

# Alma McFadyen House Newsletter

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HAPPY  
EASTER

## New Maintenance Man

Both Staff and residents are very pleased to welcome our new maintenance man Alan to the home, we wish Alan well during his time with us. Alan has experience working as a Maintenance Man in a Residential Care Home as he worked at Barlochan Care Home for 7 years. Alan is ex Royal Navy and has also worked as an approved electrician and an Electrical Surveyor.

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## Enviroment

Alan has been very busy in the short period of time that he has worked here. He has been giving all the bathrooms a touch up with some paint and has started to make his way around some bedrooms and has plans to paint communal areas such as the snug and dining room.

As many of you have probably noticed we have been changing all of our signage in the bedrooms, we have changed the door frames to large red frames which are at eye level to help our residents with visual impairment and Dementia.

We are also slowly adding a coloured contrasting surround around our bedroom light switches to help our residents find there switch easier.

The manager has been making all these changes in line with the “Kings Fund Tool”. The “Kings Fund Tool” is used in order to help as many health and care organisations as possible to develop more supportive design for people with dementia, The King’s Fund has developed a suite of dementia friendly assessment tools for use in care settings.

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## Bedrooms

As well as changing the bedroom door signs and adding contrast to our light switches we are in the process of ordering new profiling bed for all bedrooms that currently have a divan bed. We have also been replacing all of our pillows with new ones and aim to replace duvets in the near future.

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## Bathrooms

Our bathrooms have had a pop of colour added to them, we now have blue toilet seats and handrails added to once again support people to see the toilets and handrails better as they will contrast betterwith the toilet and walls.

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## Staff Training

Congratulations to Jacqueline who has recently passed her Vital Signs training. Andrea and Jacqueline are now fully trained to be able to carry out various different observations and clinical tasks which will undoubtedly help our resident's health and wellbeing.

Leanna has recently commenced her SVQ 4 leadership and management qualification & Stephan has commenced his SVQ 3 supervisor's qualification.

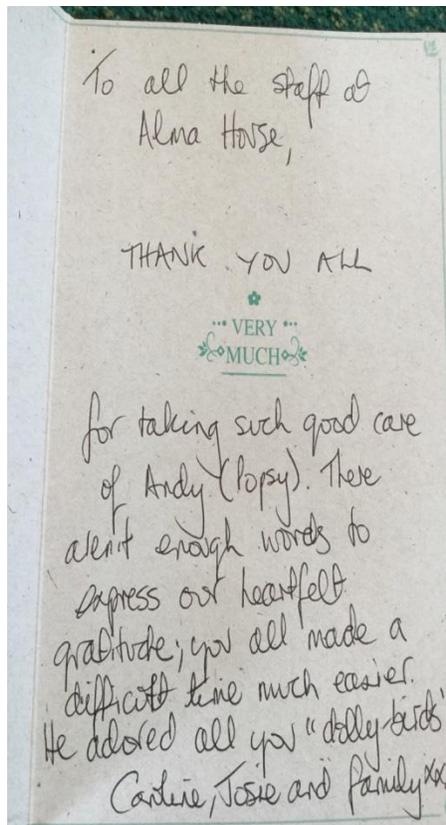
A number of Care Assistants have also attended Dementia Awareness Training this month.

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## Gone But Not Forgotten

It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to 2 of our residents, Andrew McGranaghan & Kathleen Rutherford who sadly passed away this month

*Many Thanks for such kind words from both families*



## Relatives meeting

The next residents meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Letters will be sent out in due course. Should you be unable to attend the meeting we would appreciate if you could complete our comments and suggestion box and return in the stamped addressed envelope.

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## Events

We had a busy time over Easter between decorating our home with Easter decorations and decorating activities board with Easter egg bunting that we made ourselves. We also had an enjoyable afternoon with the Local Nursey children who came and spent the afternoon making Easter Egg bonnets, colouring in Easter pictures and making Easter egg nest with cereal and chocolate. A great afternoon was had by all residents and children.

We also took great advantage of the lovely weather we have had recently and spent a lot of time in the garden with ice cream and chatting to staff and other residents whilst listening to some old familiar music.



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