

FYI COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Open day success

Residents, family and friends enjoyed a day of games and afternoon tea when Lakeview Lodge in St Annes threw open its doors.

The event was held to mark National Care Homes Open Day.

Guests included Mark Menzies, the Fylde MP, who said: "The idea behind the day was to encourage local people to visit care homes in their community and to work together to develop better relationships."

"This important connection is something that Lakeview Lodge has nurtured since opening in 1998, and the home is already acting as a community hub, including regular activities and garden parties."

A raffle was held with money donated to the residents' chosen charities, Brian House Children's Hospice and the Food Bank.



Resident Dennis Brazier said: "I was so looking forward to welcoming all the guests to the open day."

Ava Makepeace, customer relationship manager, said: "Our open days are always huge fun, providing residents with the opportunity to welcome and entertain visitors in their home, just as they did when they were living in their original homes."

And Kate Chadwick, manager at Lakeview Lodge, added: "This was a great way to show the excellent services on offer and the fantastic work that goes on at Lakeview Lodge."

"Some people still have misconceptions about care homes, so we were keen to dispel any myths."

The next event will be a Mad Hatter Tea Party Open Day at Rosewood Lodge – part of the Lakeview group – on May 13.



Coun Raymond Thomas, Fylde MP Mark Menzies, Coun Brenda Blackshaw, Mayor and Mayoress of Fylde John and Geraldine Singleton, Doris Eccleston, Lakeview Lodge resident, Coun Shirley Green, and Ava Makepeace
Inset left: Pete Wood, Lakeview Rest Homes director, and Alice Rogers, Lakeview Lodge resident

Poetry corner

Passion for Poetry

As it fell upon a day
In the merry month of May
Sitting, in pleasant library shade
A poetry group was formed and made;
Many lovers of the written word
Rejoiced, when this good news they heard.
They shouted loud, from Tower and steeple
'Come, join the friendly poetry people!'
Now, for all endeavours, past and present
And, for many hours of 'Besy', pleasant,
We'll raise a glass, and echo 'cheers'
To celebrate fifteen, fruitful, happy years:
So, if you, for poetry, pine and thirst
Come, join us Monday, May twenty first
Thornton Library, from two til 4 – there,
You'll appreciate poetry, more, and more;
Come, celebrate with us, we welcome you
(why not bring your favourite (short) poem too)

Victoria Copeland

Variation of 'An Ode' by Richard Barnfield (1574 - 1697)

Centenary celebrations for RAF

The South Fylde Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) held a Centenary Dinner in celebration of the Royal Air Force's 100th birthday.

The dinner was held at the Dalmeny Hotel, St Annes, and was attended by 100 guests including Fylde MP Mark Menzies, Fylde Mayor John Singleton, Fylde Mayoress Geraldine Singleton, St Annes Town Mayor Karen Henshaw and her Consort Howard Henshaw and Reverend Christopher Scargill, the Branch's Chaplain.

Guests were welcomed by Tony Barrett, the Branch Chairman, (in full RAF tartan), accompanied by member Bill Bissett, who piped guests into the dinner. Master of Ceremonies was Colin Ballard, St Annes Town Crier.

A highlight of the evening was when a letter from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, patron of the Royal Air Force Association, was read out, sending her best wishes to



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all those dining to mark the most notable anniversary.

Squadron Leader Will Thurrell addressed the guests with a talk on the history of the Royal Air Force.

The evening was enjoyed by all who attended, the

guests varied from RAFA members, serving and ex-serving RAF personnel, staff from Richard Peck House (the RAFA hotel in St Annes), BAE Warton personnel and members of Fylde Veterans.

The Royal Air Force was



formed on April 1, 1918 and throughout this year events will be held nationally to commemorate the Centenary, including a RAF 100 Parade and Flypast on The Mall in London on July 10.

If anyone is interested in joining South Fylde RAFA, contact (01253) 721879 or (01253) 729544 for details.

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South Fylde Royal Air Forces Association

Time For Yoga

In Yoga exercise
There's many a surprise
With no hesitation
They do some meditation

Everyone has to beware
Of stretching here and there
Loosening many a bone
While not on their own

Quite a lot of therapy is done
As having a bit of fun
Moving about with no delay
Whilst listening to some music play

Having done all that's required
You usually feel pretty tired
And having done your best
Now need a rest

With everyone having a smile
on their face
Yoga is done at a regular base
And they keep very fit
Through doing it

Paul Wilkins