

St. Cecilia Care

Dorset Ltd

30th Anniversary

Garden Party

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The sun shone.
The band played. The cakes
were delicious. Everybody had
a very jolly time!



9th September, 2018, St. Cecilia welcomed a large gathering of residents, carers, families and friends to celebrate 30 years of dementia care.

Robert's 30th Anniversary Speech

For those who missed it, this is what Robert had to say:

“Thirty years is a very long time. I’ve seen many people come and go: carers, family members, and more than three hundred residents.

Some things remain the same. We’ve been supplied with all our meat by Peter Trebles of Westbourne since 1988 and have worked closely with Ullas Patel at Arrowedge Pharmacy for the same length of time. Our thanks are due to both for their excellent service.

Very few people had heard of Alzheimer’s in 1988. Now that the post-war ‘baby-boomers’ are approaching their seventies, dementia has become a major social challenge. Numbers are forecast to rise annually until 2040. We can only hope that the government has plans to cope with increasing pressure for dementia care.

Owning my own small dementia care home was my dream when I first worked in such a home in 1980. I wanted a home where residents were free to be themselves, and where everything was for them. I wanted to break through the negative stereotyping of people with dementia. The most important people at St. Cecilia had to be the residents.

We couldn’t achieve this without the support of families and friends, or without the dedicated group of carers we have been fortunate to have enjoyed over the years. They are part of a largely unheralded army of carers, from all parts of the globe, who steadfastly care for the elderly of this country. Without them, we are nothing.

My dream is now a reality. St. Cecilia is recognised as a pioneering force in dementia care in Poole.

Thank you, everyone, for coming to celebrate our thirtieth birthday. Thank you, Lawrence Butchart and the Christchurch and Highcliffe Brass Band. Thank you carers, past and present, and thank you families for your support.

I would now like to thank some special members of our team.

First of all, Ruth, my wife, who has tirelessly managed the accounts and day to day finances at St. Cecilia for over twenty years. Thank you for your support, love and vast patience.

Thank you, Robin Hiney, for your work at St. Cecilia over nearly nine years, first as my assistant and as Registered Manager.

A very special thanks is due to Sue Gardner, our chiropodist for twenty-five years. If you want to know about feet, ask Sue.

Karen Hunter has been our Compliance Officer and assistant to Robin for five years.

Nick Pearce has been a carer, and now our chef, since 2009.

Juliet Pasirayi first came to St. Cecilia eighteen years ago and still works for us in a part-time capacity.

Junior Madzemure came to St. Cecilia as a carer in 2005. She has recently had a significant birthday. Thank you, my little sister from Zimbabwe.

The band is desperate for some tea before starting to play again at 4.15. Thank you for your attendance. Thank you all for your attention and I look forward to the next thirty years of St Cecilia Care.”

