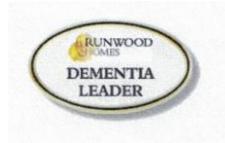


## *Dementia Team Monthly Circular January 2017*

### **Dementia Leaders course**

This 2 day City & Guilds accredited course is proving popular. Feedback has been very positive. Each Dementia Services Manager is delivering this course monthly, to up to 16 staff per month. This course has been attended by over 180 staff so far, including Gordon Sanders, CEO and Sue Smith, Marketing Director. The aim is to improve the lives of people living with dementia. Our target for 2017 is 750 Dementia Leaders, and 25% of staff in each home to have gained this status. Here is the badge staff will soon be proudly wearing.



### **SCIE - dementia resources**

SCIE is the Social Care Institute for Excellence. Have you ever looked on the SCIE dementia website? There is up to date Information, guidance, resources and accredited training for anyone supporting people with dementia. There is an in-depth free online training programme. Registration is free, and there is a wide range of very useful resources.

<http://www.scie.org.uk/dementia/>

### **A day in the life of ... Induction**

Following the success of the 'A day in the Life of ...' 24 hour experience, are piloting a one hour session for new staff. They will be experiencing and observing life as a resident with visual and physical disabilities. They will reflect on what they saw, and felt, and hopefully use this to shape the way they see their work. The pilot concludes on 31<sup>st</sup> Feb. After that we will hopefully be rolling this out to all new staff.

### **Dining room aprons**

We've been trialling these in certain homes, and the results have been great. Residents love them, and they encourage a less formal, more homely atmosphere. After all, we are all trying to encourage staff to slow down and relax the mealtime experience. Your Dementia Services Manager will be soon talking with you about introducing these across the board. Here's Sue and Betty at Lower Meadow sporting the latest in dining room fashion...

