



Mariners' Park News Autumn 2018

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A few words from Mick Howarth

Dear Resident

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter, after what has been, at last, a long, hot summer.

With the VJ Day service in August, and the Merchant Navy Day Service in early September, together with the Black-Tie evening at the Hub to raise funds for the proposed Battle of the Atlantic Memorial on the Liverpool Waterfront, the contribution of the merchant service to keep the country fed and secure in times of war has, once again, reaffirmed. It was good to see so many residents supporting these events keeping this important memory alive.

The Charity is also working hard to meet the needs of today's merchant mariner veterans with the completion of the two new veteran's bungalows in Webster Avenue; there will also be two apartments reserved for veteran mariners in the new development in Ismay Drive, to be called John Fay House. The ITF Seafarers Trust have made a £600,000 contribution to the build cost and have named the property after one of their former Trustees who made a significant contribution to the welfare of seafarers. The 12-place apartment scheme was due to be completed by the 21st December, but it is some three weeks behind schedule. It is likely now that we will only take possession of the building towards the end of January 2019.

Back in May a meeting was held with Trinity House Hub residents to discuss a range of topics relating to the Hub. A second meeting took place in August. It has become clear that many of the topics impact on residents throughout the Park, and indeed it has been suggested to us that it would be "fairer" if there was a single meeting for all residents. Consequently, we have agreed that we will now proceed with a regular resident meeting for ALL residents. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December in the Hub. An agenda will be placed on the Noticeboard and residents are invited to put topics for discussion. We plan to hold three meetings a year.

Some of you may have noticed that you have not seen Cathy Wilson, our Caseworker, around the Park for the last two months. Cathy is unwell at present and could be absent for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery but if you do have any welfare benefits queries or financial concerns please to do contact the Hub reception and we will endeavour to assist you.

My best wishes.

Mick Howarth, Welfare Services Manager



Mariners' Park 1st Scarecrow Event

The Winner – Mr Doug Laverie



Mariners' Park 1st Scarecrow Event



Fund Raising



Summer Fair

We raised a whopping

£500.00

Thank you to everyone involved

Fund Raising



SKYDIVE

Audrey Stocker is doing a skydive on Saturday 29th September, to raise money for Claire House.

If you would like to donate please visit www.justgiving.com/Audreystocker77

or

make a donation at the Hub reception

Thank you

Fox



We all know how wonderful Mariners' Park is for the wildlife.

I couldn't help but say "ahhh" when Dave , Head Gardener, showed me this photo of one of the fox cubs on the grounds!

If you have any photos of the other wildlife and would like to share them please let me know.

Battle of the Atlantic Memorial Fund Raising Event



Over 60 Mariners' Park residents put their glad rags on for the "Black Tie" evening in the Hub on Friday 27th July. The room and tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion by Audrey and Nicola, and a fine buffet was provided by Can Cook. Two singers provided top notch entertainment and residents were not slow to show off their nifty footwork on the dance floor. Even Craig Revel Horwood would have said A-MAZ-ING!

The evening raised a fantastic £550 towards the planned Battle of the Atlantic Memorial proposed for the Liverpool Waterfront. This sculpture will be a powerful reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by 32,000 Merchant Mariners during the longest battle of World War II. Nautilus International also donated £450 so a round figure of £1,000 has now been sent to the Memorial Fund.

A big thank you to Audrey, Nicola and Roger for their help on the evening.



Residents Anne Corlett and Sheena Shaw enjoying the evening.

Estate News

A lot of work has taken place since I last wrote in the newsletter and this is partly why I haven't. I have also had some health issues over the last 12 months, but hopefully these are all behind me now.

Here is an overview of the work that has taken place over 2018 so far.

Further drainage work took place around the care home drains, which some are now 16 years old, but some of these drains are original to the park and thus, up to 120 years old.

