



**Summer 2018**

**Newsletter**

## **A Word from Anna**

This year is racing ahead with all of the staff working hard to make sure that everything is in place ready for the 2018 house moves.

In the heat of this lovely summer, the management team have been preparing the house in Benton Drive to give Ian the opportunity to move into further independence in his new home. Once he has settled in, the work will move on to the mammoth task of supporting five tenants and their staff team to relocate to Hoole Road. It may be a short distance on the map but it will be a massive step for the tenants, four of whom have lived at The Gables for sixteen years. They all can't wait to see their new home and we hope to have the keys very soon.

I hope that you all enjoy our newsletter. Thanks as always to Lesley, who dedicates many hours to putting it all together.

## Jumping Jacks Disco

Here are some photos of The Gables tenants enjoying the Jumping Jacks Disco Christmas party.



## Art Sessions

We have had 2 art students on placements from Chester University who came in for 5 weeks and worked with tenants using money from the fundraising pot.



Here are tenants, staff and the art students decorating plant pots.

Bunting for the royal wedding made by tenants in their art sessions.





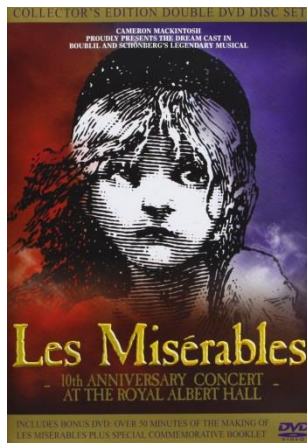
## PAUL'S SUMMER

I WENT TO CENTRE PARKS WITH MIKE IN APRIL. I HAD A GOOD TIME. I WENT SWIMMING'S LOTS OF TIMES AND WENT FOR WALKS.

I HAD SOME LOVELY MEALS. ONE DAY WE WENT TO PENRITH AND DID SOME SHOPPING. WE WERE LUCKY BECAUSE IT WAS NICE WEATHER.



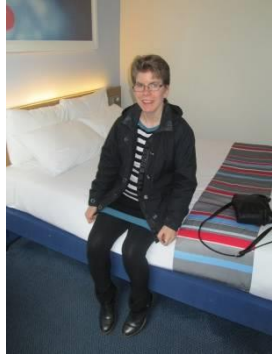
I HAVE LOTS OF NICE TRIPS PLANNED FOR LATER IN THE YEAR. I AM GOING TO LONDON WITH MY SISTER HELEN IN JUNE. WE ARE STAYING IN A HOTEL AND WE ARE GOING TO SEE LES MISERABLE AND ARE HAVING A NICE MEAL OUT!



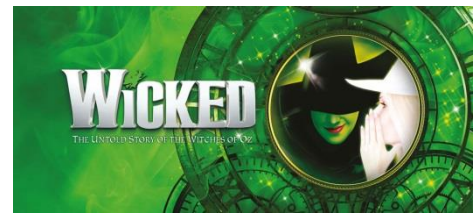
IN AUGUST I AM GOING AWAY TO PETTYPOOL WITH MY FRIENDS CHRIS, JAMES AND IAN. WE DON'T HAVE A TIMETABLE YET BUT WE WILL DO LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES. I AM GOING MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

## Julia's Holiday

I went to Liverpool for two nights with Kayleigh. We went on the train and stayed in a nice Travel Lodge.



On Tuesday we went to see Wicked. The actors wore costumes. It was very good.



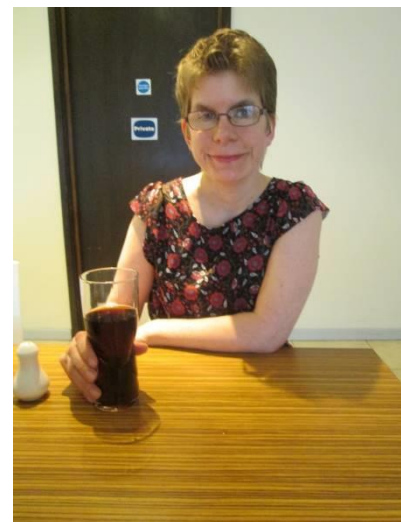
Kayleigh and I enjoyed our meals out. One night we went out for pizza, it was very nice.



One day we took the ferry across the Mersey. The weather was nice. We went on an open top bus tour too. We went to a museum; it was very interesting. There were lots of floors and lots of animals.



We went to a restaurant and had fish and chips with a drink on our last night.



## Diane's Summer

I went to the Stamford Bridge with Liz for lunch we had lovely weather and had our food in a nice pub. We went as a little goodbye before Liz retired.



We also went to the zoo shop and I bought a sloth pillow because they are my favourite!



