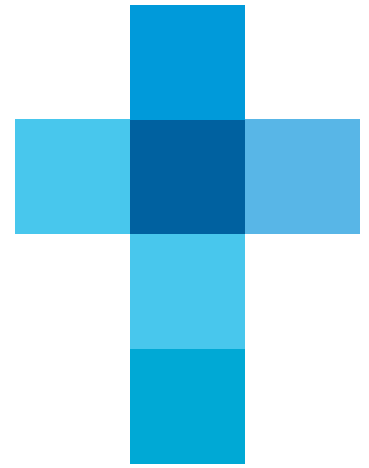


Catholic Care news



Welcome from Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter and a time to remember fondly the events of the Summer.

The articles in this newsletter give me great pleasure as they show our successful events and how many people including the people we care for, their families and friends, staff and volunteers, supporters and donators, all pulled together for the benefit of the Charity whilst sharing fun.

The articles also show how the Charity is moving forward, evolving its services and the successes we have achieved in offering a high quality of service to all.

Please take a moment to look at our forthcoming events. All are very welcome.

A Perfect Summer's Day

The sun shone on the grounds of Hinsley Hall and in the Catholic Care garden on July 12th. It was a perfect day to hold a Summer Fayre and only added to the warmth and generosity from all the people that supported the event to make the day a success.

So many of the people from across our services had come together to get involved and enthusiastically plan the day. It was evident very early on that there was a team spirit and the will to making it a successful day; the giving of time, the making and baking, the gathering of prizes for the Tombola and raffle. All was a positive, shared experience. Then we come to the day itself. Volunteers arrived early, the plan came together, tables, chairs and stalls were set up. The best dressed teddies kept cool under the dappled shade of the trees. People arrived, many from Catholic Care services accompanied by their families, friends and carers.



Children had fun at the Gianna stall, on the slide and in the ball pool, strawberries and cream and a refreshing glass of Pimm's or Prosecco was available as were cream teas and a variety of cupcakes, some of which could be decorated on the day by those feeling creative.

Students from Notre Dame College sang, entertaining the people relaxing in the garden, Jersey ice cream was on hand to cool people down while trying to name the gnome, choose a book from the book stall or trying for the best prizes on the tombola.

Later, in the afternoon the raffle was drawn and all the prizes for the raffle were claimed. The winner of the eagerly awaited best dressed teddy competition was won by Harry and his very green crocodile, "Super Croc", dressed in the yellow jersey of the Tour De France. The winner of the Name the Gnome Competition was Janet with the name Mr Bean.

Visitors to the fayre drifted away by late afternoon, many saying what an enjoyable day it had been. The overriding memory of the day as the volunteers packed away tables and chairs was that people from Catholic Care had come together, shared the experience and went away with smiles and...a sun tan!



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Catholic Care

2014 Events

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 6th November 2014 at 2pm
At the Little Sisters of the Poor
Mount St Joseph's Home, Shire Oak Road,
Headingley, LS6 2DE

Guest Speaker: Professor Graham Mulley
Emeritus Professor of Elderly Care,
University of Leeds. Please RSVP to
Joanne on: 0113 388 5400 or email
joanne.cunningham@catholic-care.org.uk

Step into Christmas with Catholic Care!

Christmas Dinner Dance, Friday 28th
November 2014, Leeds Irish Centre at
7.30pm, Tickets: £25. For tickets please
contact Janet on: 0113 388 5400 or
email janet.flynn@catholic-care.org.uk

Christmas Carol Concert

In the Chapel at St John Fisher High School,
Hookstone Drive, Harrogate, North
Yorkshire, HG2 8PT, Thursday 11th
December 2014 at 7pm

All Welcome

Catholic Care Christmas Card Collection 2014

Real Christmas Cards - Bringing you the true Spirit of Christmas

Our 2014 Christmas Card Brochure is
now available. All the profit made on
the sale of the Christmas cards and
any additional donations go directly to
support our work, so your contribution
is a very practical way to support us.

There are 11 cards available in various
sizes, which encompass modern and
traditional art, but all with a religious
theme. The message inside the cards
will be: "Wishing you the joy and peace
of Christmas and a happy New Year".

We also have 3 cards from last year's
collection on sale at discounted prices!
As with previous years we cannot
offer personalised cards.

**If you wish to receive more copies of
our brochure(s) please contact us on:**
Telephone: 0113 3885 400
Facsimile: 0113 3885 401
Email: info@catholic-care.org.uk



Coming Soon... A range of apartments at Leopold Villa for mature ladies and gentlemen

**Catholic Care is very proud to be
launching its first accommodation
based scheme in supporting older
people. Leopold Villa is in an excellent
location being situated in the centre
of Harrogate, close to local amenities,
shops, a Waitrose and St Robert's
Church, only a stone's throw away,
just across the road, providing easy
access to daily Mass.**

Moving into Leopold Villa is more than just
a property transaction as each apartment
comes with a support package, tailored to
suit individual personal needs.

**For further details please
contact Joanne Cunningham
0113 388 5400**

These new apartments will give people the
freedom to come and go as they please and
to live as independently as possible, safe in
the knowledge that care and support are
close at hand when needed.

Refurbishment work is now well under way
and is expected to be complete by the start
of 2015. We look forward to keeping you up
to date in our next newsletter.



