

*News and Views from*

# AROUND THE HOUSES



The Abbeyfield Society of which we are a member is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary this year and all Abbeyfield Societies are invited to join in the celebrations. Regionally some of our residents and volunteers will be attending a service of thanksgiving at St. Albans Abbey on Friday 23rd June where one of the residents from Annett House has been invited to give one of the readings at the service. Locally we will be holding two events during Abbeyfield Week which runs from 3rd to 11th June, a party to thank all of our volunteers for their hard

work - the Abbeyfield movement could not exist without it's volunteers and also a celebration lunch for the residents and their sponsors. Look out for photographs of these events in the next newsletter.

As with nearly all voluntary organisations we are always pleased to welcome new volunteers either to sit on one of our committees or more informally to assist with social activities for the residents.

The skills needed vary for each role but the most essential requirements are enthusiasm and an empathy with older people. There is an advert for a specific vacancy on the back page and if you think you may be interested in this or helping in any other way please contact me for an informal

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chat as I would be pleased to hear from you.

One of our most recent events has been a Bring and Buy Sale and coffee afternoon at Sibley's Orchard on Saturday 22nd April.



Thanks to the generous donations both for sale and for the raffle the house was able to raise £78 for the social fund which is used purely for the residents benefit. Residents from St. Mary's House were amongst the visitors and some of these can be seen in the picture above and top right.

The sale was organised by the recently formed Sibley's Orchard social committee and thanks must



go to Lily, Paula and Wendy for all their hard work.

A few weeks earlier just before Easter the residents of Sibley's Orchard had been pleased to welcome some very different guests. The house was visited by a group of bell ringers who came to demonstrate the art of hand bell ringing.

As well as a very entertaining presentation from the group the audience were also given an opportunity to join in, and were congratulated on their performance.



Again thanks must go to Lily for all

of her hard work in arranging the evening and providing refreshments on the evening.



St. Mary's have been kept busy with birthday parties with the most recent being for one of our flat residents, Derek.



These events are always open to residents of our four flats as well as residents in the main house and are an ideal opportunity for everybody to gather in the new conservatory for a chat over an excellent buffet complete with birthday cake. On this occasion thanks must go to two of the staff, Jan and Gail, who gave up off



duty time to prepare the tea. If you would like to visit St. Mary's they are shortly holding a summer fete - for full details see overleaf.

*Welcome to .....*

Lorna at Sibley's Orchard

*Goodbye to .....*

Anne from St. Mary's House

*Happy Birthday to .....*

Derek from St. Mary's House

Lily at Sibley's Orchard

Julia at Sibley's Orchard

Christine from Annett House

Deidre from St. Mary's House

Suzie from St. Mary's House

As always if you are interested in one of our houses for yourself or a friend and would like to arrange a visit we would be only too happy to show you around by appointment. Please contact me using the details below.



Coffee Morning  
and  
Bring and Buy  
Sale

At

ANNETT HOUSE

On

Wednesday 10th May

From

10am

Why not come along and join



**St. Mary's House**

Would like to invite you

To

SUMMER FETE

On

Saturday 20th May

From

10AM

Refreshments plus a  
wide range of stalls



## Sibley's Orchard Needs You



### TREASURER WANTED

Sibley's Orchard in Leverstock Green is currently looking for a new treasurer. The job involves keeping simple accounts of the income and expenditure of the house to be forwarded to the Society treasurer. No specific accountancy skills are needed just basic numeracy and full training and ongoing support will be given. Currently the treasurer is also part of the Society management committee but this could be negotiable. For a discussion of exactly what is involved contact Tom Derbyshire on 01442 252623

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