



Lodge Life

SHEDFIELD LODGE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



This Issue

It's Good to Talk

Chatty Man

With Thanks

Smooth Singing



Andrew takes to the stage to deliver a great speech at the Dementia Care & Nursing Home Expo at Birmingham NEC

Last month Andrew, Carole and Simon attended an exhibition in Birmingham which covers a multitude of traders, services and seminars from the care sector.

Part of their day included an attendance to the Keynote Theatre where the founder of Care Campaign for the Vulnerable, Jayne Connery, was delivering a presentation about the use of CCTV in care homes. Something which Andrew & Simon have been actively involved with.

During her talk Jayne made an impromptu invite to Andrew, to say a few words about the campaign and his experience of using CCTV in a the care home, the safety benefits of its use and the financial gains that can be made.

His remarks were well received and applauded in the auditorium to an audience of key people involved in the care sector throughout the UK.

At Shedfield Lodge we are very proud of the external and community projects we do that lead to a better understanding of Dementia and help improve lives and services in the healthcare industry.

Thanks to Simon for the information that follows, telling you more about the organisation...

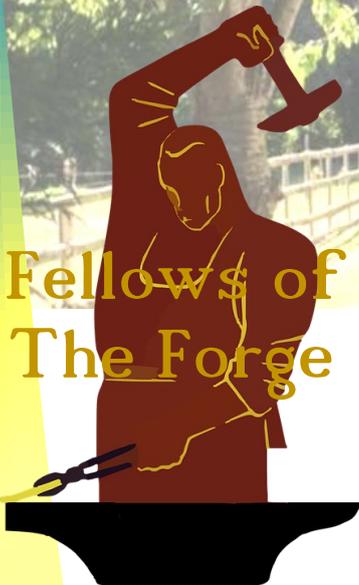
Care Campaign For The Vulnerable is a independent, non profit organisation, successfully leading the way championing the use of CCTV safety monitoring in communal areas in all care and nursing homes and private rooms with consent.

Their team's personal experience in care allows them to offer help and support to families and carers who contact them as well as advising care providers on the benefits to safety monitoring.

Care Campaign has gained the support of many Care Providers, including Shedfield Lodge, care professionals and tens of thousands of supporters. They understand through visits to care homes the many pressures and sometimes unrealistic expectations placed on good, conscientious led care providers in the sector - allowing a balanced understanding on how safety monitoring would be a positive, not just for vulnerable residents, families and care staff but Care Providers too.

They passionately champion good person centred care and support for our elderly, especially living with dementia and championing better support for dedicated care workers while promoting the many commercial benefits safety monitoring has on the care home sector and importantly saving valuable NHS resources.

Fellows of The Forge



The Lodge has had tremendous success with the regular Wives Club meetings and we thought it would be a great idea for us men to get together too.

And so... Fellows of the Forge was born.

An opportunity for male family members to meet us in a relaxed and social environment to discuss, well absolutely anything from emotional and delicate topics to stories and banter that men do so well.

The title came about because of the venue for our meeting—Yes indeed, a nearby pub called The Forge. The perfect setting for a meal and a drink.

The evening was fabulous, enjoyed by everyone and agreed that it is something we should do on a regular basis. It is hoped that more can join us and is open to family members (*husbands, sons etc*) of our residents. If you would like to join us next time, please let us know.



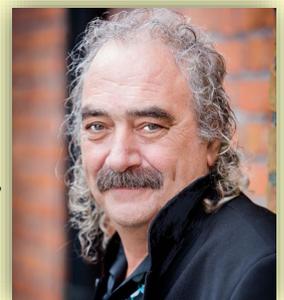
"Not only does Andrew make it to the top of page 1 but also to page 2 !"



Thank you to all the Staff of the local Co Op in Wickham who, so generously, raised £1019 for our very own charity Winnie's Hope. This will greatly help with our community project work. The Co Op have also said that they will continue with their collection boxes for another year

We have a 'Doggie' visitor called Willow coming to the Lodge with it's owner, Debbie for lots of pats and attention on **Monday 15th April at 6pm**. Debbie is part of Pets Therapy Nationwide and we look forward to seeing them both.

Wonderful to have a new entertainer visit us. Keith Turner brings with him a blend of soul, country and pop classics, both old and new.



Occasionally he will also perform with his guitar and charming vocals. Keith's style is very relaxing and great to sing along with. He also travels from Ashford to perform and is more than happy to visit, to what he says... is a wonderful and friendly care home.

Speaking of guitars... we have guitar duo—Jigsaw making a debut this month too. Looking forward to it.

Look forward to the next edition of Lodge Life

Until then... See you soon,

Mark



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