

HALE PLACE NEWS

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

EP Primary School

We were delighted to welcome children from our local primary school into our home for an arts and crafts session along side residents. The engagement between young and old was a joyous sight.



Creating a Dementia Friendly Generation

A third of young people know someone with dementia. With over two million people developing dementia in the next ten years, it's likely the majority of today's young people will know someone affected by the condition in their lifetime.

By educating young people about dementia, we can create a dementia-friendly generation. Young people will have increased confidence and understanding when communicating with people with dementia, helping to reduce social isolation and stigma for those living with dementia.

As well as the positive impact on people living with dementia today, increasing young people's understanding of dementia will have long term benefits as they approach adulthood and become the carers, social workers, researchers, employers and adults of tomorrow. Their understanding will create dementia-friendly communities, helping people to live well with dementia.

East Peckham's Dementia Friendly Village

Tonbridge Dementia Friendly Community (Tonbridge DFC) is a community group made up of local residents, business representatives and volunteers who focus on work in the Tonbridge area to improve the lives locally for residents living with dementia. We are excited to be part of this wonderful initiative for East Peckham village, which commenced earlier this year.

Educating adults and young people living in the community, is something we are especially excited to be part of and we believe it will have a positive impact for all people living with the condition.

Village Safe House

Disorientation as to time and place, such as forgetting where you live or getting easily lost, is a common experience for individuals with dementia. All too frequently, people living with dementia in the community are 'picked up' by police and other services because they are lost; they can find this extremely traumatic and upsetting. Hale Place is now the East Peckham safe house where anyone, who is lost within the community and who demonstrates signs of confusion with place and time, can be walked to our door for professional, empathetic support. If required, a senior member of staff can be called upon to support that person, if they are already in a heightened state of emotional upset.

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Christmas Market

Service users and staff attended the village Christmas Market, held in the Curren Hall, East Peckham. After walking around the Christmas staff and making various purchases everyone enjoyed a bacon roll and cup of tea before returning home.



More Activities

Hale Place residents, together with the people we support in the community, enjoyed the regular chair dancing sessions throughout November, which continue to be attended and enjoyed by all our service users.

The Amazing Animal World visited in November bringing their assortment of animals and reptiles for everyone to hold or just observe. They have been visiting our home for many years and the expressions and engagement from residents continues to amaze and surprise us. People who supposedly 'hate' various species are later photographed handling them and smiling and laughing. Such a great activity which touches all our sense and encompasses every emotion.

Service users enjoyed trips to the local garden centre to look at the Christmas lights, decorations and finishing off in there café before setting off for home.

IMPROVEMENTS

The wet room bathroom in 77 is now complete and looking amazing creating a safe and wonderful shower experience.

New flooring has been ordered and will be laid in early January in the downstairs bedrooms at 79.

New pressure movement mats ,which go under the bedcovers, have been ordered and will be in place for all residents of Hale Place. There introduction will increase safety of service users by alerting a member of staff as soon as the person has got out of bed. This system should minimise risk of fall for our most vulnerable people.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Christmas Party Saturday 21st December 2019 @ 11.00pm to 5.00pm.

The pantomime will be held at the Curren Hall in the centre of East Peckham Village at 11.00am.

WELCOME

Kym Collins

Kym has joined our night staff team with experienced in care.

WELCOME

Amanda Murrough

Experienced carer joining our day staff.