

STAFF

OTHER NEWS

The Willows is delighted to announce a newly appointed **TEAM LEADER** (Natalie Williams) who holds a degree in Psychology and Sociology, Natalie has been working as a support worker in The Willows for the past 8 months, which has stood her in great stead for this role.

Both **TEAM LEADERS** (Natalie & Simon) are to start their NVQ levels 3 & 4 in September.

We are pleased to welcome Jeanette Pither to the team. Jeanette has recently joined the team as a **SUPPORT WORKER**, and has several years experience in working with similar client groups.

Richard Hitchens has recently been assigned the role of **ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR**. This will mean that there will be a regularly assigned **SUPPORT WORKER** to devise and implement activities plans and organise outings, day trips and short breaks for all of the residents, catering for all interests and needs. **SUPPORT WORKERS** Andrea Englefield and Gaynor Gregory are currently studying towards their NVQ Level 2 qualification.

The Willows would also like to extend a warm welcome to Phil Pearce who is soon to join the team as a **SUPPORT WORKER**.

All staff are soon to undergo an Infection Control Course, to raise awareness on such issues within the home.

The garden is soon to undergo a summer transformation. Meetings between, Directors, Staff and Residents are being organised so that we can gain input from all concerned to ensure that the gardens are developed to meet the needs of all residents and that the gardens can reach their full potential.

The House itself has recently had two new wooden floors fitted in the communal areas of the home, the house has also undergone a redecoration programme, and now offers pleasant, light and airy accommodation throughout. It is well worth a look!



Welcome to the first newsletter produced by the staff and residents of The Willows Care Home in Warminster. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of on-going developments and activities within the home.

The Willows is a residential care home, registered with the National Care Standards Commission to provide care and residence to adults with Learning Disabilities, we specialise in caring for residents who present challenging behaviour.

We are owned by a company called Exalon Care Homes Limited, and we have a sister home The Oaks, in Malvern, Worcestershire. For further details on our company and our homes, please visit our website

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ISLE OF WHITE (APRIL)

A day trip was organised for the residents to go to the Isle of White on a Ferry



WALES (APRIL)

Several of our residents went with staff for a drive and day out in South Wales



THE WESSEX COUNTY SHOW (MAY)

A great day out was had by all at the Annual Wessex Show. We all got the chance to watch fantastic aeroplane displays, and see classic cars, craft stalls and much more.



ACTIVITIES & OUTINGS



Even when the weather is "typically English" we still encourage and organise day trips, to local places of interest and of course to the pub! Several of our residents enjoy nothing better than a pint of shandy and a game of pool, the staff gain great satisfaction and rewards through seeing a smile on residents faces.



Other trips out over the past few months have included, The New Forest, Wardour Castle, The Sea Life Centre in Weston Super Mare, Portland Bill, Chesil Beach, Bournemouth, Weymouth, Kingston Deverill Gliding Club, Charmouth, Nunney Castle, Cribbs Causeway, Longleat Safari Park, Tower Parks Cinema Complex, The White House, Westbury and many more.



In addition we have taken regular trips out and a visits to local animal sanctuaries, with the National Canine Defence League, RSPCA and Farmer Giles Sanctuaries in close proximity to the home.