



Flemington  
Care Home

Summer 2012 newsletter



### A message from Brian McNamara, (Director) & Betty White, (Manager)

Welcome to the first edition of the Flemington Care Home newsletter! We are delighted to launch this quarterly update that will provide you with all you need to know about what's been going on in and around the centre, as well as what you have to look forward to over the next few months!

Big news this month is of our annual Summer Fete! Lets hope we have great weather on Saturday 7 July for the event and that it is an even bigger success than last year. You can read more about the day below.

Happy reading, and remember - this is your newsletter, so please let us know if you have anything you would like included in coming editions.

*Brian & Betty*

UPDATE – the Fete raised £1255.97

Summer Fete Saturday 7 July, 1-5pm

Please join us on Saturday for our annual fundraising summer fete in Flemington Care Home's gardens!

Home baking, bouncy castles, tombola, face painting and bric-a-brac / craft stall are just some of the great things you can expect on the day, as River City's Derek Munn plays a wide range of music to get everyone into the summer fete mood!

This year we are fundraising to create a fruit garden where residents can grow and pick their own delicious fruit and berries! We welcome any donations for the tombola and if you would like to volunteer on the day, please get in touch.

Last year's Fete raised **£1102.88**. This was partly used to provide events and entertainment for the residents and partly to assist our champion fundraiser, David Totten, who wanted to include a memorial garden within our plans for a secure rear garden at the Home.

Flemington provided the secure garden, additional patios, tubs and areas for the gazebo, along with the construction. David did a fantastic job of providing the inspiration, the gazebo, the flowers and plants. Over the next few seasons we intend to enhance the garden and would welcome ideas from residents, staff and visitors.



**Jubilee celebrations fit for a King/Queen**

To celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee last month, each unit was decorated and residents enjoyed some party food. We also had entertainment and a party in the cafe on the Monday afternoon. Here are some pictures from the day:



**Menus expanded**

Our catering staff has spent a considerable time developing a third choice for each of the daily meals at the Home. They have successfully attempted to cover a few areas where special diets are required: for diabetes, for weight control etc and produced a varied choice of tasty and healthy meals for us.

**Upper Floor proposals for Elm Unit and the possibility of opening an Enhanced Care Unit**

Work was about to commence on the upper floor development which will add our new unit named ELM. Unfortunately the appointed main contractor went into receivership just before they were due to start and this has set us back a few months whilst we re-tender the job to new contractors.

**More Information**

We are also considering the possibility of creating an Enhanced Care Unit for some of our clients with more complex needs. We will be consulting with the families and the various statutory bodies over the next few months.

Congratulations to Susan Velasco who took up the position of Deputy Care Manager on 28 May 2012. A very warm welcome to the management team from Brian & Betty.

Many of our carers have completed their SVQ level 3 in Health & Social Care. Congratulations to all who have passed. Other staff are working towards completing SVQ level 2 certification.

Two of our nursing staff have almost completed a 5-week Palliative Care Course. They will become our palliative care champions for the Home and will assist other staff in learning the appropriate skills.

We continue to offer various courses throughout the year along with statutory training in Fire Awareness and Moving and Assisting.

Congratulations to Mandy on the birth of Amber, her daughter. Congratulations to Lynn on the birth of her grandchild Riley.

We continue to have a full Home with all bedrooms occupied.

**Dates for your Diary – Events Calendar**

- July** Sat 7<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fete 1 - 5pm
- August** tbc - Relatives/residents questionnaire launch
- September** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - Autumn Newsletter  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> - Residents / Relative meeting  
(residents - 2.30pm and relatives - 7pm)

Can you find the 7 summery words below?

**Summer Wordsearch**

- Ice Cream
- Sun Relax
- Garden Berries
- Fete

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