I will buy a souvenir of the Royal wedding like a mug or a little bell like I got for William and Kates wedding and I would like a souvenir of the world cup and I will put them away until my birthday when I have my get together with my family on Father's day. I will go on a little holiday later in the summer. I might go to Blackpool or Southport.



I have started a Computer club at Storyhouse every Thursday afternoon. I am learning how to do things online like online shopping, how to stay safe and keep the Computer safe. I am enjoying it. I will get a certificate at the end. I do extra work for my course when I'm at home in skills or with staff.



## Dan's Trip to Llandudno



Dan and Liz went to see Hairspray at the theatre whilst they were in Llandudno, they also walked along the pier and took the bus to Colwyn Bay.

Here is a picture of Dan with his new electric bike that he's just bought. He's been out with Mike along the cycle path to the Kingsway cafe and apparently goes like the wind.



## Fiona's Summer

I went to Llandudno on the train. I went with Kathy, John and Brett. The weather wasn't the best but we had fun anyway. We stopped and had a burger and drink after having a walk along the beach. We went to the Alice in Wonderland Park



This is me on the way home from Llandudno with my favourite edible friend.

I still enjoy going to the Deaf Centre disco every Tuesday evening. The music is very loud and I like to have a dance sometimes and see my friends.

I am enjoying being part of the Patchwork Choir. I sang a solo to the group. I like singing, especially songs from musicals like Joseph and his technicolour dream coat. Here I am with Matt who runs the choir, my Mum taught him at school



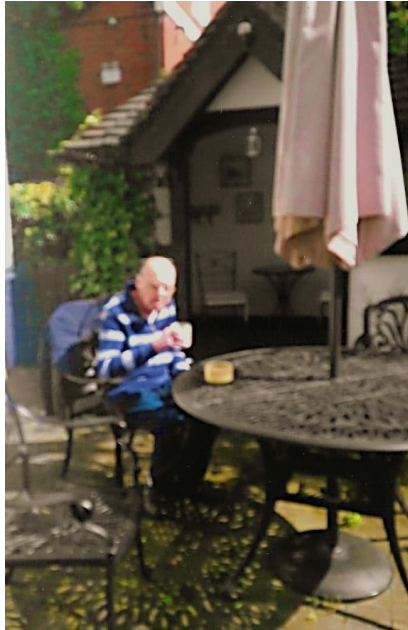
As the weather is getting nicer I am doing more things outside like going cycling at Newscene, eating and relaxing in the garden and going for nice walks in the evenings.



We had our annual celebration of Mark Bells Birthday on 4<sup>th</sup> June, it was his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we all had a Kitkat and Coke and remembered him fondly.

## Graham's Trip to Hereford & Llandudno

I went to Hereford with Elaine in May on the train.  
We had a lovely time.



In June I went to Llandudno for a few days with Elaine and we went to Betws-y-Coed for the day. I enjoyed Betws-y-Coed and we had lunch in a café.



## Ian's New House



This is Ian's new house that he has recently moved into and is busy unpacking his belongings.

## Anne's Holiday to Blackpool

Recently I have been on holiday to Blackpool with Sian, Angie and Steph. We had a really good time and my favourite thing to do was to travel up and down on the tram every day, we went as far as the tram could go which was to Fleetwood.

I enjoyed visiting different cafes and pubs as well as doing some shopping; I bought myself a new handbag while I was in Blackpool which I really like. We also went to watch two shows while we were there which were very funny and Sian and I danced together, we even got to meet the dancers in the show and have a picture taken with them!



I am also very excited to move house to number 71 Hoole Road with the blue door where I will be able to make cups of tea and coffee for myself in my room which I was doing in the hotel in Blackpool.



## Sian's Holiday to Blackpool



I went to Blackpool for a few days with Anne and we went for a stroll along the beach.

I enjoyed going out at night to see the shows.



## John's Day Trip to Llandudno



I went to Llandudno for a day out on the train with Kathy and Fiona. I also went to Happy Valley and took lots of photos. I had a very good day out and had my lunch out in La Taverna a good Italian restaurant and had a sausage toastie. We all had a coffee before returning on the train home.



## 71 Hoole Road

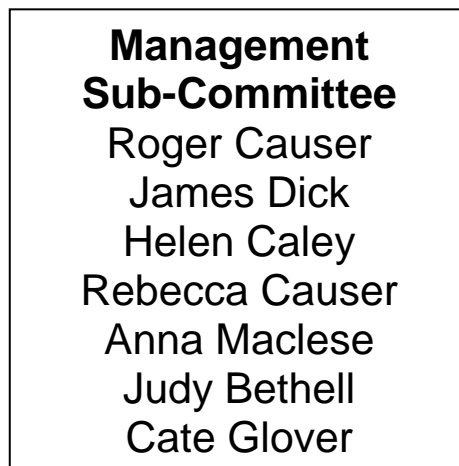
The Gables tenants are really looking forward to moving into their new home.  
Here are some photos of the shared areas.