Fond memories of... Social Work Degree - Student Placement

**At Catholic Care we offer the
opportunity of placements in our
School & Family Social Work Service
to students in their final year of their
social work degree course and have
developed strong links over the years
with Bradford University.**

This is an excellent chance for students to
see what social work is really like and to
learn how they really can make a positive
difference to the lives of children, young
people and their families.

This year the student was a lady called
Shirleecia who has shared with us some
of her thoughts:

"As soon as I started my placement with
Catholic Care I was greeted with warmth
and acceptance from the whole team.

Each person that I met took a genuine
interest in me as a whole person and
willingly volunteered their support in
any capacity that they had.

During the placement I have exceeded
my placement learning goals and this is
due to the opportunities that I have been
presented with.

I would not only recommend Catholic
Care to the University as an exemplary
placement Charity but also to any
vulnerable child or family that required
positive holistic support.

It has been a pleasure to be part of it."

Shirleecia continues to work for Catholic
Care as she awaits the final outcome of her
studies in December. Chrissie Moran, Head
of the School & Family Social Work Services
said "We would like to thank Shirleecia for
her hard work, commitment and empathy
with the team and we wish her well
deserved success in her final results".

Anyone for a Round of Golf?

The day dawned bright on 4th July as many bags of golf clubs and trolleys were placed carefully into boots of cars for the journey to Sand Moor Golf Club and the Catholic Care Charity Golf Day.

Joe Hester had very generously arranged the day and as the teams of keen golfers gathered for a light lunch there was an air of expectation in the room. Sadly the weather did not hold out but the standard of golf did and when the weary golfers returned to the 19th hole there was much talk of "bogey's", "birdies" and that elusive "eagle".

Before sitting down to a celebratory meal and prize giving for the achievements of the day, Stephen Johnson, Director of Finance for Catholic Care, delivered a short talk about the good works undertaken by the Charity. Everyone was extremely generous in their donations to the fundraising throughout the day and our warmest thanks go out to everyone involved. The day was such a success that we look forward to seeing you all again next summer so keep practising!



Congratulations

Many congratulations to one of our young people in care who attended Corpus Christi Catholic College and has achieved excellent results in their recent GCSEs including an A* in maths. Well done!



Bacon & Cabbage and so much more

On 19th September Catholic Care returned to the Irish Centre in Leeds for the second year running for a traditional Irish night of fun and fundraising.

Every chair in the room was taken as many of our staff and the people we care for shared tables with supporters from the Irish Centre and tucked into the traditional Irish fayre of Bacon & Cabbage which was accompanied by white sauce and not to forget the ever popular sherry trifle.

Canon Maguire, Trustee of Catholic Care, was warmly welcomed by many old friends and Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care, said a few words updating on the Charity's developments and thanking everyone for their support. Special thanks were given to Trish & Tracey for their hard work in arranging the evening and making it such a success.



The meal finished, the entertainment began with the all important raffle followed by an excellent performance of traditional Irish dancing from the Joyce O'Donnelly School of Dancing. Then it was over to the Leeds branch of CCE to play live music and lead us all in some energetic, and for the novices highly amusing, dancing.

"Thank you to all for supporting Catholic Care and making this such a night to remember"



Directory of who we care for:

Learning Disability Services

Positive services delivered in residential and supported homes that focus on people's abilities and not their disabilities.

School & Family Social Work Services

Our qualified team of professionals provide advice, support and counselling for children, young people, families and teachers.

Older People's Services

Community Groups to support friendships and tackle loneliness. Community Outreach - providing care and support in your own home, helping you to live independently for longer. Accommodation - apartments offering freedom and independence with care and support close at hand when you need it.

Gianna: Pregnancy & Parenting Services

Confidential, one-to-one support and helpful advice.

Children & Young People's Services

Services that make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people in our residential care. Specialist care and support for children and young people with a learning disability, particularly those with Autism, both in the home and in respite care, where we aim to provide the tools and advice they need to live full and independent lives.

Mental Health Services

Services that focus on mental, physical and spiritual needs, delivered in supported accommodation.

Our Mission

In everything we do, we strive to show how the teachings of Christian love, charity and justice can shape the way we live together.

We aim to achieve this by taking the Caring Church into the Community and offering practical services and support for anyone who is weak and vulnerable, regardless of their faith.

The Gianna Project needs your help

As our Gianna project, which supports girls and women with an unplanned pregnancy, continues to grow from strength to strength, we need to replenish our stock of good quality second hand baby items & equipment to pass on to our families. Since our initial launch in 2011 we have, to date, been asked to assist over 90 families and we continue to support mother and baby for the first year of the child's life.

You too can help us in our work. Do you have any baby items which you no longer need but would like to go to a good home? We are currently in need of cots or travel cots, bouncy chairs or high chairs, in fact anything you know a baby would need in that first year of their life.

If you can help please contact our head office for further details.



October 1st was International Older People's Day. Please remember older people in your prayers

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to hear the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are dim and my answers slow.

Blessed are they who look away when my tea was spilled at the table today.

Blessed are they who with a cheery smile will stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say "You've told me that story twice today"

Blessed are they who know my ways and bring back memories of yesterday's.

Blessed are they who ease the days and care for me in loving ways.

Blessed are they who make it known I'm loved, respected and not alone.

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