

Welcome to our new manager, Steve Axon

I am thrilled to have been successful in securing the role as home manager. I have worked for the Pallottine Sisters for just over two years now and have loved my time here. I look forward to spending many more years working with the Sisters. I wish to continue the good work that has already been achieved before me but also excited to be leading the team with the future challenges that lie ahead. As a lot of you will already know me as an assistant manager I look forward to you popping in the office to see me for a chat.



50th Wedding Anniversary



On the 10th of August 2018 Mr and Mrs Keith and Kate Woolley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. All the staff at Park Mount came together to cook and present a fine dining experience in lounge three. A beautifully set table with champagne, cards and stunning flowers bought by Keith as a present to Kate. They enjoyed a meal of scampi and chips with a baked egg custard for dessert made by the kitchen staff. Keith was so thankful to all the staff after: "It made it a very enjoyable occasion for the two of us especially the staff looking in from time to time to chat and see how we were getting on - a lovely day." In an endless garden of flowers I will always pick you. Now Kate is a resident at Park Mount she continues to receive the love and unwavering devotion from Keith. Despite her illness It is plain to see their love still burns bright, and they have an everlasting connection every time they look at each other.

World Cup

The residents enjoyed watching the England games in the last football world cup this summer. After lunch, staff and residents gathered in the lounge in front of the TV- Along with a bitter-shandy and lots of nibbles- to watch the tense game. We cheered and whooped along the team, they must have heard as they won!



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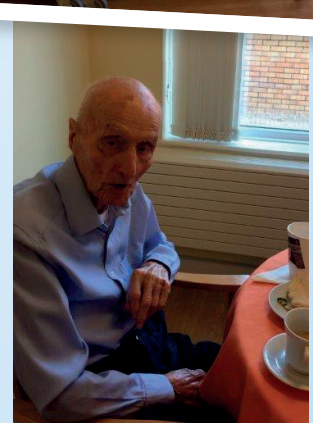
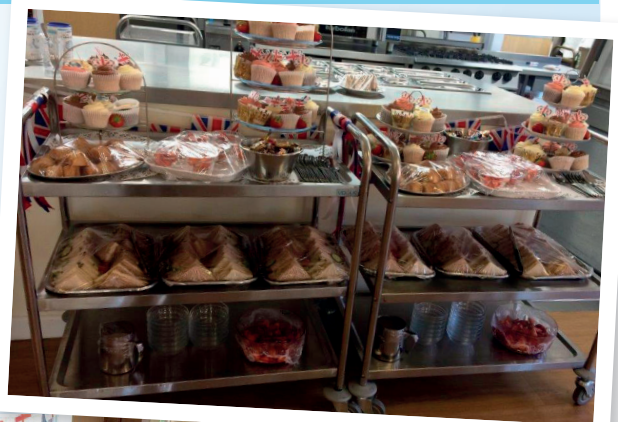
John Jones

Residents and daycare enjoyed our regular entertainer- John Jones the Accordionist- on the 24th of August. Joyce got to sing some of her favourite songs for us all to hear. We heard some well-known classics and some traditional tunes we all love.



The Queens Birthday

On the 9th of June we celebrated the Queen's Birthday in style. We decorated the whole building in bunting, balloons and British flags. The Kitchen staff made an exquisite banquet fit for the Queen; finger sandwiches, fruit salads, bowls of chocolate, and best of all colourful cupcakes with a crown on. Later on Julia came in to get our residents up and moving, we played games, sang songs, ate and drank more tea and cake, and had a lovely time. What a great day it was. 'Till next year!



August Fun Day

Thank you to all that supported us on the fun day on the 26th. It was nice to see the wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of the residents, family members and staff present. We gathered in the dining room where we set up stalls and the kitchen staff created an indoor BBQ. We even managed to get full enjoyment out of the bouncy castle. We had a book stall, craft stalls, bric-a-brac Stalls and a raffle draw. I would also like to thank everyone who helped set up and man a stall. We have raised £180 which will put to good use.



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Keele Crescent

May 11th, 2018 saw the long-awaited opening of our newly refurbished respite home in Keele Crescent Macclesfield. The home was officially opened by David Rutley MP and attended by the then Mayor Beverley Dooley and Deputy Mayor Adam Schofield. Fr. John Martin blessed the home, the opening was attended by Sister Leonie and CEO of the Charity Jennifer Trotter along with friends, relatives, residents, external health care representatives, suppliers and staff.

The home can offer individual day care, days, weekends, weeks or months in any grouping, tailor



made to suit the needs of your loved one or yourself. The philosophy at Keele Crescent follows our blue print at Park Mount in providing a holistic person-centred service, with personalised care and support. If you would like more information on fees and care or would like to arrange a visit to Keele Crescent, please contact Park Mount Care Home where the Home Manager or any other member of staff will be happy to help. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook or visit our website.

