

# Springfield Health Services Newsletter

Summer 2011

SPRINGFIELD  
CARE HOMES

## Welcome to Springfield's new Manager, Gill Brinkley

We are delighted to welcome Springfield's new Manager, Gill Brinkley. Gill comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience from previous employments and has made a fantastic impression on the Residents and staff team in only a short space of time.



*"I joined the Team at Springfield in March this year and have enjoyed getting to know the existing team, all of whom have been very supportive during the first few months I have spent at Springfield. My background is mainly in the field of dementia care, with periods of time spent in acute medical settings, accident and emergency nursing and acquired brain injury."*

It is a very exciting time for us all at Springfield, as we work together to share best practice and implement a program which will further develop the success of Springfield.

On behalf of us all, we wish Gill well and look forward to working with her to further raise the standards befitting those entrusted to our care.

## Springfield care

We always look at ways of improving how we involve our residents in making decisions about their daily lives and their surroundings. We work hard to strengthen the links that we have long established with the Emsworth Community.

*Our ethos is that our residents are central in everything that we do and we will continually strive to enhance our service and the choices we offer.*

### Making decisions

All of us make decisions every day about all sorts of things that affect our lives yet, for many residents when they come into a care home, they suddenly stop making decisions about the important things that affect them.



This is seen and accepted as the norm in many homes. At Springfield, we are looking at ways to challenge this; to develop positive practice in how we encourage our residents to continue making decisions and to be an integral part of the home, after all it is "their home"!

Our objective is to implement ways that all of our residents, regardless of ability, are involved in the decision making process of the home in a positive and interactive way. Whether this is in the helping to write the daily menus, shaping the weekly social care activities, or even to assist in selecting the staff that care for them, our residents have a genuine and valuable role to play.

### Dragon boat race



Springfield staff team have entered the Dragon Boat Race (Sunday 7th August 2011, 10–4pm) on the millpond.

### Pamper weeks

We offer short breaks at Springfield that are designed to give people an enjoyable respite break. Why not call us to find out more about our short pamper breaks.

### Printsted progress

As you may know, we are currently undergoing a massive refurbishment of our Printsted care home. It's a very exciting project and we will bring you images of our progress in the next edition.

### Bath care

We offer a bath care service at Springfield. If you would like to visit for an assisted bath, you are very welcome. You can visit for a morning or the day. Simply call us for details on 01243 372445.





## Our community links



At Springfield, we have always striven to take an active role within the Community we serve. We firmly believe that by making the time and effort to host and sponsor a variety of local initiatives, our residents and staff gain great satisfaction and a sense of pride and place within the Emsworth Community.

Within the last 2 months, we have been pleased to sponsor the tremendous St George's week of celebrations in the Village, an event in which many of our residents took part. We have also taken part in the Havant Arts Trail where again our residents made a valued contribution and won many plaudits for the artwork they presented.

We held our Annual Summer garden party in June. It was a huge success and a really nice day. It is always a well supported event and a special

thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a special day. The children enjoyed the magician and everyone got into the grove with our live band.

Looking ahead to August, a Springfield staff team have entered the EBA sponsored Dragon Boat Race (Sunday 7th August 2011, 10-4pm) on the millpond and this promises to be a fun packed day. We would value your support in person on the day!



## New laundry

Regular visitors to Springfield will see that work to create our new laundry block is well underway. In addition, we will add a further 3 en-suite nursing bedrooms to the Home.

The new laundry will approximately double the size and capacity of the previous one. We are grateful to our Laundry staff for their unstinting patience as this work carries on around them and to our residents and their families for their forbearance also. We will aim to minimise disruption to the service

throughout the project, which is planned to complete by the end of August.

The redevelopment of our sister home in Prinsted continues. This is scheduled to complete by Christmas and will be relaunched under a change of name in the New Year.

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