

Message from the Chairman of the Trustees

Chairman's message

2020 will be a year of fresh starts for James Hirons, as we introduce new technology for the recording of residents' records, staff attendance and pay.

In 2019 we undertook and completed, amongst other work, a substantial building project to create a new fire exit at the front of the house. This, combined with a review of our evacuation procedures, will ensure the fastest possible evacuation of the home in the event of fire.

We welcomed a new Office Manager Sarah Drysdale who joined us this month. She commenced work on 6th January. We are now enjoying working with her as part of our close team.

Concerning trustees I am pleased to say that Andy Givens has joined us and is already becoming involved in many aspects of the home.

Following a recent CQC inspection each of the trustees is personally involved with our manager Allan Fairweather and the staff in various aspects of the running of the home. Amongst other things the trustees responsibilities include a monthly visit to ensure the high standards we set for ourselves are maintained. The format of these visits is being reviewed to ensure all aspects of the business are covered.

It is always good to see residents, relatives and friends at our social events; the Christmas Party was particularly well supported and attended. We hope to see as many of you as possible during 2020.

David Owen
Chairman

Oct 2019

Early October we had a lovely treat for the residents as they were visited by **Lollipop Ponies**, with two beautiful Ponies. The residents all had the opportunity to stroke them, this was a very therapeutic experience for everyone.

We also were very fortunate to have an interesting session with Barbra Howes who talked about the invention of the Steam Engine, this was followed by talking about Victorian inventions. The Royal Family, Kings & Queens of Britain Tudor times and the influence Henry VIII had on the Monarchy and Religion. We looked at the origins of famous names and places around Britain

The residents also had an enjoyable session of **Poetry & Rhyme** with Lois.

Halloween Looking at the history of Halloween, the home was decorated

We dressed up, carved pumpkins, looked into the history of 31st October how different countries remember Halloween.

Nov 2019

We looked at the 175th Anniversary of the **Leamington Spa Courier Newspaper** This brought back a lot of memories which our residents could relate to.

Bonfire Night 5th November Guy Fawkes

We talked about Guy Fawkes, and the gun powder plot.

Then we celebrated Guy Fawkes with the residents family & friends. Hot dogs & burgers were served. The fireworks were spectacular, beautiful and eye catching.

Remembrance Day 11th November

Staff and residence held a 2 minute silence at 11.00am We then talked about the remembrance Poppy .

15th Autumn Coffee Morning / Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you for all the help and donations that we received these were split between Children in Need and James Hirons Residents Activity Fund

The Lillington History Society November 20th

A knowledgeable afternoon speaking about Local History of Leamington Spa.

Mike Smith Entertained us with his singing.

December 2019

Christmas preparations

Decorating the home and the Christmas Trees looking very festive and amazing.

Christmas Lunch 3rd December Princethorpe College

Staff & Students put on a lovely spread, great entertainment. They all work very hard.

Christmas Lunch 5th

Duck on the Pond was a very enjoyable meal, great company and a lovely atmosphere.

James Hiron's Christmas Party 11th

Residence enjoyed themselves with family, friends and staff.
Great buffet and Hamper prizes.

Entertainment by Noel and Grandma with Christmas and old classic songs. They are funny and have a great sense of humour interacting with the audience. Thank you for everyone's help making the home look very festive, food preparations, hamper donations.
Congratulations to all who won raffle prizes.

The Old Library Nursery children came and sang to us with the choir from ST Mary Magdalene's Church Lillington.

Frank Gallagher 27th Entertained us with a variety of Christmas music and songs through the decades.

December 31st We looked at all the highlights from **2019**

Happy New Year to everyone