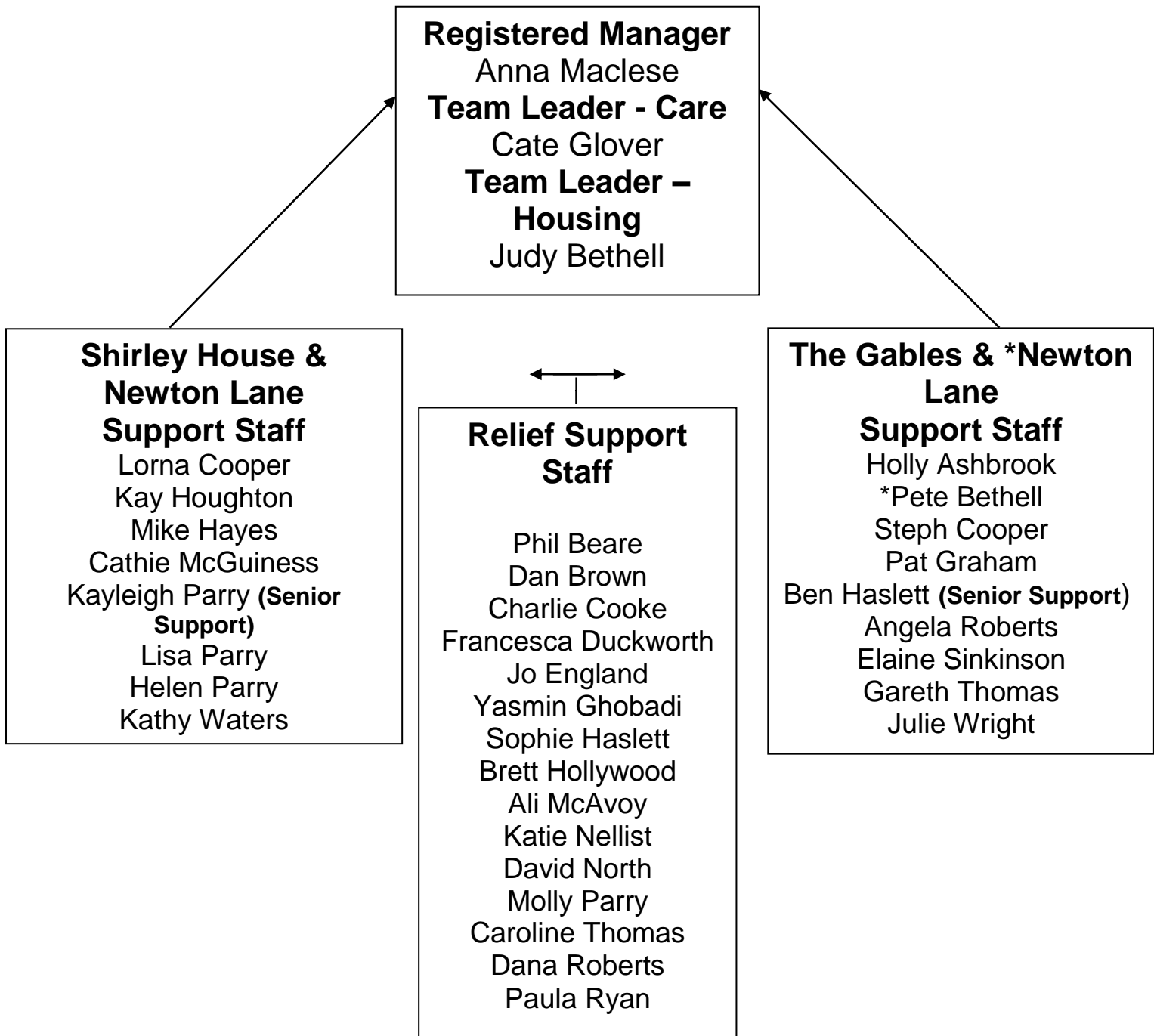
## Trustees and Board Committees as at June 2018



**Management Sub-Committee,**



# Staff Management



## **Chairman's Words**

The time has come again for me to put together a few words for the summer newsletter. At the time of writing this article we have had a great summer, dry and warm, let's hope the good weather continues for the rest of the season.

I want to formally welcome Kate Sinclair as our new Trustee. Kate joined around Christmas time and I know she has already met a number of families and our tenants, I hope she enjoys her time working with us.

Earlier this year I updated on Chester Link's business plans to purchase new properties as part of a wider Gables move. I'm pleased to report that Ian from The Gables will be moving to his new home in Benton Drive in the very near future. The other move for the rest of The Gables tenants is currently progressing through the usual house buying legal formalities.

Finally, on behalf of all the Trustees of Chester Link I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer season.

Roger