

Message from the Manager

Welcome to our December newsletter. It doesn't feel like much time has passed since I was writing about our summer activities!

The home looks lovely and festive with trees and decorations seemingly in every room. Our Christmas events are well under way and the residents have already been out for a Christmas lunch at the Windmill Pub which was enjoyed by all.

Another successful lunch out was had at Princethorpe school too. We also have our Christmas party which is always extremely enjoyable and a great success. As I write, my office is full of hampers ready for the raffle!

Our Macmillan coffee morning raised £406.06. Thank you to those that donated in many ways to raise such a great total for a very worthy cause.

Our Autumn coffee morning raised £307.40. This was split between residents funds and children in need. £145.65 went to the residents fund and £161.75 to Children In Need. Thanks again to all that donated/ attended and those who dressed up!

Our other recent events have included our annual fireworks night. Thanks to Malcolm for helping me set off the fireworks and everyone who helped with the food and hosting. Some of the residents have also visited the wonderful Christmas tree display at St Mary's Church in Warwick.

The new conservatory roof is now in place and decoration is planned for early January. New blinds and flooring have also been ordered and will be completed in the new year.

We have another of our quiz nights planned for 25th January 2017. Posters and invitations will go out soon. These nights are always very successful and I hope you are able to join us.

We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you have any availability at all and are interested in helping out please see Amrit or Lois for more details.

Thanks for your continued support and Merry Christmas.

Allan Fairweather
Home Manager

September

After a beautiful and busy Summer, Autumn is with us with the lovely coloured leaves and the super skies and sunsets.

Gemma and Frank entertained for us with their singing. This was enjoyed by everyone.

Some residents requested that we read more of the works of Shakespeare, so we have read and discussed A Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo and Juliet.

In Mid September, our topic of conversation was the history of retailers Marks & Spencer, and we also looked at the Royal family tree. The residents enjoyed remembering the Kings and Queens.

Some of the residents enjoyed a delicious lunch out at The Green Man on 15th September.

Wendy came to James Hiron to do motivational exercises with the residents, and then on 30th September we held our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan, which was a great success, raising just over £400.

October

Our Holy Communion and Harvest Festival took place on Wednesday 5th October.

Trustee Barbara held a talk about her recent American holiday which was very interesting and greatly enjoyed by all.

Boogie Beatz came along to do their monthly slot. The residents enjoyed a good work out and were ready for their lunch afterwards!

Our topic this month was focussed on the history of Stratford Upon Avon, which received a great amount of resident participation, discussing our experiences of visiting the town and our memories there. We looked at some bygone pictures of the streets and landmarks from different decades.

To continue the theme of local history, The Leamington History Society visited to talk about the local area.

A new entertainer; Tony, performed this month, singing covers of all the great Frank Sinatra songs. Entertainers Frank Gallagher and Mike Smith also performed this month.

Towards the end of October, on a mild and sunny day, some of the residents visited a garden centre and helped to choose plants which they later used to re-plant the veg trug with a winter display.

We celebrated Halloween at the end of the month, which involved lots of activities and decorating the home to look very spooky!

November

Our annual fireworks display took place on 3rd November. Residents, Staff, Trustees and family and friends enjoyed watching the display from the conservatory and tucked into a supper of burgers and sausages afterwards.

This year we were involved with The Samaritan's shoe box appeal. Residents, staff and friends helped donate and pack gifts to fill shoeboxes to send to children in communities in need. We filled 13 shoeboxes. Thank you to everyone who supported this project.

Our Autumn Coffee Morning combined with Children in Need took place on the 19th November. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. The total amount raised on the day was £307.40.

Some of the residents visited the Christmas Tree festival at St Mary's Church in Warwick on 25th November. It was a wonderful event in a beautiful church and made everyone feel very festive.

We now look forward to a very busy calendar of events for Christmas, some of which we hope you will be joining us for.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Quiz Night— Wednesday 25th January 2017.