

# NEWSLETTER

## Woodley AGE Concern

July 2010

### CHANGES TO SOCIAL CARE CHARGING BY WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Wokingham Borough Council are going to make changes to some charges for Day Care, Home Care and Respite Care. All of the changes to charges will be means tested. Those with over £23,250 will not receive financial assistance. For those on Income Support, their services will continue to be free of charge.

#### What changes are being introduced?

**Day Care Charge** - introduce a charge of £16.30 per day

**Home Care Charge** - removal of the maximum charge per week.

**Respite Care** - removal of the current ceiling of £126 per week for the first four weeks and charge based on full cost, subject to a financial assessment.

The new system will be introduced within the next few months. The Day Care charge would therefore be £16.30 plus our £5 charge. When this is introduced it could mean that many of our members would have to pay £21.30 per day to attend the Centre. The charge will only apply to Community Services referred Service Users

Wokingham will bill the £16.30p charge DIRECT. It WILL NOT come from the Centre.

#### CAN YOU THINK OF A NEW NAME FOR OUR CENTRE?

Due to our ever changing world we are no longer just a Day Centre. We need a new name that will make us modern and more appealing to a wider audience. Can you help us come up with a new name?

Suggestion Forms are available from the Centre and a prize of a bottle of bubbly will be awarded to the winner

## MBE FOR INSPIRATIONAL ANN

Ann Parr MBE—Community Care Development Manager



Ann received her MBE on 13th April at an investiture at Windsor Castle. Ann was presented with her MBE by Her Majesty the Queen for 38 years of dedication to older people.



In recent years she has overseen the formation of a specialised Dementia Unit in Woodley and has been the prime mover in providing overnight respite care—an invaluable service for carers. She has successfully used her role as Chairman of WISE Older Peoples Forum to secure funding for an outside gym in Woodford Park. Securing such an attraction has made Woodley one of the first area in the South East to have one.

Trustees of Woodley Age Concern have heaped praises on her described by colleague as having a 'can do' attitude, nothing is impossible.

## AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT

Here at Woodley Age Concern on Monday 2nd August an exciting new project for Younger People with Dementia starts. It is a two year project being funded by the Primary Care Trust in Partnership with ourselves.

We are calling it '*The Club*' at the moment. It will take place on Mondays and Thursday each week for up to 10 Service Users. It will be based at the Day Centre in the Garden View Lounge. Service Users will take part in Activities in the community, keeping them fit and active..



The purpose of the group is to provide stimulation both mentally and physically enabling them to have a better quality of life and also providing essential respite for Carers. Our first trip is for a pub lunch and a game of skittles.

Watch this space for future updates. **Ann Parr M.B.E.**

## MORE GREAT NEWS

A small organisation with a BIG HEART.

We are launching our new 'Care at Home' Service. We do not mind if its cleaning, personal care , shopping etc. We aim, where possible to maintain continuity of staff. If you are a carer for someone we can also help you with offering respite in your home.

For further information talk to our Care team on 0118-9691471.



## DIDN'T WE DO WELL

Age Concern entered a float in the Woodley Carnival on the Carnival's 60th Anniversary. There were lots more entries this year. The day was hot and so were the participants, winning the best Voluntary Organisation cup PLUS the Best In Carnival overall cup.

Our theme was 'Bonnie and Clyde' the movie as it was made in the '60s, which tied it into the theme of the overall carnival.

The staff came up trumps as usual. We all now come to rely on the one member of our team supplying the lorry. Our thanks to Lillywhite Transport for the lorry and an excellent driver.

Thanks also to all the staff and volunteers who came on the float and helped with its preparation.



## Try something new for a Summer Pudding- Waffle Berry Pudding

1 pack of Sweet Waffles  
2.3/4 ozs White chocolate  
5ozs frozen raspberries  
1oz castor sugar  
1/2 tablespoon of plain flour

9ozs Sour Cream  
2 Medium Eggs  
1/4 teaspoon Vanilla Extract  
1 Tablespoon of Icing Sugar  
Vanilla Ice Cream

Preheat oven to 200C/fan 180C/Gas 6. Cut waffles into 1" pieces. Coarsely chop white chocolate. Place half of waffles in a deep microwave dish. Sprinkle with half of the white chocolate and half the raspberries. Repeat layers. Place in microwave on High for 3 minutes.



Combine castor sugar and flour in bowl, add soured cream, eggs and vanilla extract. Whisk then spoon evenly over top of raspberries.

Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown in centre of oven. Remove from oven and cool for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with icing sugar and serve with ice cream.

Serves 5—6

## Students

We have had two students from Bucks College—Becca and Tunga who are first years students on a Social Workers Course. They were here with us for several weeks and soon became very good members of the team.

They both passed their first year assessment with flying colours and really enjoyed their time with us learning how enjoyable and rewarding it is working with older people and now have a much better understanding of people with Dementia. We constantly have students here and member and staff enjoy having them.



An Evening  
of  
**Country Music**

at  
Woodley Day Centre, Southlake Crescent

on  
Saturday 9th October 2010 (doors open 7pm)

Come dressed for the occasion.  
Bottle of bubbly for best dressed Guy & Gal

£10 per ticket (including Fish & Chip supper)

Raffle & Licensed Bar

Tickets available from Reception





**A VENUE FOR THAT SPECIAL OCCASION**

Do you need to hire a venue for that special occasion you are planning

*Birthday (not under 25 years)*  
*Anniversary,*  
*Wedding,*  
*Meetings*  
*Socials*  
*or even Corporate events*

We could help you here at Woodley Age Concern. We have a fully licenced bar, modern décor and a garden. Hire of venue from £10 per head including food.

We can also supply drinks and glasses if you are planning your own party at home .  
Contact Les Green (Centre Manager) on 0118-9691471 further information

