



Lime Tree House

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Newsletter

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Attic Project Completed

The New Year at Lime Tree House sees the final completion of our new attic accommodation project.

The beautiful en-suite bedroom for nursing staff (to be used when staff are required to stay over for their shift) also provides much-needed space for on-the job training (OJT) for our staff and also space for the regular meetings of our Board of Trustees.

The project has also opened up more storage space and provided a separate office for the OJT instructors, which can also be used by a future manager of the Visiting Nurse Service. So, every centimetre of space will be fully used! We would like to thank the contractors for their fine building work, which they have carried out with great sensitivity to the needs

of our patients and also all of our staff who managed the weeks of on-site activity magnificently. We must also extend our grateful thanks to First Church of Christ, Scientist, Tunbridge Wells and the Aid Fund for Christian Scientists in Need of Nursing Care, who provided the generous financial support that enabled us to proceed with the project.

We also took the opportunity to engage a specialist firm to install solar panels on two roof slopes at the same time as the interior works. In using the building contractor's on-site scaffolding, this cut down on disturbance to our patients.

We had been considering the solar panels for some time and are confident that they will help significantly to reduce our ongoing energy costs.



As the new carpet has only recently been laid and we just have a few minor items for completion, we will have more photos of the new rooms and further details in our next newsletter.

Other News

Care Quality Commission

As you know from our previous newsletter, LTH achieved an overall rating of 'Good' from the CQC, following their unannounced visit in August 2017, and a rating of '**Outstanding**' for our care. We were very touched to receive several emails of congratulations from Trafford Council. One of the Commissioning Support Officers in their Families and Wellbeing Directorate, and who had given us a very high score in the Council's own inspection earlier in 2017, said 'this is great news and a continuation of all your hard work and commitment'. And their colleague also emailed: 'Well done on your recent CQC inspection rating,... I have been asked to send our sincere congratulations to you on behalf of the commissioning team and also on behalf of..., the Corporate Director, Children, Families and Wellbeing here at Trafford Council.'

Christmas Carol Concert

LTH is always looking for ways to embrace the local community and we were able to extend our outreach in recent months.

Our annual carol concert for patients and their families and friends was an ideal opportunity to extend our invitation to a number of visitors who had never visited LTH. They enthusiastically enjoyed the beautiful recital by the "Three Graces" and the carol singing, followed by delicious refreshments provided afterwards

by our wonderful catering team. A contractor who provides regular services to us was unable to attend but asked if his wife and daughter could do so. Of course they were warmly welcomed and they both commented on the wonderful atmosphere.

Dancing for Dignity

In autumn 2017 Julie received information that all care homes were being invited to arrange an event in October to celebrate Dignity in care.

The campaign's core values are about having dignity in our hearts minds and actions, changing the culture of care services and placing a greater emphasis on improving the quality of care and the experience of those using services including NHS hospitals, community services, care homes and home support services.

We arranged an afternoon Tea Dance and one of our Christian Science nurses and her husband who are ballroom dancers, gave a wonderful afternoon of dancing.



Several of the patients were also assisted to dance and a granddaughter of one of the patients who was visiting also joined in. Debbie, our Catering Manager made a gorgeous cream tea for afterwards.

Open Day 2nd June 2018

More Details to follow.

Christian Science Board of Directors Visit

We'd like to close this newsletter by expressing great gratitude to the Christian Science Board of Directors for their visit to Manchester and the meeting they hosted here in autumn 2017.

Whilst in Manchester, members of the Board visited LTH and commented on the warm family atmosphere so conducive to healing. Their expressed support for Christian Science nursing was greatly appreciated by us all.

Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service

We are continuing to cherish the aim of re-opening a Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service in the future and welcome your support for this important service.