We have continued to replace kitchens and bathrooms across Mariners' Park Estate but especially in Gibson Terrace, where, again, these are now 16 years old and are being replaced with classier and better-quality furniture. There are only five apartments in Gibson Terrace left to do now.

Over half of the properties on the estate have been painted by an external painter and decorator. Due to the inability of our only painter, Phil Balson, to do the outsides as well as internal vacant properties, of which we have 73 on the estate, 40 in the hub and 32 in the care home, in effect giving him a total of 146 properties to look after.

Electrical work also continues to be upgraded in properties with LED lights, under wall cupboard lights in kitchens and bathrooms.

I continue to try and source funding for external insulation in King George Drive but encounter difficulty with this, however, I will press on with my efforts on your behalf.

We have had the electronic readers on the external gates changed and now have a larger system to cope with the increasing demand of readers for these gates.

In the Hub, we have had additional three apartment front doors altered so as they open automatically.

Much needed roof work was carried out on Mere Bank roof recently.

I intend to put in a further three/four parking bays at the front of 14 to 20 King George Drive to meet the demand of widening the road and giving people the opportunity to park closer to their homes.

We will soon be waving goodbye to Tyson builders and I am sure you will all welcome the return of the central car park. I am already counting down the weeks, and they will hopefully have left our site in 15 weeks (from 7th September).

Estate News

We continue to have a high turnover of property with both people moving onto the estate from off the park and internal moves.

We have had the two new bungalows in Webster Avenue handed over to us, and it's nice to see one of them is already occupied.

We have changed our central heating/boiler contractors to Kimpton, and from my own personal point of view, they are more reliable and turn out quicker to problems that you experience in your home.

We have also changed window cleaners on our larger buildings, which include the care home and the Hub, if you have any comments please let me know.

Sadly, Paul Clark who has been our seasonal gardener for the last few years, decided to retire, but was ably replaced this year by Mike Barney, who slotted in well and quickly, and he has an eye on John's job when he retires at the end of this year.



New Seating at the Battle of the Atlantic Stone



We are pleased to accept two new benches by our Battle of the Atlantic Stone. The benches are in memoriam for two mariners who lost their lives in an incident on the MV Liverpool Bridge in 1976. The donations also included funds to create some extra planning by the Memorial. The gardeners have already started work on this, and rose bushes will be planted in due course.

Afternoon Tea



Afternoon Tea at Peel Hey Hotel, Frankby

on

Monday 17th September

Leaving the Hub at 1.15pm

Cost is £15.25 per person

This includes

Afternoon Tea with unlimited tea and coffee

Transport to be arranged

£5.00 non-returnable deposit

Deposit to be paid by

Friday 14th September

See Audrey for more details

Social Zone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25th September

Mcmillan Coffee Morning

Function Room, Hub

Starting 10.30am

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Wednesday 26th September

Indian Night

Function Room, Hub

Starting at 7pm

£5.50 per person

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Friday 12th October

Country and Western Night

Function Room, Hub

Starting at 7pm

£2.00 per person

Tickets from Audrey

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Tuesday 30th October

Halloween Tea

starting at 7pm

Function Room, Hub

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Social Zone

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 3rd November

Quiz Night

Starting at 7pm

Function Room, Hub

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Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Service

