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The Hazelwell supports Arrowe Park Hospital during Winter pressures

A care home in the Wirral is helping a local hospital to beat the effects of winter pressures.

The Hazelwell, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Heswall, has made five of its fifty-five beds available to Arrowe Park Hospital in Upton, Birkenhead, to provide short-term care for patients and support them in their transition from hospital to home.

In partnership with NHS Wirral, on arrival at The Hazelwell each patient will receive a therapy assessment from the Clinical Commissioning Group team who will put together an individual care plan and arrange a final discharge to home. While a patient is residing at The Hazelwell, staff will provide all care, housekeeping, and laundry services.

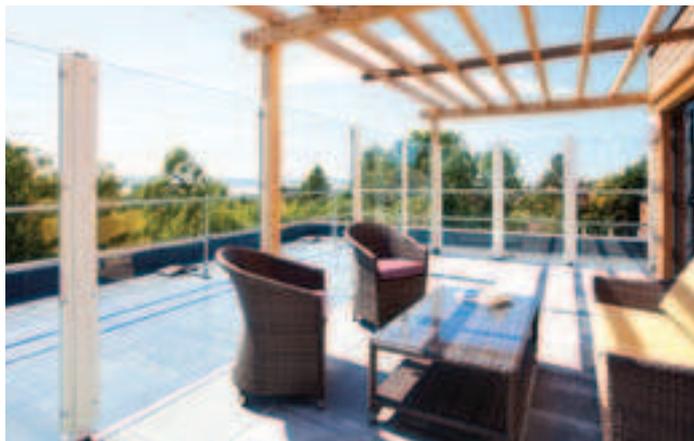
Liza Millington, Manager of The Hazelwell, said: "The Hazelwell staff are delighted to be able to do their bit to support the local hospital during its busiest time of year. Staff are keen to welcome our new 'temporary residents' and provide what they need to help get them back on their feet."

Facilities at The Hazelwell include a home cinema, piano bar, hair salon and nail bar, library, gym, and a stunning rooftop terrace with all meals prepared by the on-site chef.

The Hazelwell was the only care home in the Wirral to be named in the 'Top 20 Recommended Care Homes in the North West for 2017' by leading UK care home website, carehome.co.uk

The care home was also rated 'good' last year by the Care Quality Commission, the independent regulator of all health and social services in England.

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Continuing our serialisation of Geoff Andrews' fascinating book, *Memories of a Lifetime Past*, about the life and times of Parkgate fishermen, Chris & Jim Peters

Welshgirl looked a little different as the cabin top was now new and lower. She was a little thicker round the forefoot (bow). She had been re-nailed, had all new keel bolts, a Sampson post of four-inch thick oak, a new tiller, had been recaulked and puttied, and was varnished and painted. When Chris saw it with Alan he was very impressed. "There you are, see what you can do when you put your mind to it," he told me. I took that as a compliment, but I would never have done it without our Bill and for his help I am very grateful. I mustn't forget Ned, another mate who came one night and welded the lugs on the keel band, as well as making some mooring anchors for me.

During the rebuilding time, I didn't see Chris much, at least not as regularly as usual. When I did, we would discuss the best way to do certain jobs and he always wanted to know what progress we had made.

Before taking the boat back to Caldy, we made sure that the moorings were alright, by shackling the pennant to the ground tackle and wiring it up so we were all ready for the season.

People who remembered a battered hulk in the boatyard, were now congratulating us on a shiny new boat. *Welshgirl* has rode out countless storms in her 70-year history, but she couldn't be expected to stay in one piece, stranded on the beach, being pounded by the surf. I am very fortunate to still have her.

The next time Pat and I were at Chris and Annie's house, I overheard Annie saying to Pat that she had let her cleaner go, as Chris was talking to me about something, I think it was the forthcoming nobby race, which was July 9th. We took part, as usual, and received our prize of a plaque and a bottle of whisky. It was good to meet all the lads again. The Nobby Owners Association is the only club I know where you pay ten pounds subscription and receive a ten pound bottle of whisky!

I brought *Welshgirl* up to Heswall just before Christmas, as usual, there she stays safely till the spring.

Winter evenings spent at number 4 Coastguard Cottages was an event we looked forward to. Me swapping news with Chris, Pat writing furiously for Annie. With news exhausted, I would ask Chris to tell me what it was like on the river, when he was a lad. Chris was the youngest in his family. His dad had the *Trust In Providence*, which was a 24-25 foot, clinker built jigger boat, with a five-foot draught. ('Jigger' is a local name for a yawl, two-masted, with a jib, main and mizzen.)

"Well," Chris told me, "My dad had the *Trust In Providence* built in Liverpool and he used to save his ha'pennies to use as washers, so the story went. I went with my dad, under sail you know, when all the lads (his brothers) were either at war or fishing their own boats. Sometimes when we were down below and there was no wind, my dad would start to say: "Come on little breeze, come on little breeze." I said "Didn't he whistle a breeze up?" "No," Chris replied. "I can remember one day down at Dawpool and we were drifting up, not a breath of wind, when all of a sudden my dad said: "Drop that mainsail quick, then get in here." Chris said he did as he was told, and got down by his dad, when a squall came out of nowhere. His dad had seen a dark patch on the water and acted accordingly, Chris said. "We were soon up to Parkgate under jib and mizzen."