

HOPE FOR HOME HERALD



SUPPORTING DEMENTIA CARE AT HOME

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MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEE-JENNIE HURLEY!



We were delighted to welcome Jennie to our Board in August 2020. Jennifer Hurley retired recently after a forty-year career in nursing. She was the first Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Accident and Emergency at University College Hospital.

Jennie worked for the second part of her career in Primary Care with an Advanced Diploma in Chronic Disease Management. Most of her work involved the management and monitoring of patients with long term medical conditions, and monitoring of people aged 65 and over, including assessment at home for people with dementia and their family carers. She also worked with colleagues on initial cognitive assessment and referral to memory services.

She was the elected nurse representative on the governing body of the Islington Clinical Commissioning Group with clinical lead responsibility for Last Years of Life Care and Learning Disability and Autism. As one of the early Nurse Prescribers, she also chaired the Non-Medical Prescribers' Forum and was a member of the Medicines Optimisation Committee. She has a special interest in care of people with dementia in their family home. Jennie says " My Dad, Edward, had Parkinson's disease and Lewy Body Dementia.

THELMA HARVEY MEMORIAL PRIZE



Gina Gardner and her colleague (2nd and 3rd from the left) receiving the Prize.

Thelma Harvey was the founding Chair of the Hope for Home Board of Trustees. She brought her immense personal and professional experience to our development, and to our projects supporting people with dementia and with Parkinson's Disease at home.

Sadly, after 10 years as Chair, Thelma died in 2018. To recognise Thelma's fantastic contribution and commitment we set up the Thelma Harvey Memorial Prize in 2019. This award was facilitated by a generous donation to the charity by a close friend of Thelma's.

The aim of the prize is to recognise individuals or teams who have made a positive difference by supporting unpaid carers who look after people with dementia in the last phase of life in their family home.

The prize was first awarded in November 2019. We were delighted to receive three excellent submissions. The judging panel included representatives of **Hope for Home** and Hospice UK. The panel commended all the submissions on

I had a direct experience of how dementia affected him and those of us who loved and cared for him. My mother looked after him at home as long as she could in most challenging circumstances, twenty four hours a day, with help only from friends and family. I am delighted that as a trustee of Hope for Home I am able to work with a wonderful group of fellow trustees. Together with them I feel I can contribute to projects and initiatives which help and support those caring for loved ones with dementia at home: often a hidden group in our society.”

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 AND 2021!

Following the success of our London conference in 2018, we ran a subsequent conference in November 2019. This was very kindly hosted by Ardgowan Hospice in Greenock, Scotland with the theme of bereavement and loss. The event was over-subscribed, with over 70 people attending from across the UK. Our speakers included representatives from the academic sector, carers, and project leaders delivering services to people with dementia and their carers. The evaluations were very positive and, prior to the start of the pandemic, we had planned to repeat this event, but in 2020 this was not possible. We are planning to deliver a virtual conference this autumn, with the theme of “How to Die Well with Dementia at Home”. More details to come.”

INNER WHEEL MARGATE SUPPORTING HOPE FOR HOME !

In February 2021 Sarah Burnard, one of our Trustees, was asked to address a meeting of the Inner Wheel, Margate. This group has very kindly offered to try to raise money for **Hope for Home** once Covid restrictions are eased.

Hope for Home is a UK registered charity. We rely upon donations to undertake our work. Sadly, our ability to raise funds has been adversely affected by the pandemic since March 2020. Cheques may be sent to 32 Foxes Dale, SE3 9BQ. Online gifts can be made via our website www.hopeforhome.org.uk

their compassionate support and work with people with dementia and their families.

After careful consideration the Care Improvement and End of Life Care service Carer’s Course, was chosen as the prize winner. The project was led by Emily Pardoe-Billings at St Giles Hospice in Whittington (West Midlands).

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/what-we-offer/courses-conferences-and-learning-events/conferences/hospice-uk-national-conf/hospice-uk-awards>

The Carers Course is a four week informal course to support unpaid carers with knowledge about dementia and how to prepare for the future. The programme is run by dementia social workers and other palliative care professionals. The judging panel were particularly pleased that carers were involved in the design of the programme. The team undertook careful evaluation of carers’ learning and feelings about the content, and the carers’ experience of the course informed its ongoing development of materials and curriculum.

At the time of the award, 13 courses involving 71 carers had been run with very positive feedback from all who had attended. Another benefit of the course was that it could be transferable, and other hospices which heard about it at the Hospice UK conference were interested in piloting the course.

ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB

Hope for Home was a very grateful recipient of a very generous donation from Royal Blackheath Golf Club in 2020. Sadly, the award ceremony itself had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

SUPPORT FOR ST CLARE HOSPICE IN HARLOW

Hope for Home has provided specialist training for St Clare hospice volunteers as they embark upon a new support programme for unpaid carers of people with dementia at home. **Hope for Home** enjoys a long term relationship with St Clare’s having provided free advice and support to help them to secure funds for their new community project.

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