

The Manor Trust Summer Newsletter 2020



Dear Friends

Here are our wonderful volunteers, just before the Christmas Fayre opened in 2019.



We are now at the end of August 2020 and we had hoped that we would be able to hold the Fayre again this year. Only time will tell, but currently it is not looking likely.

The trustees, with Renate and Jemma at the Lodge, wish to thank everyone, who has so very kindly donated to the Appeal fund for PPE. Some of you have donated twice, and we are so very grateful to you, for thinking of

our residents and staff, at a time when you must all have so much else to worry about. We hope that none of our Members or volunteers, or their families, have been affected by the Covid-19 virus. You are all in our thoughts, and hopefully next year at least, will see us all together again at events that we all miss.



Many of you who have no occasion to visit the Lodge, will not have met Renate our Registered Manager, to the left, though you may have seen her photograph on the website. Renate has been with us now for just over a year and her qualifications are Dip. MH&SC(V). Jemma, on the right, first joined us in 2014 and became Deputy Manager in 2018, and her qualifications are Dip.L&M(3). She is taking her Dip.(V).



We are indeed fortunate in having such managers, to head our team of loyal staff, who are currently in the middle of their belated sessions, (because of Covid), of mandatory training. We have a few new staff who are being trained to a high standard and encouraged to gain further qualifications.

Some good news is, that our Lodge residents have had visits from a relative or friend in the garden, for a few weeks now, taking advantage of the weather, using our newly acquired extendable table, chairs and Parasol, and the new gazebo. Easy for keeping 2m

distancing. These have been a great success, with happy residents and equally happy visitors. Below is Bob having afternoon tea with his daughter in the Gazebo.



Finally, the 2nd bathroom has had its refurbishment with a new hoist and a specially deep bath so residents can have a good soak. There is now a hairdresser's basin and all we need now is for the hairdressers to return. Meanwhile Lacey, a trained hairdresser and carer, is cutting residents' hair, but I hear a cry for a perm every now and then!

Some sad news has been that Joyce Freer, whom many of you knew through the Methodist and Anglican Churches, and Mothers Union, sadly passed away on Wednesday 15th July at the Lodge aged 99 yrs. The passing was peaceful, after a prolonged illness, bravely borne. Her son, Alan, was able to visit for the last few days. Joyce will be greatly missed by staff and residents, as she was quite the Matriach at the Lodge. Joyce came from the Manor House, which closed its doors in 2013. Almost all of our 14 residents, like Joyce, are local, and rekindle long lost friends, from school, church, Mother's Union, and even the Bowling Club, when they come to the Lodge. Perhaps you know of such a person who may enjoy meeting old friends, as we now have a vacancy at the Lodge? Any new resident will receive excellent loving care, and companionship, both vital for a person's wellbeing. Please ring Renate at the Lodge, on 02392 452 644, or email lodge.office@manortrust.org.uk.

At the Elms, Paula is busy arranging some refurbishment of Flat E, before it is re-let. We do have someone who is keen to move in, but if you know of someone who might be interested to go on the waiting list, please contact Paula on 02392 484 444 and leave a message, or email trust.office@manortrust.org.uk. Although Paula has been working from home, and attending the office to pick up messages once or twice a week, she is now back in the office again, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Valerie, our Financial Administrator is also back on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

News of Bernard, our co-founding trustee, is that he remains in Bedhampton Nursing Home, is well, but missing his weekly physiotherapy sessions. Like the Lodge, the Home allows visitors in the garden, and there is a long list of visitors awaiting their turn. Sue felt it best not to visit, even in the garden, whilst she is visiting the Lodge.

The Community Café volunteers can't wait to see you all again, along with the Luncheon Club members and volunteers; many of you have kindly donated to the PPE Appeal. Whilst the government concentrates on getting the children back to school, we can't see that there will be further relaxations in the near future, but the trustees are mindful to keep in touch with you all throughout this protracted pandemic, and will send further news when we can. Please ring Paula or Sue, for a chat anytime.

The trustees wish you and your families good health, both now and in the future, and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as we possibly can.

