

WORD SEARCH

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- EASTER
- EGGS
- BUNNY
- CHOCOLATE
- SPRING
- FLOWERS
- BASKET
- SUNDAY
- BONNET
- HUNT
- CARROT
- CHURCH

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Word search answers.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

There are many ways you can get involved. To find out more speak to your Independent Living Advisor. If you would like to contribute to a future issue of Community Matters email Beverley.green@bdht.co.uk

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In the lead-up to Easter, we have hidden an Easter Egg on each page... see if you can spot the colourful eggs?

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I REMEMBER WHEN...

TREVOR AT ST JOHN'S VIEW

"I remember when I was in the Worcester Regiment, stationed in the Bahamas. I was shipped over to Bermuda where I spent all night on the wheel of Princess Margaret's private jet with my Sten gun keeping guard. I remember Princess Margaret waving to me as she boarded the plane."



AVRIL FROM PEPPERWOOD CLOSE



"I remember when I was invited to the Queen's garden party because my husband Tom used to do lots of charity work. It was about 20 years ago and back then we could walk through the front door past all the guards!

I remember a very large wide staircase with very red carpet. We walked out into the garden and I remember shaking hands with the Duke of Gloucester who stopped to talk to us.

Women had to wear white gloves in those days. We were told we weren't allowed to talk to the Queen unless she talked to us – she just nodded!

There were three-tier cake stands everywhere and a beautiful rose garden we walked around, it wasn't crowded at all. I really appreciated being invited and this memory will stay with me forever."



KARIM FROM CRABTREE

"I remember around the time of the war there was only one hot water tap in the street I lived in, so a big trough was built and every evening it was filled with hot water and neighbours would bring their bags of potatoes and pop them in there to cook."



MARIA FROM CRABTREE

"I remember when The Rock Choir I belong to went to Abbey Road to record an album.

We were in Studio 1 which was always used by the Beatles - I was told at the time that if any other famous artist was using this studio when the Beatles arrived, they would get kicked out – Led Zeppelin was one of them! There was a piano in the studio and I was having a little tinkle on the keys when a man came up to me and asked if I played. I said no and he told me this was the piano Paul McCartney wrote Sergeant Pepper on."



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS HAMPER WINNERS

THANK YOU

Colin from Old Bakery Court would like to thank Hilary for her never-ending support - "She's my guardian angel."



Louise Taggart



Bernadette Burn



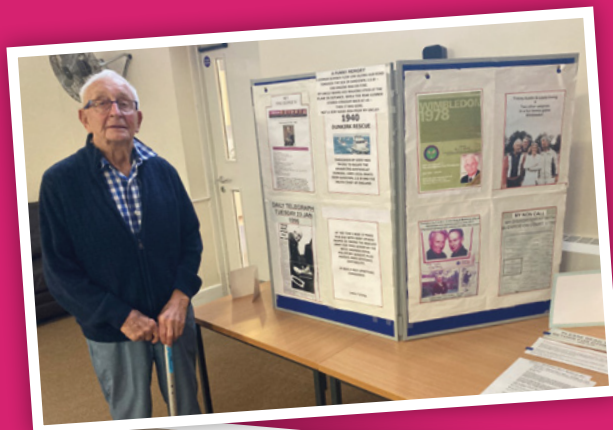
Vera Northall

LESLIE IRVING AT GILBERT COURT

The exhibition provides a snapshot of some of the significant events during the last 90 years.

The exhibition focuses on World War Two experiences when Leslie was growing up on the Isle of Wight and got machine-gunned. Also, during his time in Singapore with the Royal Navy after World War Two, he helped to support the Boys' Brigade.

As a keen tennis player, another interesting time in Leslie's life was also covered in the exhibition, and that was when he was chosen to officiate at Wimbledon.



DROP-IN SESSIONS AND LOCATIONS

We have weekly Drop-In sessions so people can get to know each other and have a cuppa together. Here are some dates to put in your diary.

Edwin Court

Tuesdays at 10-12

Gilbert Court

Wednesdays at 10-11

Stoke Prior

Thursdays at 2-4

Shawhurst Lane

Tuesdays at 10:30-12

Green Gables

Tuesdays at 1-2

Buckleys Green

Wednesdays at 11-12

Tanyard Close

Wednesdays at 1-2

Willow Court

Tuesdays at 11-1

Crabtree Court

Thursdays at 2-4

Oak Apple Court

Fridays at 11-12

Lowes Court

Wednesdays at 10-11

Shenstone Court

Mondays at 10-11

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITIES.

Here are the events that have taken place raising money for a number of charities:



All money raised has been sent directly to these charities.



- Gilbert Court held a Macmillan Coffee Morning, as did Oak Apple Court and Crabtree Court.
- There was a raffle and quiz held at Gilbert Court for Children in Need.
- The Primrose Choir attended Gilbert Court, Edwin Court, Stoke Prior and Crabtree Court.
- Breida from Gilbert Court recently celebrated her birthday, at Gilbert Court, hosting a party with raffle prizes which raised funds.
- Across most schemes during October and November, the Royal British Legion dropped off poppy appeal boxes.
- Residents from Shawhurst Lane directly sponsored Chelsey when completing a 10k run to raise money and awareness for Papyrus.

JULIE'S RETIREMENT

Julie has been in this role for twenty years and has been a fantastic member of the team. She will be missed by bdht and the customers she has done so much to support over the years.

Thank you for all your hard work, support and kindness Julie, enjoy all the things you have planned for your retirement and enjoy every minute.



Julie Lamare

CHIP CHAT

Last year many of you came along to our Chip Chat sessions, here are some of the feedback we received from you all.

You had so many great comments about the Independent Living Team here is a snapshot of what you said.

The team is excellent, caring, easy to contact and always go over and above; they are happy to assist whenever we need them. There is a good balance between independence and support. The customers trust the team and are grateful for everything they do, from morning calls to financial and benefits support.

You said that the Drop-Ins are useful so on page 4 there is a list of all the Drop-Ins and everyone is welcome.

You really enjoy the monthly activities and have requested some different times so no one misses out! We are reviewing changing the times to suit you wherever we can.

Some of you said you would like a pool table, so if you would like to request one just let us know, we have already delivered one to a couple of the schemes.



THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE HAD TO SAY ABOUT LIVING IN THEIR HOMES:

YOU SAID...

...WE DID

You asked if dinners could be provided.	If you would like a cooked dinner, please just ask your team - they will let you know what options are available.
The grounds maintenance service is not as good as it used to be.	We agree, and we are looking at the contract for next year to ensure cost-effective improvements are made for you.
There were a few repairs that needed to be chased up.	Our team has access to all the repair requests, so just ask and they will be able to update you.
Some areas have limited parking available.	We agree, and are looking at ways we can help to improve parking where possible.
We are looking at installing Wi-Fi at all our schemes hopefully by the end of next year.	We have installed CCTV at three of our schemes and all other installations are on a programme to be completed.
You would like to see more lighting.	We have already upgraded some security lighting, and the rest is on a programme to be completed.
You enjoyed the social events and would like more singers, film nights and day trips.	We are looking for more entertainers and if you would like a film night or a day trip, please just speak to your Independent Living Officer.

Finally, thank you for your positive comments about receiving this magazine, we want to provide you with something that is relevant to you and celebrates the community. If you have any suggestions of what could be included in a future issue, please let us know.