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NURSING HOME & CARE SUITES

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July 2010 - Welcome to Cornford House

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Dear %%Residents Forename%%

Welcome to the Cornford House newsletter keeping you fully up to date with news and events.

Activity Update

The Activity Team have been extremely busy over the last few months arranging a variety of day trips for our residents. A specially adapted boat owned by the Kingfisher Medway Trust has enabled a number of our residents to enjoy leisurely cruises along the River Medway. Leaving from Wateringbury the boat meanders through some of the most beautiful countryside in Kent, where residents can catch sight of a variety of wildlife including Herons and Kingfishers whilst enjoying a cream tea.

Our recent trips to Burrswood have proved extremely popular particularly when the sun has been shining! The gardens at Burrswood are beautifully maintained and residents have been able to soak up some sun whilst enjoying cream teas on the patio.

A particular favourite was a day trip on the Spa Valley Steam Railway which runs for 3.5 miles from Tunbridge Wells to Groombridge. A specially adapted carriage enables residents in



Profiling Jean Lewis – PA to Ernie Graham

Ernie Graham the owner of the Graham Care Group which comprises of five homes providing care for over 300 residents in Surrey, Sussex and Kent has recently recruited Jean to provide support at Group Level and to provide individual support to each of the homes.

Jean has a MA Degree in Economic & Social History from St. Andrews University and, during her career, she has mainly worked in Information Management. However, she has also been a care assistant in a rehab ward and has attained an Open University Diploma in Health and Social Care.

Jean's role will encompass a wide variety of tasks, including IT and administrative support to the Home Managers, visiting homes on a monthly basis to prepare Management Reports and co-ordinating new projects for the group.

Jean is currently getting to know each of the homes and how she can best offer support in her new role. With her ability for maintaining information and streamlining processes whilst working at a strategic level Jean is looking forward to the

wheelchairs to join in the fun and with a fish and chip lunch it has proved to be a popular day out.

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Summer Fair in June where we raised £170 for the activity fund. Unfortunately due to a power cut on the day a number of our residents were unable to participate. As a result, we held a Champagne and Strawberries Party in the main lounge for those residents who missed out. Kaz who regularly sings at Cornford House provided the entertainment and great fun was had by all.

We have a number of events and activities booked over the forthcoming months including a day trip to Hever Castle, two trips to Eastbourne which will include a stroll along the prom and a fish and chip lunch on the pier. Marco the Magician will be performing for us in August and Troubadore a travelling theatrical company will be putting on a show titled "What's in a name?"

For details of all activities and events please check the notice boards or contact Fleur who will be happy to provide you with full details by [email](#).

New Staff

We are delighted to announce that Sue Allbury has recently joined the team at Cornford House as Unit Manager for the Care Suites. With over 30 years experience as a Registered Nurse Sue has a



wealth of knowledge and experience that will enable her to fulfil her new role.

Sue qualified as a Registered Nurse at Lister Hospital in Stevenage and has worked for both large and small nursing homes during her career including the Halliwell where she worked for seventeen years and a home in Sevenoaks where she worked for ten years.

As Unit Manager Sue is responsible for the day to day running of the Care Suites, accompanying the GP on his rounds, regular communication with relatives, supervising staff and providing the highest standard of care for the residents.

"I am very excited to be part of the team here at Cornford House and am looking forward to getting to know the residents and understand their individual needs and meeting family members and friends. I have always viewed it as a privilege to be able to provide the help and care that is needed through my job and relish this new opportunity."

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is looking forward to the challenges that this new role will bring.



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