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# *Summerlea News*

The News Letter of Richmond Homes.

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## Welcome

**F**irst of all I would like to say a big warm hello to all our readers. The main purpose of *Summerlea News* is to keep you informed of what is happening at Summerlea. There has been a lot happening at Summerlea not least the departure of Barry and Julie Surtees. However we are very pleased that Summerlea has now become part of Richmond Homes and we have seen some very beneficial changes to the home not least the fabulous new carpets.

We have also started an Adaptation Training program at Summerlea which will help the home in retaining friendly and committed staff.

We would appreciate any contributions to the news letter so if you have been anywhere nice recently, or have an interesting story to keep us amused or a nice poem or brain teaser please pass them on to reception or any other member of staff and we will endeavour to publish them in future issues.

As always I will leave you with a thought:

*“Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance”*

***Pam Grewal***

***Director***

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## Diary Dates

Some dates to enter in your diary:

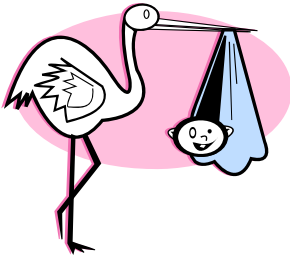


**24th April - Magical Mystery Tour**

**15th May - Summerlea birthday party**

**10th December - Christmas Party**

## Congratulations!!



Congratulations to Marie Rogers on the recent birth of baby Zak, she is the proud mother of a bouncing 9lb 4oz little boy. Also best wishes to Bessy who's bump is getting larger, awaiting the birth in July, we will keep you informed.

We would also like to say congratulations to Christine Boxhall to her promotion to Manager at Bourne House Nursing Home, and wish her well in her new role.

## Welcome

We would like to say a warm welcome to all our new residents and wish them a comfortable happy life in their new home. We also have several new staff members (too many to mention individually) but we must mention our new



chef Christopher Neate who I am sure will be a great asset and prepare some lovely meals for us all.

## Poetry corner

### KEEP SMILING

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the 'flu.

When someone smiled at me to-day I started smiling too.

Someone saw my grin, when he smiled back at me I realised

I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile, then realised its worth

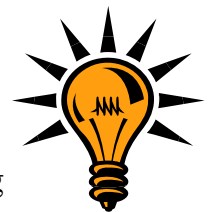
A single smile just like mine could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected

Lets start an epidemic and get the world infected.

Keep everyone smiling.

## Views and Ideas



We hope you enjoyed reading this edition of Summerlea News. Please don't be shy to get involved. We are always interested in articles to add so please feel free to contribute and we will endeavour to include your items in our next edition. Until then, please do take care.

## Birthdays



The following Residents will be celebrating their birthdays in the coming months.

- March 19th– Cynthia Pitt
- March 19th– Ivy Woods
- March 20th– Bert Dittmer
- March 22nd- Ethel Gray
- April 5th– Betty Horton
- April 9th– Joe Meachen
- April 23rd - Florrie Deamer
- May 1st - Lillian Mills
- May 8th– Phyl Pear
- May 14th– Nancy Brundish
- May 17th - Noreen Bowell
- May 19th - Gladys Jarvis

We would like to convey our warmest wishes and congratulations on the occasion of their birthdays. If any resident or relative has any requests for something that would make the resident's birthday that extra bit special then please let the Manager know and we'll do our best to oblige!

We must not forget **Summerlea's birthday** which is 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep an eye on the notice boards for information on this.

## Activities

There are various activities that take place regularly, these include **Monday**. Jacqueline Damerall provides "girly activities" such as flower arranging, paper craft and Aromatherapy. **Tuesdays–Friday** Paul Darton holds Quiz sessions and one to ones etc. He has also arranged a **Magical Mystery Tour** on **24th April** when tea and cakes will be devoured!! Lets hope the weather is a bit warmer by then.



We are planning on setting up our own quiz night for staff and residents. If any resident, family member or a friend has another suggestion for an outing or social activity, or knows some entertainers, please let us know, we will be really pleased to hear your ideas!

## Manager's thoughts

I would like to thank all the residents, relatives and visitors for their continuing support, which makes Summerlea a *Home* and remember my door is always open. I wish to say a big thank you to all the staff for their hard work and effort in maintaining high standards.

## DAFFODILS

By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils,  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the Milky Way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they  
Out did the sparkling waves in glee –  
A poet could not but be gay  
In such a jocund company  
I gazed and gazed but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude  
And then my heart with pleasure fills  
And dances with the daffodils.



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