

JAH-JIREH LEYLAND



In 1991 a large house in Beechfield Court was purchased. It was a second graded listed building standing in an acre of mature gardens and surrounded by a very nice Redrow housing estate.

Originally the house was owned by Leyland Motors and used to entertain their overseas clients.

Sadly, the house was in a derelict condition. At the rear of the property there were many dilapidated stables and other outbuildings.

A plot of land was also purchased from Redrow adjacent to the site for the eventual building of a manager's house.

The main house was restored and renovated to care for 11 elderly brothers and sisters. Most of the bedrooms were made en-suite and there were two very big lounges, a dining room with a patio leading out to the garden, and a decent size kitchen.

A section of the ground floor was temporarily separated off to provide living accommodation for the first manager who came to Leyland in 1991.

Some of the first elderly ones to be cared for in the Leyland Home were Joe and Mercy Dixon, Ruth Andrew, Ivy Harris and Ewart Chitty, all of the anointed.

Also there were Phyllis Naylor, Agnes Roocroft, Winnie Scivyer and Phyllis Reeves. Eva Billington and Grace Warburton transferred to Leyland from the Blackpool Home to be nearer their family and friends. Grace Warburton and Phyllis Naylor are still living in the Home, but sadly, Eva Billington died recently.

Once the manager's house was built, three more elderly ones were able to be accommodated in the Home. These were Dick Slack and Bob and Margit Nash, all of the anointed.

In 1994 the outbuildings at the back of the Home and a brick garage were demolished to make way for the extension that would accommodate more en-suite bedrooms, a new dining room overlooking the garden with a patio either side, laundry room and a new foyer and entrance.

Later, the roof void above the old house was renovated to create a hospitality room and a self contained flat for the assistant managers. An 8 person passenger lift was also installed, so that the chair lift in the main hallway could be removed.

In 1995, at the completion of all the building projects, a brother from the London Bethel visited the Home and gave a much appreciated and encouraging talk to all the staff and residents. The Leyland Home now cares for 36 elderly brothers and sisters.

Caring for all our brothers and sisters in the Home are about 36 brothers and sisters drawn from surrounding congregations.



Leyland Garden Party

High tea was served to all the residents and their guests at the garden party held in the Home on Saturday 30th July. Over 140 enjoyed sandwiches, cakes and a pot of tea served to them by the carers who were dressed as waitresses.

In the garden everyone was invited to participate in many activities, such as crazy golf and croquet. There was a shop in a marquee and soft drinks were served in the summer house. There was also a Scotsman playing the bagpipes.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and wanted to know when the next one would be.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following staff who recently achieved the National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ's) for care:

NVQ Level II

Lynda Turner (Leyland)
Martin Workman (Blackpool)

NVQ Level III

Maureen Wicks (Wigan)

NVQ Level IV

Tracy Gandesha (Blackpool)

AAT Level II

Matthew Hindmoor Jnr (Head Office)



Congratulations also to Manhar Gandesha (pictured on right), Manager of the Blackpool Home, on achieving the Registered Manager's Award.

SENSORY ROOMS

A sensory room in both the Blackpool and Wigan Homes have been provided for our elderly ones who suffer from dementia. These rooms have a nice calming atmosphere where they can sit and even interact with the equipment. The sensory rooms were funded 50% by Jah-Jireh and 50% by kind donations specifically for the Blackpool and Wigan Homes.



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