

CAMBERLEY CARE TRUST

June 2017 Newsletter

Chairman's Chat

The Greek philosopher Socrates said that the secret of change is not to focus your energy on dismantling the old, but on building the new. This neatly sums up the past couple of months at Camberley Care where the Board of Trustees has been working to refine and improve the way we are structured and how we operate, building on 40+ years of considerable success.

On the face of it, you may not have noticed much change. But we have strengthened the Board, giving each member of the team responsibility for a specific area of our operations, restructured the office team, which more than ever ensures the smooth running of our charity and explored a number of potential new areas of funding, about which I hope you will hear more in the months ahead.

Very soon, thanks to the work of office manager Natasha, we will be launching a fresh new look for Camberley Care, a modern logo supported by an exciting new web site and new-look promotional materials to help us channel all our energy into the recruitment of new volunteers and potential new Board members.

Throughout this period of change there has been one constant. This is our group of volunteers such as yourself who provide the lifeblood for Camberley Care. Without your kind donation of time and goodwill, we simply could not function and hundreds of local people would no longer be able to enjoy independent living.

It's a heartfelt thank you, from me, for your patience and understanding during what has been an unsettling period, for some. Your help in filling the gaps in our driver schedule has exceeded expectations. It has ensured we can meet the ever-increasing demands for our car service.

As we approach the summer holiday period I would like to recognise the commitment of all our volunteers. Do please standby for information about a celebratory event towards the end of July. I do hope you will be able to join us.



Joan's retirement

Thank you to everyone who helped make Joan's retirement a fun and happy occasion. She was delighted with her gift card and all the goodbye wishes



New office part time administrator

We would like to welcome Sue Pearson to our office team as part time office administrator. Sue started with Camberley Care last year as a volunteer duty officer and is a perfect fit for our office team. Sue and I are working on several different projects to help maintain and improve the smooth running of the office.

Working together Natasha and Sue have introduced a schedule to ensure the office is covered by admin support at all times.

Office opening times Monday to Thursday 8:30am until 3:30pm and Friday 8:30am until 12:30pm

Drivers : If you have a client trip on a Friday afternoon, please call your clients to confirm trip prior to leaving due to office being closed. This will ensure there are no wasted journeys.

New Volunteer Drivers

A very warm welcome to Lee Roberts, Angela Barnatt and Brian Robbins who have recently joined our team as volunteer driver's. Angela has also offered her services as a Duty Officer. Please also welcome Alison Roberts who is joining our duty officer team.



Donation Envelopes and Mileage Claim Forms

A continued thank you for bringing in your envelopes in a timely manner.
Please bring in your claims forms with the corresponding envelopes to ensure our accounting remains accurate. For example 5 envelopes = 5 entries on your claims form

As we are working to bring our accounting admin up to date we would appreciate it if everyone would check to see if they have any outstanding envelopes.

Thank you

Amended suggested donations for local trips

Please note that all local trips to Frimley Park Hospital are now at a flat rate £10 suggested donation.

While local trips remain at £7 suggested donation for single trips, we have increased this to £10 if it is a double return.

Please check your trip sheets for donation charges. Any trips that were already scheduled prior to the change will still show the old donation charge. Any new trips will reflect the new suggested donation charge and the clients have been informed.

Do let us know should you have any questions.

On Thursday 8th June, 4 students and a teacher from Gordon's school visited our Camberley Care office to learn about the work done by our charity.

Sue explained the history and how Camberley Care works on a day to day basis, including showing the students how we log calls and allocate drivers. The students came with a list of questions which were answered and took some photos for their presentation. Sue also managed to obtain quotes from a couple of volunteers as to why they enjoyed being a part of our team, which the students found very interesting.

The students will put a presentation together which they will deliver to their class. If they are voted the best in their class they then go through to another heat against the rest of their year. If successful after a further round they will win some money which they will donate to their chosen charity.

Both the students and teacher enjoyed learning about the charity and the work we do within our community.





We've raised an incredible

£227.58

from supporters shopping online via [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raising donations for free!

Help us raise more! Register to support Camberley Care Trust at:

[easyfundraising.org.uk/camberleycaretrust/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/camberleycaretrust/)

then simply follow the steps to shop and raise.

If you want to find out more, speak to Natasha on 01276 707692

Happy fundraising!

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2017 WILL SEE THE RETURN OF
CAMBERLEY CARNIVAL AS THE GRAND FINALE OF THIS YEAR'S
CAMBERLEY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The theme is 'Around the World' - as it is the finale for the international festival after all.

Join us to watch a colourful parade march through the town centre before taking part in our family fun day at London Road Recreation Ground – entry is absolutely FREE!

To kick off the Carnival, we are offering drop-in art workshops, we are offering drop-in art workshops at Camberley Theatre from 10:30 – noon for you to make something colourful for the parade.

12 NOON

A Carnival procession consisting of local schools, businesses and community groups leaves from Knoll Road and walks to the London Road Recreation Ground via the High Street and Pembroke Broadway

12:30 – 5 PM

Carnival Fun Day at London Road Recreation Ground

With food, a bar tent and entertainment including, 'Carnival of Games' – a marquee packed full of retro computer games including Nintendo 64, Sega Saturn, Atari, Playstation 2, Giant Gameboys and many more free to have a go on – for parents and children alike!

The Big Art – Children's art workshops. Creating the famous Camberley white elephant and decorating it to become full of colour!

Plus the Farnborough Concert Band of the Royal British Legion, The Ark Walkabout Performance and various other displays.

No parking at London Road Recreation Ground, please use Town Centre car parks.



For details of all of these events plus all the free shows taking place across Camberley please visit:

www.camberleyinternationalfestival.com



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THANK YOU

A continued thank you to our volunteer John Archer for covering all the key safe installations and removals.

THANK YOU

Mrs Haw called in to say a special thank you to Peter Close who kindly drove her to Bournemouth and returned to collect her. She had a fabulous break and really appreciated the time away.

Thank for your kind donations

Rotary Club Camberley

&

John Neilson

For your kind donations

Frimley & Camberley Car Service

Number of trips completed in May—288

Number of volunteer drivers in May—46



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