes, on cheeks soft as pearls
But you think that I'm only a cute little girl
But beauty, real beauty, lies deep within
Where treasure unopened, waits patiently to win
A heart that will notice, the qualities that charm
Goodness and kindness, that won't do you harm
Where you shall discover, a heart, soul, and mind
Always endearing, that won't fade over time
For many shall notice a face that is lovely
But few ever find the heart is more comely
Never to realize, the soul's true delight
Of love's only bounty, a spirit shining bright
Always endearing, this prize is pure gold
Something to cherish, something to hold
Tender and precious, each gem can be found
Deeply encased, it wears like a crown
Only those who look deeper, will find such a treasure
Where beauty infused, shall live on forever**

