

Holbeach
and East
Elloe
Hospital
Trust

Staff News

We would like to wish both Lucy and Rachael good luck; they are expecting babies this year.



And good luck to Louise, who is getting married later this year.



Winter News



February 2018

News from Maxine

A lot has happened since the last newsletter was published, and the building work for the new extension is now well underway. We have great plans for the coming years; Holbeach Hospital is preparing itself for the 2020s with major building work ready for future generations of patients. We're converting some old clinical rooms into three new bedrooms, as well as extending the first floor to have five more bedrooms, bringing the total number for residents up to 47 from 39.

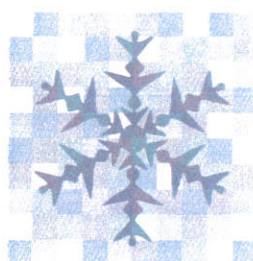
The improvements currently being done are due to be unveiled in May in time for the trust's 30th anniversary celebrations. Once it's complete, we hope to start work on an annexe which will create another eight bedrooms to be used for palliative (life-limiting) care. During these building works we are trying to keep any disruption to a minimum and trying to keep our services running as normal as possible to ensure our residents are happy. I appreciate your understanding during this busy period. The rooms will be available to view once completed.

As usual we are indebted to all of our volunteers and all of those who work at the Hospital shop in Holbeach along with those who donate or buy items from it. We are very well equipped as a direct result of your efforts. I would also like to thank those who have donated funds and items of use to us – all efforts and kind words are appreciated.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018

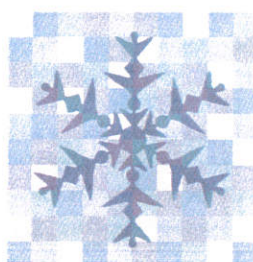
New GDPR regulations are due to come into force in May this year. Please bear with us as we will have to ask residents and families to complete new permission and consent forms to ensure we are complying with the new regulations. In due course we may find we need to update other forms, and appreciate your understanding during this period of transition.

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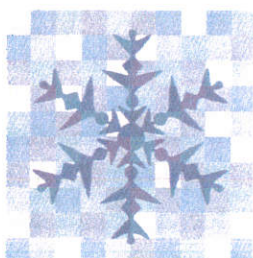


League of Friends

The shop on the high street is doing well and has been very busy. Christmas items had been very popular and had sold quickly. The Christmas window display was looking very good with raffle hampers making up part of the window dressing. The public have supported the raffle very well and this has raised lots of money. The tombola stall run by Eileen and Jenny on Dec 3rd at the Hospital Christmas Fayre also raised almost two hundred pounds.



The three new bedrooms that are being created downstairs are to be completely furnished by the League of Friends and will be called "League of Friends rooms" as a fitting and lasting tribute to everything the League of Friends does within the hospital.



Eileen Ambrose
Chairperson
League of Friends

Kitchen Taster Days

Look out for our kitchen taster days (once a fortnight on a Wednesday) where we will be trialing some new foods for the residents to try.

We have already sampled chicken curry, spaghetti Bolognese and pilchards.

Still to come over the next few weeks: macaroni cheese and bacon; chicken and bacon pie and cauliflower cheese and bacon.

If any relatives have any other suggestions please come and speak to the kitchen staff.

Jean Ruck – Entertainment News



Again, I have been busy organizing entertainment for 2018. We commence with Dave "The Cockney Crooner" on Wednesday 7th February; this will be the second time Dave has been to Holbeach Hospital (he was here in 2017). Everybody appeared to enjoy his songs which is why I have asked him back again. March 7th, back by popular demand is Jeremy; his first visit to Holbeach Hospital was 4th April 2012. 2018 is his seventh year of returning to entertain you all.

April 4th -Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding are returning; they are very popular and this date was booked in June 2017 to ensure they come on a day that is convenient. Usually 12 -14 players attend, this is the maximum seating capacity (otherwise no space for audience!). May 2nd is the ever popular Trudie, who plays the keyboard and sings a good selection of songs. Trudie interacts extremely well with residents, getting them motivated. Trudie has been returning to Holbeach Hospital for many years (at least 10 or more). June 6th -Velvet Souls – Steve & Ayda (husband and wife vocalists). I think this is their third year of returning to Holbeach Hospital. When they were here in December 2017 I had to take second choice of dates for their return in both June and December.

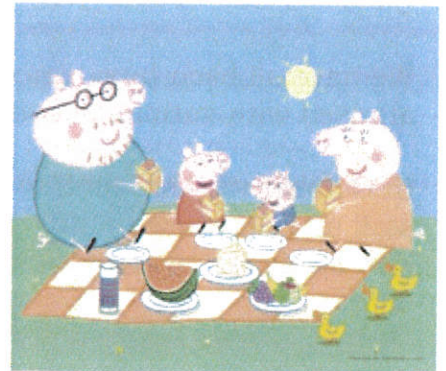
July 11th – Lincoln Noel (keyboard and vocals) returns. In recent years Lincoln performs as a solo artist. I book him through "Music in Hospitals." Up to and including 2011, it was organized that a female vocalist accompanied Lincoln to Holbeach Hospital. For this visit, Music in Hospital teamed Lincoln with a female vocalist who lived in West London. Her journey involved travelling on the underground, then the mainline to Peterborough, where Lincoln met her, meaning a 45 minute care ride to Holbeach. After their performance Lincoln would then drive her back to Peterborough for her repeat train journey to London. This was not viable due to cost and travel times involved. So since 2013, Lincoln is booked as a solo performer. Lincoln is an accomplished musician; he teaches Music and plays at wedding venues.

