



## Spring/ Summer Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the St Elmo Spring/ Summer newsletter!

First of all we welcome those of you who are new to St Elmo, and we hope that you have settled well and are enjoying your time with us.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we have an open door policy here at St Elmo.

Should you wish to speak to Lesley or Kathie you are welcome to drop in any time or call/email to make an appointment to suit you.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Regards,

Lesley Hatton  
Manager

Kathie Joyce  
Deputy Manager

**We are pleased to announce that the home now has GSF accreditation. All the staff have put in an amazing effort into making this a reality and we thank them for all their hard work.**

**We gained beacon status, which is the highest level we could have achieved. The hard thing is keeping it, but we will worry about that in 3 years time!**

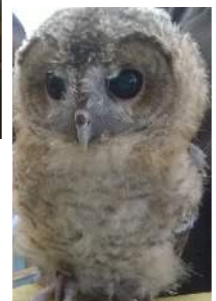
**Lesley went up to Birmingham on 8th April with Marese (Director of Care) to collect this award.**

**We will be arranging an open afternoon and inviting local dignitaries to attend. This afternoon will only be a success with all your support.**

**Please keep an eye open for the date.**



Harvest 2015 and Soft landings at St Elmo 2016



## Staff Changes

We would like to welcome back Sue and Gemma, who have returned from maternity leave. We are pleased to have them back. We are willing to bet they have both noticed big changes. We are still actively recruiting staff to join the team in order for us to maintain the best possible care for your loved one's.

We would also like welcome Emma, Tracey and Helen to the team, they have joined us as care assistants.

There has been a bit of a baby boom here at ST Elmo and we would like to congratulate both Laura and Kristy on their new arrivals and wish them all the best.

Lesley would like to thank all who responded to our annual audits. Also those who completed the Carehomes.co.uk cards, with such good reviews.

We did notice many relatives and professionals did not participate, so hopefully no response is a good thing. The audit results and action plan will be going on display in reception for those who would like to read it.



## Spring and Summer at St Elmo Upcoming Events

It is nice to see the sun shining again, it won't be long until summer is here.

Since the last newsletter, apart from always being busy, we have been up to lots of things.



We have had the owls back in again. The residents always enjoy the interaction they receive and the time they get with the owls. They also enjoy holding the owls and the information given by Mike the owner of the company.

Vicky is now bringing her dog Faye in on a regular basis, she is now our regular Pet Therapy dog. Some of you may have already seen her and the lovely response the residents have been giving. The residents like to hear the story of Faye's life and just enjoy giving her biscuits and cuddles.

We have just celebrated Easter with and had a Easter raffle. We have also recently celebrated Valentines day, ST David's day, ST Patricks day and Mothers day. The residents did lots of activities themed around them, this included making Easter chicks and rabbits.

Thinking back to Christmas, We gave the residents a Christmas party to remember. They enjoyed lots of games provided by Vicky, which included knock the snow man over. Annie also came in to sing for them, which they always enjoy and Vicky was dressed up as an elf. Over Christmas we also had the Church choir and the Women's choir come in to perform for the residents, they really got them singing away.

Vicky is still building up the activities box and is continuing to come up with new ideas. If you have anything at home that you think would make a good contribution to the activities box, all donations are welcome.



For more information contact

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or visit

[www.qualitycaregroup.co.uk](http://www.qualitycaregroup.co.uk)

**6th May** the home will be joining in with Red Lippy day for dementia UK, Vicky will be getting out the lippy and having a messy hair day with the residents. All are welcome to come join in with the fun.

**15th-21st May** is Dementia awareness week, Vicky will be doing lots of activities themed around this.

**11th June** the home will be celebrating Trooping the colour and will have activities and music themed around this.

**15th-19th June** is British flowers week, Vicky will be helping residents create them in a variety of ways.

**19th June** is Fathers days so the home will be helping residents to remember their loved one's. This year the home will be having it's annual open day in the summer. We are hoping to book Millers Ark Farm for this again this year. The date for the open day is yet to be confirmed so please keep an eye out for posters around the home on any updates about this.

We will be booking the owls in again over summer so again please keep an eye out for posters and any updates on this and any other entertainment the home may book in the future. All are welcome so feel free to come along and join in with anything we have booked.

## We're Social

**We're available on social media too!**

**Please remember to visit our social media pages and website to like and share our posts.**

**Stay updated with events and any news.**



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