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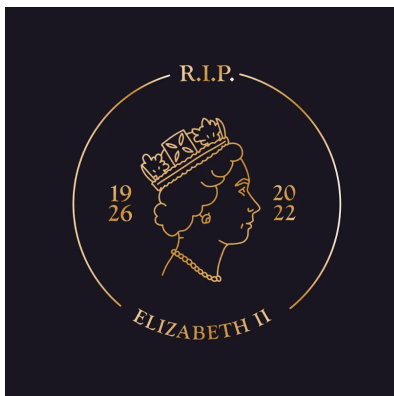
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Marking the Queen's Funeral



We were all deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty the Queen on 8th September. Tenants and residents in our Supported Living Housing Schemes and in our nursing homes gathered together to watch the State Funeral and talk about the Queen's impact during her long reign.

Christmas in our nursing homes



After a 2 year break due to the pandemic, each of our nursing homes will be planning Christmas events for residents, their families and friends to get together and celebrate this year. Look out for more information from the General Managers.

New Manager at Anita Stone Court

We were delighted to welcome Geoffrey Barbon as the new General Manager of Anita Stone Court. Geoffrey is a qualified nurse and has many years' experience working in nursing homes.

Debbie Sigston retires after 44 years



Debbie Sigston, General Manager at Neville Williams House is retiring on 18th November. Debbie has worked for BCOP for an amazing 44 years and has spent the last 9 years as the manager of Neville Williams House. Debbie is known for her kind, warm and down-to-earth approach towards staff, residents and their families. We want to thank her for her commitment to both her residents and staff, and for her loyalty to BCOP over these many years. We wish her all the best for her retirement.

The new home manager will be starting in the first week of December.

Share your experiences with other care seekers

Carehome.co.uk is the website many families use when they're looking for care for their loved one. It publishes verified reviews of care homes from residents, their friends and families.

If you would like to submit a review, fill in a carehome.co.uk review postcard - available in the Reception area of each nursing home.

All care homes listed on the site are given a 'Review Score', based on the number of positive (4* and 5*) reviews that relatives, friends and residents have given over the last 2 years.

Pet Farm News

In line with new government regulations, the birds, geese and chickens in our nursing home pet farms must stay in their coops/pens/cages until further notice and cannot be let out to roam or to be petted. You can still go and see them but please do not touch them. These regulations have been introduced to try to curb the spread of avian flu across the UK.

Celebrating our Staff

So many good things happen every day across our organisation! It's great when we have the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our colleagues.

Anita Stone Court Employees of the Month

September: **Brian Vaughan, Carer**

October: **Scott Bennett, Chef**

Relatives and colleagues nominated Brian. Relatives of one resident said "He is an amazing man who showed kindness, care and love in our darkest hours." Another relative of a different resident remarked

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“Brian is compassionate, caring and...nothing is too much trouble. A real asset at Anita Stone Court.”

Scott was nominated by his colleagues, and there were repeated themes - they said he was “hardworking, an extremely friendly and approachable person and all-round nice guy”, “his food is always lovely and his kitchen is immaculate”.

Well done to both of you!

Star of the Month coming to a nursing home near you..!

The Employee of the Month scheme at Anita Stone Court has been so successful that we will be rolling it out to our other nursing homes, so watch this space for December and January’s winners across all 3 homes.

Volunteers needed

If you’re a friend or relative of a resident and have any time to spare, we would love to invite you to volunteer in our nursing homes, offering companionship to some of our residents who don’t receive visitors very often. The chance to chat to someone new - perhaps reminiscing with them, reading to them or taking part in other activities - would really enrich their days.

Housing News

Macmillan Coffee Morning raises £83 for the charity

Edgcumbe Court held a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on 20th October. Tenants and members of the local community in Bartley Green got together for a chat over a cup of tea and cake all in aid of a very good cause.

Whitley Court Tenant wins Handsworth in Bloom award



Ian Reid, a tenant at Whitley Court, is a keen gardener. He recently won a Handsworth In Bloom Award for the great work he's done in making the outside communal gardens at Whitley Court a beautiful space for all tenants to enjoy.

Housing Vacancies

We have a number of housing vacancies available at our Supported Living Schemes:

- Anita Stone Court in Moseley
- Harvey Court in Tile Cross
- Edgumbe Court in Bartley Green
- Whitley Court in Handsworth Wood

If you, or someone you know, is looking for one-bedroom rented accommodation, with shared communal facilities, landscaped grounds and an on-site manager, see our website for further details:

Any tenant who moves in before Christmas will get one week rent-free.

Over to you

The next BCOP Residents & Relatives Bulletin will be issued in January. If you have anything you'd like us to include, email Ellie Ahmed, Communications Coordinator (ellie.ahmed@bcop.org.uk), or send us a DM on Facebook - search for @bcopbirmingham to find our page on Facebook.