

COMMUNITY SPIRIT WINS THROUGH



Four years ago, Mick Evans, an Assistant Manager at Castle View, Residential Home for people who are elderly, set up an inter-house Bowling and Skittles Tournament between the four residential homes run by Oxfordshire County Council Social Services. Little did he expect it would still be going strong today. Each home takes turns hosting the event, a team is selected, refreshments provided and family and friends invited along. It became a huge success enjoyed by all.

The competition has been keen and the enthusiasm heart-warming. On finals night the winning home receives a shield for the Bowling and more recently one for the Skittles. Langston House being the smallest of the homes in Oxfordshire Social Services with only 16 places, has struggled valiantly to produce a team for the first two years, consistently coming bottom. Last season with the help of residents from Greenlands Sheltered Housing they won the Skittles Shield and proudly displayed it for a year. This year was the Grand Slam when with the added support of the Thursday Club members they won both shields.

The team Captain, Mr. E. Penman, who is in his nineties and partially sighted, proudly accepted the shield on behalf of his team — Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and Mr. Alec Boath. Mrs. Baldwin then collected the Skittles Shield. It was a wonderful moment for all. Langston House has strong ties with the local community and is used as a resource centre by them. The Thursday Club offers games and company on two Thursday afternoons a month when everyone is welcome. Singing mornings are once a month and again open to all.

The strength of the ties are evident with enthusiasm that the villagers and the club members put into the competition to enable a small home to bring back the shields. Thank you and well done one and all.