



NEWSROUND 2021

Despite the strange year we have had it seems to be moving by quite fast. It's amazing to think we are in October already and that Christmas will soon be upon us.

COVID: Sadly there is no news that restrictions on visiting care homes can be lifted yet so we cannot let you wander into Yoakley House like you used to do. If you want to visit any resident in the home and are prepared to take a Covid test and wear a mask and gloves, we can let you in. Phone the office 223652 to book a time. The third Covid Booster vaccinations have started. Your doctor's surgery should be in touch with you to invite you when it's your turn.

STAFF: Maria Todd is getting married to Dean on Saturday 2nd. We wish them a sunny, beautiful and happy day. She will then be Mrs Debling. Congratulations to Debbie Parsons who has been with us for 15 years on 11th October.

On Monday 4th we welcome David Manser to work alongside Dino on the maintenance team. He comes with plenty of experience. Please be kind as he learns the ropes. New carer Heidi Nichols will be joining us on nights.

Mandy has decided to take a job closer to her home in Birchington so will be leaving us this month. She has been with us for 13 years for most of which she has kept the busy office running and taken care of all the ordering. We will miss her cheery face and wish her well for her future.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING BINS: Please please please do not leave items outside of the wheelie bins on the floor or behind the bins – either by cottages 9 and 40, or in the rubbish compound at the back of Yoakley House. Anything outside the bins will not be collected and the dustmen can refuse to take the bins if these items are in their way. If you need help disposing of something that does not fit in the bins, please speak to the warden or to Dino.

Please also take care to put the right things in the right bins. For example polystyrene is not allowed in recycling. If you are unsure about any item please put it in a black bag in the black general waste bin. Thank you.

BOILER SERVICING is booked to take place in early October to try to make sure your heating is all be working well before the winter.

ALARM SYSTEM. The new emergency alarm system is finally up and running. If you pull any of the orange cords in your property in an emergency or if your smoke detector goes off, it will ring through to Yoakley. The person who answers the call should be able to speak to you. We do have pendants on the system which you can wear around your neck. If you would like one, please ask the warden.

CHRISTMAS: It is unlikely that we will be able to invite almshouse residents into Yoakley House for all the festivities running up to Christmas again this year. We are working on some events for December in the grounds which you will be able to enjoy from the comfort of your own front room. If you are likely to be alone on Christmas Day we are working on a plan for you to have a meal with company. Details to follow.