

THE PRIORY NEWSLETTER

RESIDENTIAL HOME

A Member of the Graham Care Group



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The Priory Newsletter - March 2010

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Dear %%Residents Forename%%

Welcome to the Priory newsletter keeping you fully up to date with news and events.

General Update

Construction works for the new home commenced in Summer 2011 and the contractors have made excellent progress. Phase 1 will be completed in September 2012 and will provide accommodation for the existing residents and once they have moved into the new building, the existing home will be demolished and Phase 2 of the build programme will commence.

The home will provide accommodation for physically frail older people and people with dementia type illnesses.

The key feature of the new home is that residents will be accommodated in Care Suites with their own front door. The suites include personal day space where residents can socialise in privacy with family and friends. However there will also be the same communal lounge space and dining areas as in a traditional care home so that residents can choose to spend time in a group setting for their social or care needs.

Residents have taken great pleasure in seeing the construction site come to life and watching the new building develop over the

Bringing in the Community

We understand that the home has a place within the local community and we therefore, seek to extend our contact with outside organisations and individuals. One example of this in practice, is our encouragement of volunteers. As part of their voluntary skills element, for the Duke of Edinburgh Award we have recently had two students volunteering at the home. For ten weeks they have come to the home every weekend helping our Social Co-ordinator with the activities. They've been helping some of the residents with their art, playing chair football, and spending one to one time reading.

We will soon be joined by a sixteen year old student who wants to study medicine. He will be visiting The Priory for two hours a week on a voluntary basis, to talk to the carers about their roles, observe daily routines and supporting our Social Co-Ordinator with activities. We wish him every success for his future role.

last few months. On our web site we have maintained a picture diary showing stages of the build and how it has evolved. This has been particularly useful for relatives who live further afield and are not able to visit their relatives regularly, but can still see the progress of the new home.

We will keep you updated over the forthcoming months.

If you require further information relating to any of the above topics please [email me](#).



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