Anglican Cathedral

Details to follow

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Monday 12th November

Remembrance Day Service

Mariners' Park

More details to follow

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Friday 30th November

Christmas Market

Details to follow

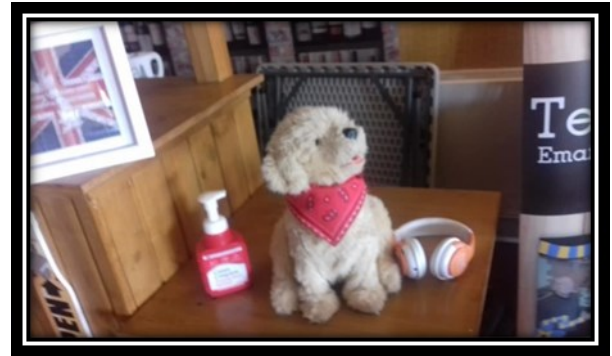
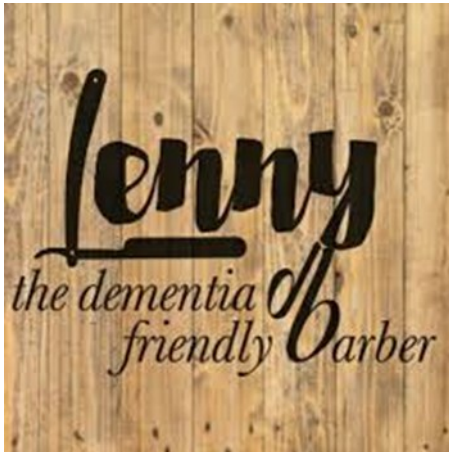
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If you have any ideas for trips, new events please email or talk to
Audrey Stocker

All dates are subject to change. Please check
your week events list

Thank you

Care Home News



On the 19th July the men in the care home were treated to a pamper day by "Lenny the dementia friendly barber". Lenny is the first mobile dementia-friendly barber to go around care homes in Northern Ireland (and now England)! Salons in care homes are usually suited more to women from the decor to the lighting, to the general chit chat. Lenny caters to the men and creates the whole 'barber shop' experience by adding pictures, barber signs and playing music on the jukebox. He cuts the men's hair and trims their ears, noses and eyebrow hair and afterwards they enjoy a good old-fashioned shave followed by a head/face massage and a dash of lemon lotion to finish off.



Alan enjoys a spruce up!



Care Home News



Lenny and Mariners' Park were featured in a video on the "BBC North West" website. For those of you who watched it here's Lenny with our very own "Burt Lancaster"!



Stan enjoyed singing by local artist Bexi Owen (seen here with his Lyric sheet)

We're pleased to say we're expecting Lenny back later in the year!



Domiciliary Care



Do you find certain things around your home a struggle for you to do? Are you unable to attend activities that you really would like to attend? Do you tell yourself that can wait until tomorrow? Well your tomorrow has come today. Nautilus Care Domiciliary Agency has a team of staff on hand to help you with any day to day domestic chores, attend activities that you are unable to get to but with a little help you can, help you pay any bills that you keep putting off because you can't make it to the bank or post office, then let us help you by taking your worries away.

It is a chargeable service that we offer and we can also help support you with personal care, medication, meal preparation and many more things. If you would like to know more about what we can offer to you, I will explain this over the phone, in person or feel free to ask for a copy of our Resident Guide and Statement of Purpose to read at your own leisure. If you wish to know more or to see me in person please contact me on 0151 346 8840 and I will arrange a suitable appointment and guide you through things.

Amy

Can Cook

For those residents who don't know Can Cook are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday every week between 9am and 3pm.

They also have a loyalty card, so buy 10 meals and get one free!!!!

If you would like to know what is on the menu please give John or Debbie a call on 0151 346 8844.

Country and Western Night



Friday 12th October

starting at 7.30pm

Tickets cost £2.00 per person

Don't forget your cowboy boots

Entertainment, refreshments available,

(bring a bottle)

See Audrey for tickets

Men's Activities Co-ordinator

It Happened this Summer



THE BIG MATCH

Nautilus House v Mariners' Park

Danny Kenny v George Jellicoe



Men's Activities Co-ordinator



Danny Kenny (Nautilus Champion), took time off to play George Jellicoe (Mariners' Park Champion), to settle, once and for all, who is the Champion of Champions. What an incredible game it turned out to be!

George looked as if he didn't know what hit him when Danny took a terrific lead by potting almost half of the balls in the frame. George just shook his head and, steadying his cue, got on with his game.

