

# Mini Link



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We are all keeping our fingers crossed that restrictions will be eased on Monday 17th May and then again on 21st June when the Government has teased us with the report that all social contact restrictions will be lifted. We are delaying issuing our June main Link Magazine until July when we hope we will have lots of scheme activities to report on.

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# 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Our House Managers and Elaine Beveridge will be talking to tenants about ways to recognise Eldon's 40th Anniversary. Lindsay Court and Westdene already have plans for summer parties.

If you have any ideas of what you would like to see at your scheme, such as a party, entertainment, equipment for the communal lounge or garden, please let your House Manager or Elaine Beveridge know.



## STAY SAFE & STAY WELL

The Eldon staff team continue to monitor all guidance from Public Health England/Government and will implement everything necessary at our schemes in order to keep our tenants and staff safe. The following are some reminders on what you can do to keep yourself and your neighbours safe.

- Restrict visitors in your flat to your support 'bubble' and care professionals only – they should all wear a mask when walking through the scheme and carers must wear them when they are attending to you.
- Whenever you return to the building or even if you are just walking around the building or visiting the laundry please wear a mask until you are safely inside your flat
- Use the hand sanitiser when you enter the scheme and wash your hands when you are back in your flat.
- Subject to Government approval on the 17th May the communal lounges will be re-opened and the rule of six will apply, dining rooms will be re-opened too with social distancing measures in place.
- If you feel unwell pull the emergency cord to alert an on-site member of staff or if you live in Bardsley, Claremont or Garden Courts or Marten House telephone **111** for advice.

- If you feel low and need to talk to someone you can telephone:

**Joan Nightingale House**

☎: **(01444) 450255** | **Mon-Fri daytime**

**Lindsay Court**

☎: **(020) 8686 0439** | **24hrs**

**Westdene**

☎: **(020) 8688 7603** | **24hrs**

**Elaine Beveridge**

☎: **07785 616860** | **Mon-Fri daytime**

- The NHS Volunteer Responder service provides support with shopping, collecting prescriptions or just having a chat – you can call 0808 196 3646 to check if you are eligible for their support services.
- Should there be a Coronavirus outbreak at your scheme stricter restrictions regarding visitors will be implemented in order to keep everyone safe and we will ensure that we keep everyone affected informed.
- If you have any maintenance concerns tell a member of staff or telephone the Help Desk on **0800 434 6298** which is manned 24hrs a day.

## SUMMER LINK MAGAZINE

The next full edition of *The Link* will be published in July. If you have any ideas for this edition please speak to your House Manager, Elaine Beveridge or contact the Editor, Anne Dickson, on ☎: **020 8655 6727** | 📧: [adickson@eldonhousing.co.uk](mailto:adickson@eldonhousing.co.uk).

# IRENE HALL 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CONGRAULATIONS



**Irene Joan Newman was born on the 19th April 1921, she was the 2nd child in a family of 7 brothers and sisters (5 boys and 2 girls).**

Irene's mother (Mary) was widowed in 1929 and was left to bring up her children alone in the Brixton and Stockwell areas of London.

Irene left school at 14 years of age and began work as an Office Clerk with an independent book company, in Farringdon Street, London. They produced the Arthur Mee Children's Encyclopaedia.

During the war Irene and her Mother lived in rented accommodation, her 5 brothers had all joined the Army and her sister lived in India.



Irene met her husband William (Bill) Hall in the Swan Public House in Stockwell having been introduced to him by her Mother.

*“Irene married Bill on 15th April 1944, she remembers having a very small wedding reception at her Aunt's house.”*

Bill and Irene's first daughter, Linda, was born on Irene's birthday in 1945 and their second daughter, Sarah, 19 years later. Irene continued to work until Sarah was born. When she finally retired she was working as a Nursery Assistant at Alan Edwards School in Stockwell and she was living in Thornton Heath.

After Bill passed away Irene spent a few months in Hong Kong, joining her daughter, Linda and son in law Peter, where she worked as a Nursery Assistant. She then moved to Marten House which she has good memories of, particularly “doing her own thing” and going on trips with other schemes.

Irene moved to Lindsay Court in 2017 and she said that the years spent at Eldon have been good.

One of Irene's favourite holiday destinations has been Italy where she spent time with her daughter, Sarah, and her sister-in-law.

If she were stranded on a desert island Irene said that she would want her Grandchildren and entire family with her.

Many congratulations to Irene.

# EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The latest round of Employee Excellence Award winners was selected in February from the 32 nominations received.

The winners were:



## Hilda Matovu

Hilda is the House Manager at Westdene and received her award after being nominated by a tenant for patiently helping them sort out their finances and for being so kind and thoughtful.



## Tina Rashidi

Tina works at Fellows Court as the Premises Officer. She received her nomination for the enthusiasm and pride she puts into her work 'nothing is ever too much trouble'.



## Angela Wood

Angela is a Carer at Lindsay Court and was nominated by a colleague for offering to wash a tenant's hair due to the hairdresser cancelling during lockdown 'typical of her kind nature'.

## HOW TO NOMINATE A MEMBER OF ELDON STAFF

Anyone can nominate a member of our staff team for an Employee Excellence Award. If you are aware of a member of our team who has gone above and beyond to help, support and protect our tenants, or the residents of the Croydon Council Residential Care Homes, please consider nominating them for an award.

You can nominate by completing the form here and placing this in the small blue box which is usually found in the communal lounge or reception area. Alternatively you can e-mail your nomination direct to our HR Officer, Charlotte Redout, at [credout@eldonhousing.co.uk](mailto:credout@eldonhousing.co.uk)

**Nominations for the current quarter will close on Wednesday 19th May.**

Name of employee nominated: .....

Place of work: .....

Reasons for the nomination: .....

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Name of nominator: .....

Please delete as appropriate: staff member / tenant / family member / other

