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September 2009 - Welcome to The Priory

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Welcome to the next edition of our newsletter. We have been particularly busy with activities over the last few months. Many thanks to all of those who have been involved in the arrangements that allows us to offer a varied programme of activities for our residents within the home, and day trips for those who wish to enjoy new experiences.

Family Chat Corner

As part our commitment to Relationship Centred Care we now have a Family Chat Corner in our large lounge. This is an extension of PALM Group enhancing communication between residents and relatives. A personal computer had been set up in the Family Chat Corner specifically for the use of residents. Corinne will be the first point of call to assist residents in sending and receiving e-mails.

The new computer is also enabling further research into the building of Life Stories and the production of family trees. In addition Corinne and Anita can research relevant aspects of a resident's life for example one resident belonged to a singing and dancing troupe and Anita is attempting to find information about the troupe via the internet. One to one sessions with the use of the computer not only enable residents to view areas of interest but also becomes part of reminiscence therapy.



100th Birthday Party

On 6th August Iris Price celebrated her 100th Birthday with an evening party. A champagne buffet was served for family and friends and all Priory residents attended. Entertainment was laid on from Anna Golden, a Barbara Windsor lookalike. She sang songs ranging from the "Lambeth Walk" to the "Birdie Song." Iris was showered with cards and presents and a telegram from the Queen now adorns the lounge mantelpiece.

Residents have viewed items such as an air show and an old Pathe news.

New Chaplain

I am delighted to welcome the Reverend Heather Hughes as our new chaplain. Her aims are to befriend residents, relatives and staff, offer spiritual guidance as requested and to provide encouragement and support regardless of background or religious beliefs. We already have a formal church service once a month, but are very pleased to have this extra spiritual support. The Reverend Hughes will be celebrating the special times of the year such as the meaning of harvest and why it is important. In addition, she can be contacted by telephone and Lorraine will be happy to put you in touch.

I am pleased to say the runner beans have now found their way to the kitchen and we are delighted to be enjoying our own organic produce. Many thanks to our green fingered resident for his efforts.

If you require further information relating to any of the above topics please contact me by following this [link](#).



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