

Coombe House Newsletter



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A brief history of Coombe House

1870 Coombe House was built for a local family.
The house later became a GP surgery.

1967 The house was bought by a local carpet manufacturer who had a child who had what is now called cerebral palsy.
The house was later sold to The Spastics Society, now called Scope, (for one old shilling is said), with the condition that it continued to be a care home.

What is now the office was built later than the main building, originally for day care.

1970s The NHS took over the management of Coombe House

1981 Sue B starts at Coombe House (and is still here)

2010 Coombe House continues as a Registered Nursing Home, providing a home and care for 12 people with learning difficulties and complex health needs.



A brief history of Sue B. by Ruth Egginton.

Sue is the longest serving member of staff at Coombe House; her service spans from 1981 to the present day. As a young(er) lady she joined the staff team - much smaller then than it is now.

As Sue's family developed, so did Coombe House. Many changes have taken place over the years, but Sue B has always maintained a conscientious, loyal attitude to service users and fellow colleagues alike.

Sue has always enjoyed the social activity aspect of her work - always putting herself forward for service user holidays and outings (often unpaid). Many, many service users have been on wonderful holidays and outings with Sue as well as receiving first class personal care over the years. Wonderful photographs exist and the tales are still told.

Sue's family are all grown and now have children of their own. Sue is an extremely proud mother and grandmother, including her eldest grandson who has recently received a medal at Sandringham for active service in Afghanistan.

Sue now works part time, and as her service continues we wish her good health and much happiness for the years to come.

Many thanks Sue.

Care Quality Commission (CQC)



Following the CQC inspection of 9/12/2009 Coombe House has been awarded an 'Excellent' 3 Star rating which is the highest possible rating; not only that but Coombe House has been rated Excellent in every area of the report.

Fantastic news !

Service user and Representative Survey 2009

The full report has now been published and is being posted to families, friends and representatives. Once again - many thanks to everyone who contributed - it helps us learn how to do better.

Staff training in February

Palliative care

Person-centred planning

Epilepsy

Control of infection

Health and safety





Activities last summer.

More to follow.....



