

# Residents' corner

## Marjorie Scaddan



Marjorie's parents were originally from Crediton but after their marriage they moved to Coventry, where Marjorie was born and lived until her marriage to Robert. In 1938 Marjorie began a correspondence with a Dutch schoolgirl which had remarkable consequences. Thanks to the Red Cross they were able to exchange short letters throughout the war, between Coventry and Germany—occupied Amsterdam. Marjorie can never forget her 17th birthday on 14th November 1940. It was the night of the first devastating bombing of Coventry which virtually destroyed the medieval city centre and the Cathedral, killing hundreds of civilians. On that fateful night Marjorie was very much involved. A full description of Marjorie's wartime experiences has been recorded by our nephew and is available on the internet entitled "The Luftwaffe spoiled my 17th birthday".

Marjorie met Robert on a Norfolk Broads sailing holiday and they were married in 1954. She had qualified as a pharmacist during the war and first worked at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. After the couple moved to London she worked for some years at the Westminster Hospital.

Mortgages were hard to obtain in the 1950s but Robert's father thought we were completely mad when we bought a 1/2 acre building plot in the weald of Sussex and proceeded to build our own house, with minimal professional help. The local police called it "the biggest DIY kit in Sussex". Our house was, more or less, completed in about 4 years of hard and demanding effort and we lived there for the next 25 years. We both were in full time employment but were able to enjoy a number of overseas holidays. Leisure activities included squash, choral singing and bell ringing (we have rung at St. Johns Cathedral, Washington DC, USA)

When the time came for retirement we quickly chose the area in East Devon that Marjorie visited frequently as a child. She actually learnt to swim in the old Exmouth open-air pool, now the site of a new leisure centre. We thought that Budleigh would suit us, it did! For a number of years we were enthusiastic and relatively successful playing members of the croquet club. We have also much enjoyed the annual Music Festival and other social activities.

Marjorie entered Pinewood in 2012. Robert visits her every day to keep her up to date with local and family news. With television, music, telephone and visits from friends and relatives she has quite a busy time. Her Dutch friend sadly died in 2001 but the family remains very close. Among last years visitors were two of the great-grandchildren; they are celebrated by Roberts pencil drawings which can be seen in Marjorie's room. They are learning English at school so we hope to be able to continue our 77 year old association with the family.



# Spring 2015 Newsletter



Firstly we would like to welcome all new residents and staff to Pinewood and hope that they enjoy living / working here as much as the rest of us. We would also like to extend our welcome to the relatives and friends of our new residents.

## You are cordially invited to our annual



Music by  
Sam Pester



## 28th April

## 14:30 - 16:30

Tea & Cakes



Close up magic  
by James Tetlow



Spring is finally on its way , with sunny days and the gardens starting to look colourful again. Here are a few pictures of our garden in bloom.



## The Easter Bunny came to Pinewood



Well it was actually Philip and Ziggy who came to deliver our residents their Easter eggs. Unfortunately we couldn't persuade Philip to dress up, maybe he was worried that we might share the pictures with everyone..... As if I would do that!



## The Donkey Sanctuary visited Pinewood

The Donkey Sanctuary kindly bought Harry Bond to see us. He is 11 years old and has only recently been coming out on visits to Nursing and rest homes, but despite this he behaved very well although got a bit restless so wasn't able to stay as long as we had hoped. The residents who were able to see him really enjoyed it.



## Ann Buckland celebrated her 100th Birthday with us

The residents have also been very busy creating and baking with Lisa, our activities lady. I hope you enjoy looking at the various pictures of what they have been up to.

## Activities



On quieter days the staff have had fun with the residents singing and playing along to our CD's. As well as other activities.

## The staff entertaining

