

Gone But Never Forgotten

Goodbye to Langston House

End Of An Era

On the 15th March 2005 the remaining residents of Langston House and some of the staff members will move to their new home at Madley Park in Witney. What will happen to Langston House has not yet been decided. Built in 1977, Langston House was linked to the flats at Greenlands in an attempt to provide a focal point for the care of the elderly in the village, operating a meals-on-wheels service, laundry facilities, luncheon club and day care. The residents of Greenlands were able to maintain their independence in the flats with the support of facilities in Langston House. It would seem to me to have been a resounding success!

Simply The Best

For me personally, Langston House was a total surprise. Looking for employment in the village, twice I received application forms for a job at Langston and twice I threw them away. Working with the elderly was not something I thought I could cope with. Encouraged by a good friend, I applied for a third time and got myself a job in the office. What can I say; working at the home for the past five years has been an absolute joy. I have loved every fascinating, frustrating, emotional, tear-jerking minute of it. Caring for the residents is always rewarding and interesting



Gwen Harrison and Bill Liddle with Denise Palmer in Bournemouth July 2004

although it took me some time to realise I shouldn't believe everything they said! The staff have been such fun to work with and what characters! I will really miss being part of something so special.

Local Support

I would like to think our reputation is for providing the very best of care for the elderly members of our

community, but we could not have achieved this without the tremendous support of our local surgery. Our handsome doctors certainly put a smile on the faces of our elderly residents! Over the years Langston House has had many friends and supporters, too many to mention but you know who you are and we thank you. This would also be a good time to thank Councillor Hilary Biles for her unstinting efforts in working so long and hard to fight the plans for closure.

Moving On

Moving to the new home at Madley Park is quite an adventure for us all, perhaps when we are settled in we will write and tell you how we are doing. By the time this article is in print Langston House will have shut its doors for the last time I, for one, will always remember Langston House with deep affection. I am sure many of you will feel the same.

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