

Top score for Adrian

Leeds United have been promoted and Adrian Stansfield is celebrating in style. His bedroom at his home in Beeston, Leeds has become a shrine to his heroes. But Adrian has no need to buy any posters - he paints them

all himself. All the players are there and his bed has been turned into the goalposts.

But it's not just footballers who get the cartoon treatment. All Adrian's support workers get the same honour; caricatures of them line the stairs. You can see



Mike here who works for Mencap next to his picture.

Adrian said: "I am not sure how I do it. I have always liked drawing and painting all sorts of things. The pictures just come into my head and I copy them down."



Adrian (right) with his drawing of support worker, Mike



The LiLAC Team: Left to right, back Janice Hogarth and Harpreet Summan; sitting Peter Loosemore and Keely Fletcher

LiLAC one year on

It is now just over a year since the first tenants moved into their new LiLAC properties. In that time 227 people have moved into their new homes. When the move is complete next year there will be over three hundred new tenants in 36 schemes.

LiLAC is a £60 million partnership between Progress Care Housing, Gleeson Services/Power minster and Leeds City Council that will make sure the properties are looked after for at least the next 25 years.

The project has already won the prestigious Public : Private Finance award for the Best Community/User Involvement.



Chief Executive Jacqui De-Rose presents Janice Hogarth, Supported Housing Manager with award for Excellent Services

The award recognised the role played by LiLAC residents in the design and planning of their own accommodation.

And recently the LiLAC staff team scooped an award for Providing Excellent Services at Progress Care Housing's annual staff conference.

We will make sure that tenants continue to remain at the heart of LiLAC's work.

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DVDs brighten Joy's day

Joy Sanderson has built up a huge DVD collection to keep her entertained, whatever the weather.

Joy of Wetherby, Leeds doesn't like going out in the sun as it affects her skin. The DVDs are a great comfort to her and she watches hundreds of films through the summer when she finds it difficult to get out.

Joy loves her films. Her tastes are very wide, ranging from The Sound of Music to Avatar. She told us that since she started collecting them in 1996 she has felt a lot better and no longer has fits. She buys one nearly every week during the cooler winter months.

LiLAC Tenants' own DVD

LiLAC's very own 'Welcome to your home' DVD has been released.

The DVD explains what to expect as a tenant and includes topics such as how to report a repair, paying your rent and getting involved.

All new tenants will be given a copy when they sign their tenancy agreement. If you haven't already had a copy, do ask us for one.



Pet's Corner

Do you have a pet or know an animal that is special to you? Send us a photo with a short description and you might see them in next issue's 'Pets' corner'.

Charlotte Ainsty of Cookridge, Leeds

Charlotte loves horses and has been going riding every Saturday for over ten years. She said: "Some people are frightened of horses but I'm not!" Riding is one of Charlottes' favourite things and she looks forward to going every week.



We got involved!



Above and below, tenants at the ILP meeting

Four LiLAC tenants got involved and attended an Independent Living Project Liaison Meeting in April.

Gareth Hutchnison, Stephen Mayhew, Phil Lomax and Natasha Wright all made a great contribution to the meeting and made sure that the tenants' voice was heard loud and clear.

They raised issues from individual repairs to wanting more recycling equipment. Natasha asked a very interesting question about why the LiLAC properties were built where they

were.

Phil said: "Being involved at this level is something unexpected and something that I relish. I am thrilled I am able to do it and am looking forward to the next meeting"

Senior Managers from Leeds Adult Social Care, Progress Care and Jack Lunn all thanked the tenants for attending the meeting and hoped that they would come again.

If you would like to attend a Project Liaison Meeting please get in touch.



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Sheila hits the right notes



Sheila Carroll of Cookridge, Leeds has played the piano since she was a little girl. Years of experience have led to her having a wide range of songs and tunes. From 'Oh Susannah' to 'I'm forever blowing bubbles' Sheila knows them all.

"I can read the music," said Sheila "but I can remember all the tunes in my head."

'Britain's Got Talent' better watch out...!

She explained: "I had a piano teacher when I lived at home with my Mum' in 'Hunslet and Middleton and I've just kept on playing ever since."

Sheila treated herself to a brand new keyboard for Christmas which fits in beautifully with the rest of her flat. Sheila loves to play and sing for herself but really enjoys entertaining other people. 'Britain's Got Talent' better watch out...!



Mark Ross (centre) meets Liverpool FC heroes Jan Mølby (left) and Phil Neal

'You'll Never Walk Alone' says Mark

A lifetime's ambition was achieved for Mark Ross when he visited his beloved Liverpool Football Club ground at Anfield.

Mark, who lives in Wetherby, Leeds is a lifelong Liverpool supporter and was delighted to go on a tour of the ground. He visited the dressing rooms, saw the Trophy

room and walked out along the famous tunnel.

As an added bonus Mark met Liverpool heroes of yesteryear Jan Molby and Phil Neal who happily posed for a picture and wished him good luck for the future.

We have moved!

The LiLAC office has moved. The new address is:

LiLAC
Progress Care Housing
New Pudsey Court
101 Bradford Road
Pudsey, Leeds
LS28 6AT

The telephone number is the same as before.



Improved Website



LiLAC tenants have their own section on Progress Housing Group's new, improved website: www.progressgroup.org.uk/homes/lilac

Tenants in Lancashire, Doncaster and Devon were consulted on the new design. Tenants can report a repair on-line and, after registering, view their own rent accounts. The site will continue to be developed and improved, as we aim to be able to offer even more services on-line.

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