New Convent Nears Completion

The internal works are now complete, during September the external works will be done and from the first week in October the Pallottine Sisters will be moving into the new purpose built convent. Therefore in Macclesfield we now have Park Mount Care Home, Keele Crescent Respite Home and St Vincent Pallotti Convent. The logo currently being used has now been updated (picture of new logo) and we are in the process of updating all our stationary, website and brochures



A Wife's Reflection

My husband and I have been married for 52 years, Peter is a gentle, hardworking fellow who has been profoundly deaf since he was 17. Over the years he has been unwell, and I have cared for him at home. I am a retired nurse and I thought this was my duty, what difference is caring for one person 24 hours a day, seven days a week when I have looked after wards of 28 poorly people? I never thought that Peter would need to go into care... why should he? I was a health care professional.

It was after a hospital stay that it was suggested that he went into a care home... for a short stay.

I was in a dreadful state, weepy, inconsolable at times. I couldn't settle, Pete was OK! He was disturbed initially but eventually after about 5 months and changes in medication he was compliant. I visited him every day, he is my husband not theirs!

The staff here are so very supportive, and I thought, he's doing OK. The staff can do their job. Still I had difficult times, the detachment was awful, he had gone into care to give me a rest and I felt guilty. I felt that I had let him down, I had him removed from his lovely home, his comfy bed and the smell of home cooking, and the guilt was unbelievable. The journey has been long and tearful how do I cope with this?

I got to know the staff, and most of all to trust them, Peter was quite happy, he was safe, monitored and the staff rang me when there were any changes, in fact communication has been excellent, not only with the family but with Peter. They are kind, considerate, they see to his needs and organise outside appointments, I go with him sometimes. I still see him daily its real partnership 'sharing the care'.



It is now 10 months since Peter was admitted, Park Mount is a special place and the staff are always smiling and around with a kind word of encouragement, and a cup of tea. It has been a difficult journey, from being anxious when he has been unwell, to elation when he's had a good night. The residents are delightful, well looked after, they are given respect and loved to bits. Acceptance has been difficult; we know it was the right decision for all of us.

Small steps:

Trust the staff they have seen all these problems before, in time your confidence will return, and you will be more rested. This will give you more quality time together. Staff will listen and understand what you are going through, don't be afraid of crying.

You can always ring Park Mount night or day they have open visiting- it's a real home we are always welcome. Now I am on the up, it's like visiting family.

Peter and I say every day:

Peter- *"If you're alright, I'm alright"*

Olly- *"and if you're alright, I too am alright"*

Writing this article has helped me through the grieving process... if it can help other's even better!

God Bless.

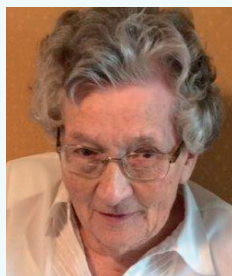
Olly Cartledge

Tanzania News

The sisters continue delivering their missionary work in Tanzania which they have been doing for over 25 years they have just commenced a new Mission to deliver education in a school environment to children in Magogo in the Maasai territory. Just £30.00 a month will put a child through school as a boarder. If you would like to help, please get in touch. fundraiser@parkmountcarehome.co.uk



New Residents



Betty Connor

Betty was a land girl in the second world war, working in Cheshire on farms, later she was a Machinist at Kershaw's Mill. She had 5 children who went onto have 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Her hobbies include sewing, gardening, walking, helping with the RSPB, and loves Scrabble.



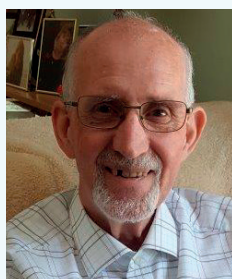
Betty Davey

Betty was born in the Republic of Ireland in county Offaly, where she grew up. She moved over to England to find a job and ended up working at the McVitie's factory in the Chocolate penguins section. Betty married Peter and had one son and 2 grandchildren together.



Jackie Corbishley

Jackie grew up in Woodford and attended Cheadle Hume high School; she trained as a hairdresser and also worked in Umbro's sportswear factory. She has 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.



Phil Atherton

Phil was born in Hale Cheshire. He attended Altrincham Grammar School on leaving he became a Laboratory Technician where he met and married his wife Jean. They have two daughters and one granddaughter. He joined the Cheshire Ambulance Service to

become one of the first Paramedics on the M6. Phil had a passion for motor bikes and cars, racing and building Minis and later becoming one the founders of Cheshire Jalopy Racing. In 1972 he moved to Wales working as a painter, selling his paintings of local scenes, and decorating. He built and ran a café and restaurant. Phil became President and International Chairman of the local Rotary Club, and in this capacity he went to Sierra Leone to visit some of the projects he promoted and was honoured with the Paul Harris Fellowship. Moving back to Cheshire in 2014 Phil enjoys the theatre and concerts with his other passion music.



