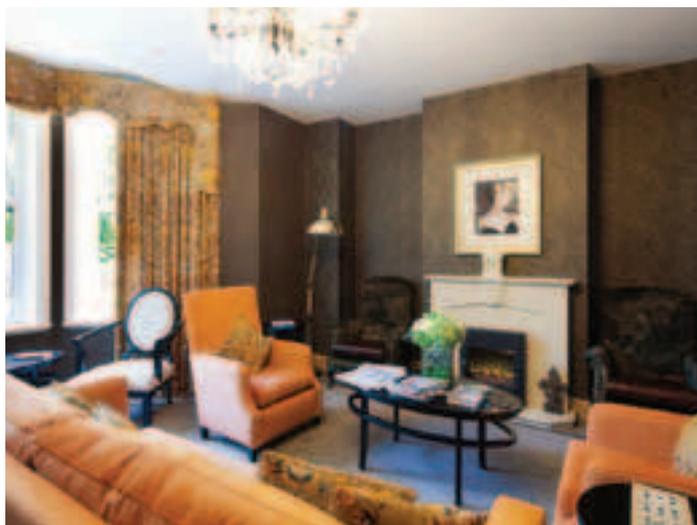


Flexible Packages for the Best Luxury Care over the Summer



A care home in Heswall has created two 'packages' to offer flexibility to new residents.

The Hazelwell, a luxury residential, nursing, palliative and short-term care home in Heswall, identified that not all potential residents need care every day of the week, or every week of the year like most care homes offer, and so have looked in to how to cater for different needs.

The first package is designed to offer Weekly Short-Term Care. This would be especially beneficial to those being cared for by family members who need respite from their responsibilities or need to work on a few days of the week.

The second package is a solution for people whose main carers might need to go away, say for a holiday in the summer – this is a longer one-off period called Special Short-Term Care. It offers peace of mind to carers, knowing that their loved one is having a holiday of their own, in a very safe pair of hands and a beautiful environment.

The Hazelwell is a purpose-built care home offering the highest standards of care and comfort to all their residents and guests. The care home is designed to combine the best of modern design and technology in a state-of-the-art, comfortable home-from-home environment.

As well as deluxe accommodation for 55 residents, The Hazelwell's facilities include a luxury home cinema room, residents bar, quiet library, chauffeur-driven car, salon and gym and stunning rooftop terrace.

Care Home Manager Kathryn McGuinness said: "At the Hazelwell, we pride ourselves in providing the best care and a friendly, personal service to each of the residents, ensuring that their every need is catered for, whilst also running an involving programme of activities.

"We developed these three packages as we wanted create something for those who might need us on a less regular basis, but who would benefit from all we have to offer here. We look forward to opening our doors to some new, shorter term residents in the next few weeks."

The Wirral care home which opened on Oldfield Road in Heswall less than two years ago has been rated as 'good' by the Care Quality Commission. The Hazelwell was also named in the Top 20 Recommended Care Homes in the North West for 2017 by leading UK care home website, carehome.co.uk

For more information about the packages on offer at The Hazelwell contact Kathryn McGuinness on 0151 342 9654, email info@thehazelwell.com or visit www.thehazelwell.com

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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 and Jim Peters

Frank had the presence of mind to take a movie film of Chris Peters and Jim in the *Ethel* during the war. I saw this archive film recently and had his permission to transfer it to video. His wife Ruth and a friend called Douglas Fisher (who poor chap was about to be seasick) were on board as well.

Frank made the RAF his career after the war; his wife was in the WAAF. He finished up in administration at Sealand, where Chris's daughter Joy worked for him. He used to say that Joy was the only one who could read his writing. He has long since retired and lives with Ruth in a lovely part of Wales. I count it a privilege to know them.

Frank first met the Peters family when he accidentally fell over the sea wall and ripped his trousers. On his way back to school he passed the Peters' house where John Peters just happened to be mending some nets with needle and twine – John saw the trousers and put a stitch or two in them for him. Thus was the start of a lifelong friendship.

When he was at school Frank was selected to help pull a cart carrying a local fisherman 'Old Spurner' to his last resting place at Neston Parish Church. He also started on the excavations of the Parkgate Baths.

With his infectious chuckle, Chris told me how his dad said he was making a new rule in the house that anyone who wasn't in before 10pm would get locked out. That night his dad arrived home only to find the door securely locked. He hammered on it for a time and Chris's mother started down the stairs to let him in, when one of the lads stopped her. "No mam," he said, "he made the rule, he must abide by it." So John retired to the stables and kipped with the ponies. Next morning when they let him in, he said: "By blessed Nell, I'm the first to be caught out by the new rule." I don't know if he kept the rule going or not.

Chris told me he could knit netting very fast, in fact he could make a knot every time the clock ticked. During the First World War, and indeed some years later, Chris was, as he put it, the 'hand rag'. "I had to go where whoever wanted me; our Jim was lent out to Tom Bithel in Flint and I went with my dad, or our Dick. Job and Johnny were in the war – Johnny was killed and Job emigrated to New Zealand later on.

Sunday fishing was frowned upon by the old fishermen but Chris, on Ethel's advice and along with Albert, took the *Thora* out to earn an extra bob or two, and with the money saved, by doing so, had the *Ethel* built.

I asked him what sort of comments were flying around when he brought it home. "I can't remember any," he said, "but when my dad had the *Zilla* and *Onward* built, he said people were saying 'You should have had it like this, or you should have had it like that'. So my dad said: 'I'll have the next one made of lead, then they can knock it into any shape they like'."

I liked asking Chris questions and he was always eager to answer. "What was it like when engines first came out?" Chris told me that his dad said 'Anyone can be a fisherman now'." How right he was.