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KAREN'S KORNER

We knew it was imminent, but you still get a bit of a shock when three CQC inspectors turn up at the door unannounced! We sailed through our inspection, easily achieving "Good" in all categories. In fact, we did so well we think next time we can be the "Outstanding" provider that Over Wyre deserves! Many thanks to residents/relatives/domiciliary clients / members of our care team who spoke to the inspectors on the day and obviously said some very complimentary things about the company!

Thank you also to the people who came to Kepplegate for our Relatives' Rendezvous on 22nd March. It was lovely to see so many and I think we had a very useful and productive forum, as well as a tasty hotpot supper! I wrote down the main points of what was discussed and, hopefully, most of you will have received these either via email or given to you in the care home. There are some spare copies in the reception porch if you haven't received them. Our next rendezvous is scheduled for 24th May.

No resident birthdays this month but a happy birthday to one of our domiciliary clients, Jean, for the 12th of this month.

Team members celebrating birthdays in April are Luigi and Tracy.

Luigi is about to have a few weeks off to fly to the Philippines for his wedding in May. So we all wish him well for that special day.



Community Local History Month

This is going to be held throughout the month of May. We've kindly been given a lot of old photos of the Over Wyre area by David Hallett and we intend to make a display of them in the hallway in May. However, if you have any old photos of



yourself or family taken

in any of the Over Wyre villages that you wouldn't mind us copying and using in the display, please let us know.



GO YELLOW DAY

We had a good response to our "Go Yellow" day on 16th March; Veronica definitely won the prize for best dressed!

We managed to raise £44 for the Marie Curie charity which is our best ever effort—so thank you to everyone who supported the day.



KEPPLEGATE'S GARDEN PARTY

This is going to be held on Friday, 27th July and we will be fundraising to purchase a defibrillator.

A year and a half ago we were hoping to receive funding for numerous defibrillators for our community care teams and for our care home. However, as to be expected in these times of austerity, the funding never materialised! This led us to decide at the end of last year, after our fantastic effort at fundraising for the local primary school, this year we would fundraise with the aim to purchase a community defibrillator point at our care home.

We're going to sell raffle tickets again this year so, hopefully, a good part of the cost of the defibrillator will have been raised before the day of the garden party.

So, we're asking you lovely people if you could help in any way. It might be buying raffle tickets and taking some more to sell to your friends. It could be bringing in anything that would make a nice raffle prize or it might be donating items for our luxury hamper which we are having as a prize for people on Facebook who like/share/purchase the most raffle tickets!



MOTHER'S DAY

The care home was nicely decorated, as usual, and our residents enjoyed lots of visits from their loved ones as well as being entertained by Bob Croft.



EASTER AT KEPPLEGATE

Our residents enjoyed opening their Easter Eggs.....and then were surprised with little chocolate chicks at the dinner tables.



Bowel Cancer Awareness Month



It's Bowel Cancer Awareness month throughout April and there is a box in the reception porch if anyone would like to

donate during the month.

On 20th April (please see opposite) we are holding an afternoon when there will be an entertainer and decorations up to mark the Queen's birthday. National Care Home Open Day actually falls on a Saturday, but we are throwing our doors open during a Care Home Open Week! On the 20th Adam is going to bake and bring in some cupcakes for people to buy, donations for which will go in the Bowel Cancer box. If the baking programmes on TV have got you in the mood, please feel free to bring in any baking of your own for us to sell!

Dates for Your Diary

9th April—Sing along with Beverley

20th April—Geoff playing accordion.

This will tie in with National Care Home Open Day and the Queen's 91st birthday on 21st April

4th May- Dave Bray, vocalist

15th May- Rachel Mercer, vocalist

24th May- Relatives' Rendezvous

Advance Notice

6th June- Agnes' birthday & female entertainer, Jane Frasier, will be here

17th June- Father's Day & Bob Croft will entertain again

27th July-Kepplegate's Garden Party