Kate Woolley

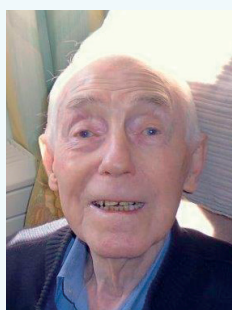
Kate was born in Chesterfield. She married her husband Keith in. They have two children and has two grandchildren. Kate loved swimming and by the time she left school she was the Midlands Area Backstroke Champion at 100 and 200 yards, swam in the National Championships at

Blackpool and was a reserve for the English National Team. After school she trained as a Dental Nurse and then did various administrative and reception jobs. Her husband's work took them to various parts of the country including, Redditch, Cambridge and Stowmarket as well as two years in Saudi Arabia. extensively to many places including Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Egypt and the Caribbean, as well as many trips to Europe, the Canaries and Madeira. She likes Tamla Motown music, musicals and Andrea Bocelli. Her hobbies included yoga, dogs, walking, travel and socialising. She is very social and caring and likes being with people.



Michael Quinn

Michael was born in Liverpool where he studied to become a computer software engineer. He enjoys music, listening to Scottish and Irish music and most of all playing the fiddle. While he was at university in Liverpool in the late 50s he met his future wife, they were married for 40 years and had 3 children. They went on to have 6 grandchildren.



Les Jessop

Les started working in the textile industry for 30 years starting off as a Bobbin Lad which involved getting a roll of silk that had come from China that was stamped 'Made in China' cutting it off, and stamping 'Made in Macclesfield' onto the silk. During the war Les worked on the fabric that

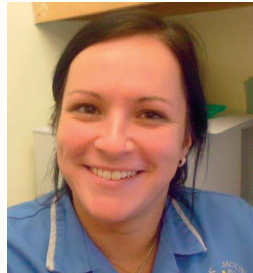
went on to make parachutes for the soldiers. After the war he joined Astra Zeneca for 30 odd years coating tablets. He has lived in Macclesfield all his life, and has 2 children and 3 grandchildren spread between Macclesfield and Sydney.

New Staff

Sharon Beattie
Night Care Assistant



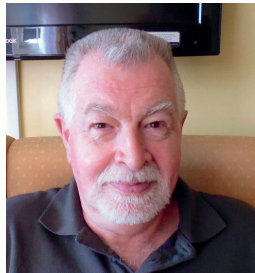
Natalie McKiernan
Care Assistant



Beth Twigg
Night Care Assistant



Michael Betts
Care Assistant



Anna Moncur
Administrator/Activities Assistant



Natasha Ward
Care Assistant



Devon Blinkho
Kitchen Assistant



Lola Pendragon
Care Assistant



Tracy Williams
Night Care Assistant



Tess Hill
Night Care Assistant



Agnieszka Plowiec
Night Care Assistant



Alison Whalley
Care Assistant



Martyna Maczka
Kitchen Assistant



Harry Reid
Apprentice Gardener



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New Roles

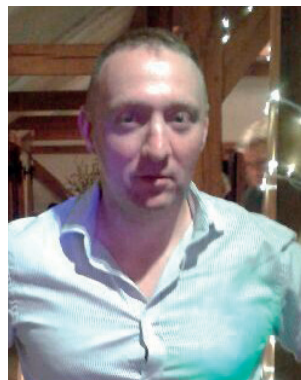
Tammy Chapman
Assistant Manager



I have worked in care for five years, mainly working with learning disabilities and mental health, after studying sign language at university. I have worked for the Pallottine Missionary Sisters for nearly two years, first on day care, then I moved onto night care. I am very happy to now be in the

role of Assistant Manager alongside Tracy and under the direction of Steve. I hope to learn more about a new area of care and I hope develop my skills. I look forward to the challenges ahead.

Guy Gajewski
Trainee Assistant Manager



Since undertaking my new role, it has presented me with a number of fresh challenges. Ones that I hope to take in my stride and excel at. Moving to the management team will allow me to look at things with a fresh pair of eyes, and provide me with a whole new set of skills. I have worked on the care

team for a number of years, and this has encompassed working with disabled children and right through to dementia care in a residential setting such as Park Mount. However, this is a completely new role for me but one in which I will be able to use the experiences and knowledge I have already acquired, and add them to the role. Care work gives me a great deal of enjoyment, and I am hoping that this new position will give me the same degree of fulfilment.

Jake returns

Jake Marshall has recently returned to employment with the sisters. In this time Jake became the proud father of River. Jake was a experienced senior member of the care team for many years and it is with great pleasure we welcome him back on nights predominantly based at Keele Crescent.



Scorching July

Have you enjoyed this recent heatwave we've had? The residents at Park Mount loved it. We finally made use of the decking outside around the dining room. We had the deck chairs out! Cleaned up the tables and chairs and added colourful cushions for comfort. The bright blue parasols topped off our garden set to give us some shade. On the 9th of July 2018, our lovely Peggy and wonderful carer Mary caught the early morning sun on the decking after breakfast. What a wonderful way to start off the day. The garden was in full bloom thanks to the gardeners, our flowers didn't suffer from the lack of rain, let's hope it's the same next summer.