In August no entertainment is booked; hopefully we will have decent weather when people can explore outside activities. I have yet to book September; I have details of people who may be suitable.

Entertainment is paid for by Holbeach Hospital League of Friends who work extremely hard raising funds to enable the ongoing entertainment for you, your friends and families to enjoy. By the end of 2018, I will have arranged entertainment for the hospital a total of 60 times over a 14 year period.

Date for your diary.....

*Holbeach Hospital
Summer Fayre
Sunday 1st July – Picnic Theme*



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and to those who took time out to help on the day. We raised over £650 and the LOF tombola raised a further £191.

We were very busy with lots of local people turning up to support the event and were very pleased to welcome the choir from William Stukeley Primary School who sang some beautiful Christmas carols for us. They all behaved impeccably and we hope they enjoyed singing to residents and visitors alike.



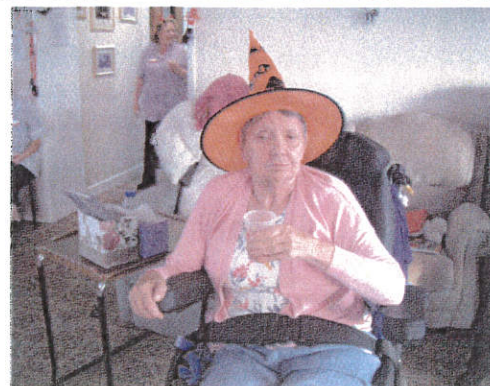
Activities with Jackie, Maggie, Ann & Kara

We have all been busy since our last newsletter, keeping our residents and day care users amused with various activities and crafts.

In October we wore pink to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Maggie ran a cake stall and Ann Newton dressed in as many pink items as possible and everyone had to guess how many she was wearing. The event raised £142.38p.



We had our annual party for Halloween. We all dressed up and everyone enjoyed pumpkin carving, trick or treating, spooky tunes and general mayhem! We had buckets of jelly and custard with hidden treats inside. Only the brave dared to delve in!



Activities with Jackie, Maggie, Ann & Kara



Harvest time was celebrated with a visit from Holbeach Academy Choir. We all enjoyed the concert. We also held discussions about how harvest happens locally and spent some time outside collecting Autumn leaves and conkers to use for our Autumn crafts.



In November we marked Guy Fawkes by creating bonfire and firework pictures using various techniques with chalk and paint. Several residents and day care enjoyed telling us about childhood memories like "Penny for the Guy" and "fireworks in biscuit tins in the pantry."



We remembered Armistice Day by making poppy wreaths and creating apple printed pictures.



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We started preparing for the Hospital's "Christmas Fayre" early in November. Day care and our Health and Social Care students spent weeks making lanterns from glove boxes and Maggie produced metre after metre of Christmas bunting using our sewing machine. We had snow curtains thanks to Maureen, and dried fruit decorations. Ann and Kara worked hard making Dickensian figures and a lovely grotto for Santa.



The residents also made paper plate angels and various decorations over the Christmas period, as well as Christmas wreaths for a competition we held.



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Early in December, 6 of our residents attended the Holbeach Academy for the Holbeach Academy Christmas lunch. They had a lovely time and came home delighted with the presents they had received.



We celebrated the start of 2018 by making a wreath to express our wishes and hopes for the New Year.

Most of the residents joined in by drawing around their hand and adding it to the wreath. This generated stories about new year parties, broken resolutions and dreams not yet fulfilled!



I discovered to my delight that it would have been Elvis Presley's birthday on 8th January. We had an activity day on the 9th so we just had to have an Elvis tribute afternoon! It was great fun; we played Elvis tunes, danced and of course wore the outfits. It is surprising what you can create with a paper overall, an old shirt and some glitter and beads. Me (Jackie) and Maggie spent much of the weekend before making our outfits. Ann and Kara joined us and we had Elvis in many moods. Loved the leather trousers Ann D!



We have just celebrated International Flower Day and Australia Day. Maggie made a lovely kangaroo and we both got plenty of exercise jumping around dayroom one.



We have lots of ideas for future activities and will continue to advertise events on the corridor door board. Regular activities continue with day care, and residents are welcome to attend. We now have two xylophones to use with our hand-bells and also have animal bingo. I am in the process of making scrapbooks from past activities. These will soon be available in dayrooms for everyone to enjoy.

In the press.....

Holbeach Hospital Receives Donations from the Fenland Working Weekend and the Fenland Flywheelers Group



Maxine, and other staff members met with members of the Fenland Working Weekend and Fenland Flywheelers on Friday 24th November, to receive cheques which will go towards hospital funds. In total, nearly £800 was donated.

The Fenland Working Weekend attracts many tractor and farming enthusiasts from both near and far who are able to take their tractors and machines along to plough and cultivate the fields in the traditional way. Unfortunately, Fenland Flywheelers has come to an end, and as it was a non-profit idea, it was decided to donate the money left over in the kitty from previous meetings to the Holbeach Hospital funds.

Gill's Generous Donation to Celebrate her 80th Birthday

Holbeach and East Elloe Hospital Trust wish to thank local lady, Gill Gosling, for her incredible donation of £800 after she asked friends and family members to donate to Holbeach Hospital instead of buying her birthday presents. Gill celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday 28th October at Gedney Victory Hall.



Jack Turner's dazzling Christmas lights display raises money for hospital

Jack Turner of Fleet, is renowned for his wonderful winter wonderland Christmas light display, which he puts on every year to raise money for local good causes. This year once again, he has chosen to support local charity, Holbeach and East Elloe Hospital Trust. He presented Maxine with a cheque for a fantastic £900.15. Hospital staff and residents would like to thank Jack and his family, as well as members of the public, for the generous donation.

