Services at the William Hobayne Centre

The Working-age Dementia Service will continue to run every Thursday at the Hobayne Centre.

However, we will no longer be able to run the Thursday afternoon fortnightly group for carers and people with dementia at the Hobayne Centre.

The intention is that this group, which provides information, support and activity sessions, will move to Sycamore Lodge and be operational again from May 2017 onwards. We are unable to confirm any dates at this point but those who have been attending on a regular basis will be informed as soon as definite information is available. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

You can support our work in the following ways:

- By becoming a member for £10 per year
- By making a donation
- By remembering us in your Will

Dementia Concern is an independent charity which has been helping people with dementia and their carers in the London Borough of Ealing since 1982.

We provide assessment, advice, information, client representation, support and monitoring, home respite care, day centre care, dementia cafes and carers’ information evenings.

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Over the years Carole has had several jobs with Dementia Concern. She was first employed in 1999 as a Care Assistant. Since then she has spent time working at both Ward and Day Care centres - although mostly at Sycamore Lodge.

Last year she became a Community Support Worker - a role in which she supports people with dementia living alone. Since January she has also been working as Assistant Co-ordinator on the Call & Care Service.

Previously I was working as a Chief Cashier at a supermarket. The reason I became interested in this area was because my dad had dementia and I helped my mum to look after him. When he passed away, I felt that I would like to know more about dementia, and so when a vacancy came up in a local newspaper I saw this as an opportunity to get into this area of work.

My application was successful and I have been at Dementia Concern ever since. I am still learning new things every day and remain very passionate about my work with people with dementia.

FORTNIGHTLY THURSDAY INFORMATION SESSIONS at the Hobayne Centre (SEE BACK PAGE)
Writing for Carers’ Voice - Your Experiences

As you will have seen, the last few additions of this newsletter have included articles from people about their experiences of caring. Several of our carers - Diane George, Mirjana Zivanovic, Nadira Ali and Sue Clachers - have contributed pieces.

Hopefully some of you readers are willing to have a go and put your experiences and thoughts down on paper. As an alternative to describing very personal experiences it may be you want to express your views on local services for carers or the services provided by the local authority - particularly Carers’ Respite or Carers’ Assessments. In terms of length we are really looking at something of about 300 to 400 words.

Please post your contribution to our 223 Windmill Road address or e-mail it to enquiries@dementiaconcern.co.uk. We are very grateful for your support as it makes such a big difference to the charity.

Research into Treatment for Memory Problems

We are the West London Mental Health Cognitive Disorders Research Team based at Lakeside, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth and have nearly 10 years’ experience in running dementia studies. We currently have several interesting studies taking place looking at treatments for memory problems and welcome contact from anyone interested in chatting about research (020 8483 1834).

We really would love to hear from individuals who have very mild memory problems and we even have opportunities for healthy volunteers to get involved with our research.

We will be speaking further about the research studies we are currently running at the next Dementia Concern carers’ information evening and hope to meet many of you there (see page one for details).

Issues raised by Carers’ UK

The following are some facts about carers in the United Kingdom.

- Since 2001 the number of carers has increased by 16.5%
- Each year carers’ support is worth £132 billion
- By 2017 the number of older people needing care will outnumber family members able to meet that need

As a follow-up to the previous Carers’ Voice, we can now state that the government won’t be handing responsibility for the administration of Attendance Allowance to local authorities.

There are three million working carers in the UK. This is very challenging so it is very important that carers find out about their rights at work. Carers’ UK has a new factsheet which looks at the statutory rights that carers have at work. This includes rights to ask for flexible working, rights to have time off in emergencies and rights to parental leave. The Factsheet is available to download at carersuk.org/help-and-advice/work-and-career.

CARERS’ FORUM

The last Carers’ Forum took place on Friday 10 March at the Ealing Centre at Sycamore Lodge. The main subject of discussion was the news that from 3 April 2017 Ealing Carers’ Centre will be run by the new provider ‘Carers’ Trust Thames’.

Ealing Council for Independent Living (ECIL) will continue to run some carers’ services at the Carers’ Centre and work closely in partnership with Carers’ Trust Thames.

If you would like more information, please contact the Carers’ Centre on 020 8840 1566.

Dementia Awareness Week 2017

This will take place from 14th to 20th May. As usual there will be a number of events and we will provide details in our next newsletter.

URGENT AND OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Dementia Concern for advice & information from your named Dementia Adviser (9:00am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday) (020) 8568 4448

In an emergency 999

For NHS urgent medical help and advice (non life-threatening) and information on GP weekend opening times and local pharmacies 111

Ealing Social Services (Office Hours) (020) 8825 5000
Ealing Social Services (Out-of-Hours Emergency Duty Team) (020) 8825 8000