Talk about the tortoise and the hare. Danny looked on in disbelief as George marched slowly but inexorably towards the last three balls, potting the blue, pink and black, to win with a terrific break of 18 against the Cue Ball average of minus one, due to the number of foul balls -Specsavers guys!

Danny was magnanimous in defeat and congratulated his opponent on a great game, albeit a bit sadly as he hadn't won his 'Danny Kenny Trophy' back... good job as George had left it safely at home!

It was a great match expertly officiated by our two suave referees - Bob Owens and Neil Robertson. Thanks to everyone who gave up their time and joined in the spirit of a great occasion.

Men's Activities Co-ordinator

La Liga Before the heatwave



Big thanks to our gardeners, for making it possible.

Men's Activities Co-ordinator



Golf on the Park!



Commiserations – just another eighteen inches Bob!

What a wonderful day to start the golfing season and our new course played brilliantly, down as usual to the excellent work of our gardeners. A total of ten people have signed up to play and we are always looking for more. If we get enough, we can convert the summer house on the bowling green into the 19th hole!

Indian Night



Wednesday 26th September

starting at 7.00pm

Curry (mild and hot) served with rice, naan bread
and poppadum

Dessert

plus, a glass of lager

£5.50 per person

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If you would like to book a place,  
please contact Sharon on 0151 346 8840  
or return the slip to the Hub reception  
by **Tuesday 23 September**

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Name:

Address:

Please state any dietary needs below:

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Face of Nautilus Welfare Fund—Mike Barney

I came to work at Mariners' Park Estate in April this year, after working as an assistant greenkeeper at Bromborough golf club for 13 years. I felt that after this period of time I needed a change and wanted a new challenge.

After successfully applying for the seasonal gardener position I was made aware by the full-time gardener, John, that he would be retiring at the end of 2018. This quickly made me realise that after my time as a seasonal gardener shortly afterwards, potentially, a full-time position might become available. This is the goal that I am working towards and I sincerely hope that I can become a full time Mariners' Park Estate gardener.

Since my first day here I have been made to feel very welcome by both the residents and staff. I have found the estate, a very nice and pleasant place to work and I am proud to be a part of this.

From the day of my interview I couldn't help but notice the picturesque views of the river and Liverpool and the high standards in which the park is kept in. One thing that did stand out and is something that I have had to learn very quickly is that the privet hedges are cut very square and level and these are the high standards that Dave ensures we work to.

I have also worked at the Mariners' Park grave in Rake Lane, Wallasey, and I hope to also visit the grave in Trefriw, in North Wales, which I believe the gardeners have been maintaining over the last few years.



Staff News

Welcome to ...

Jeanette Stevens

Claire Billington

Other News

Gaynor Connolly, Personal Support Assistant, won Carer of the Year at the staff appreciation awards.

Feedback

Many of you may not know, but I have been putting together the quarterly newsletter now for seven years. Where does the time go!!! With this in mind, I would be very grateful to receive some feedback from you as to what you like reading in the Newsletter and what you don't.

If you have any news you would like to share please let me know and I will put it in the newsletter. Personally, I like the articles about residents and what you did at sea or how you met your other half, or how your other half coped while you were at sea!! So if you would like to be the Face of Mariners' Park let me know and we will arrange this. You can phone or email me, details below, or pop into the Hub reception.

Telephone: 346 8840

Email: sshepherd@nautilusint.org

Sharon

Welcome

We would like to welcome some new residents to Mariners' Park:

Mr Lynch & Ms Sanders

Mr Turney

Mr & Mrs Fearon



Do you want to receive the quarterly Newsletters

Are you happy to receive the quarterly Newsletter? If you no longer wish to receive the quarterly Newsletter from Nautilus Welfare Fund please contact the administrators on one of the following or pop in the Trinity House Hub reception and speak to either Annette or Sharon:

Telephone: 0151 346 8840

Email: welfare@nautilusint.org
