

# *The Willows Whisper*

*September '24*

**September**

*By Dorothy Lawrenson*

This far north, the harvest happens late.  
Rooks go clattering over the sycamores  
whose shadows yawn after them, down to the river.  
Uncut wheat staggers under its own weight.

Summer is leaving too, exchanging its gold  
for brass and copper. It is not so strange  
to feel nostalgia for the present; already  
this September evening is as old

as a photograph of itself. The light, the shadows  
on the field, are sepia, as if this were  
some other evening in September, some other  
harvest that went ungathered years ago.



# The Willows Summer Fete

On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August our residents, families and friends of the Willows enjoyed our yearly summer fete. The Barrow Ukuleles and Choir entertainment was the highlight of the day, and we were very grateful that the weather was kind.

The warmth and cheerful atmosphere throughout the day was observed by many residents and visitors.



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Kitchen Team, the food stalls were provided with variety of delicious foods and wonderful display of the cakes, all selling out in a flash! Our cake stall was dedicated to our colleague, Nina, who lost her battle with cancer June this year. In the past, running the stall at the summer fete was her pride and joy. We are sure she was looking down on us!





A variety of stalls proved very attractive to our visitors. Many stalls were quickly depleted! Tombola table and bric-a-brac 'lured' many visitors and we had some very happy winners of our raffle prizes. Some items were hand made by our residents and members of our Willow team.



As always, Peaches, the pony arrived in style and attracted lots of attention and received many cuddles from residents and visitors.

## *Residents' Feedback on our Fete*

*"The wide variety of stalls, food and entertainment far exceeded my expectations. As well as most enjoyable social occasion, the event was a wonderful tribute to everyone who had worked to make it happen.*

*Besides fundrising, it was a great public relations exercise, impressing many visitors who turned up.*

*It was a lovely touch to dedicate the cake stall to the memory of Nina, who would have been proud of the result.*

*Priya's contribution of large amount of samosas caught my eye, and two of those plus a cup of tea was enough for an afternoon meal!"*

*D.S.*

*"It was the best day ever, and I enjoyed it very much!"*

*Ch.W.*

*"I asked mum what she thought about the day, and she said that 'It was lovely!'*

*It was nice to see all the residents and families having a social event"*

*K.R.*

*"This was my first experience of the willows summer fete. It proved to be an extremely pleasurable experience for both me and my family.*

*It had lovely warm and friendly atmosphere and everyone appeared to be enjoying the event".*

*K.H.*

*"I didn't go to the fete because I am bedbound, but I could hear the music and see people through my bedroom window. Priya asked if I would like some samosas that she brought to the fare. I said that I never had them before, and would love to try. The samosas were marvelous and I enjoyed them for my tea!"*

*L.B.*



# The importance of activities in our home

As one resident said: “Keeping busy gets me away from mischief”



Activity helps to sustain both physical and mental health, so it is important that residents living in our home can maintain their interests and have opportunities to develop new ones. Organised activities contribute to the sense of community in a home. Some people prefer activities that they can pursue on their own, such as reading or listening to the radio. Other people prefer group activities, but a group activity that is enjoyable and meaningful to one person may be of no interest to another.

People need a range of activities to choose from and support to maintain existing interests. Our activities coordinators plan activities and events in advance and residents are given the choice whether they participate in offered activity.



Some say: “as long as I don’t have to do anything, I’ll join in” and that’s perfectly alright. One never knows when by simple observation one might join in and have some fun!

# Meet with our Manager Yvonne!



**Yvonne is available for a chat on  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
between 10:30pm and 12:30pm.**

If you would like to book a time slot, please  
call the Home on 01509 650559.



# Summer Fair

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stuffed animals	carmel apples	elephant ears	entertainment
cotton candy	ferris wheel	snow cones	ring toss
balloons	lemonade	popcorn	tickets
family	prizes	games	lines
rides	fair	luck	fun

