

SIGNATURE HOUSE NEWSLETTER

November 2018

A big hello to all our lovely readers. November has been rather eventful.

Before we tell you about that, I'll quickly mention Halloween! A thank you to those who made it happen! Everyone enjoyed the spooktacular buffet whilst watching 'Hocus Pocus'. A fantastic afternoon all round.

A congratulations from 'Craig our exercise guru' to our residents that participate in our exercise sessions. Vast improvements have been made, a huge well done to all who attend, you should be very proud!

Mark aka 'Mr Piano-man' as always was very popular! The highlight of several ladies week! He started with his classical renditions, then moved onto some well known tunes that everyone loves! Smiles all round and looking forward to seeing Mark again!!

We enjoyed the panto 'Best of British'. It was based around the 'Queens Jubilee Party' and was part of our activities for the 100 years Remembrance of 'The Great War'. Residents enjoyed the singing and we even had our own dance number performed by the lovely Beryl!



Our 'Bonfire Buffet' was quite a hit. As we watched fireworks from around the world, we ate some delicious snacks and cupcakes made by our fabulous chefs!

Remembrance Sunday was a time of reflection as we watched the laying of the wreaths in memory of those who fought for us and our country. We had our 2-minute silence and then watched the parade afterwards. I think it was a touching occasion for those who had relatives in the forces back then and also for those of the younger generation who found a new appreciation for what it was like.

On the 15th, we had the pleasure of seeing Sharandy's Birds Of Prey. We had 3 wonderful birds that, with the help of their 2 handlers, performed a fly over act for the residents.



The 16th of this was Children In need! We held a PJ day, of which all donations are gratefully received, and will be going towards a good cause. We had Giant Balloon therapy, which the residents thoroughly enjoy, hitting the balloon to each other. You'd be surprised what joy a 3ft balloon can bring!

At the beginning of the month we started the prep for the Christmas Cake competition. The residents found their favourite recipes, the chosen one then became reality with everyone helping to weigh the ingredients, lining the cake tins and getting the cake mix in ready to be baked! Decoration of the cake will be happening soon! Keep an eye open, because everyone will want a slice!

We are beginning to make our Christmas decorations ready for the Christmas competition. This will be photographed and put

into books ready to show the judges. The idea is to have our Christmas tree filled with handmade decorations by the residents, the more original the better! We have been holding our very own Signature House Cream Tea's and Quiz mornings. If you see it on the calendar and you would like to come and test your knowledge, feel free to join us....you know what we say "the more the merrier".

Christmas month is fast approaching, and our calendar is filling quickly, we have carol services booked in, the rock choir will be returning. We are making clay Christmas decorations at the very beginning of the month.

On November 30th is our Christmas Fayre! All donations for the tombola will be gratefully appreciated! They can be given either to the activity organisers or reception, who will gladly take them! Whilst we are at reception, the raffle tickets are now on sale! £1 per strip! The Grand Raffle will be drawn during the Christmas Fayre! We will also have some mince pies and gingerbread men, with hot chocolate, mulled wine or a cuppa! We will have stocking fillers for those with little people! Handmade Christmas cards and decorations. It should be a good afternoon! If you are interested in renting a table to sell your wares, please see the activities organisers, Lorraine or reception.

Mid December we have another panto! We can choose from Mother Goose or Aladdin! Currently Aladdin is proving to be the current front runner.....who wins? You have to be there and see!! Very much looking forward to seeing how that goes. We have chosen to use the Maumbury Café as the venue as it is slightly bigger than our usual room. It is a lovely space and can seat more people! Oh no it doesn't.....Oh yes it does!! Maybe you'll agree when you 'look behind you!!' Welcome to our newest residents to our community We hope you will have a lovely time getting to know us and the other residents alike!

That's all from us.....here is our manager Kerry!

A note from Kerry - Manager

Wow! So much going on with the build up to Christmas! I would like to express thanks to our local community who have donated some lovely gifts to our Christmas fayre!



We need a bigger raffle table!

A big thank you to;

Plaza Cinema – for 2 free tickets
Gould's – for a £10 gift voucher
Octagon – for 2 theatre tickets
Lulworth castle – for 2 family tickets
Swanage Railway – for a family ticket
BH live ice rink – 4 tickets
Abbotsbury children farm – for a family ticket.

And many more from staff and relatives of the home! Thank you all!

This month we had a visit from the Clinical-commissioning group (CCG) they visit us to check we are complying with legislation and the local contract, I am pleased to say this was a very positive visit! Thank you for sharing wonderful feedback on your service!

I would like to thank all those who completed our resident and relative survey, it is great to get such wonderful feedback and indeed constructive feedback on how we can improve your service, the results will be displayed shortly please look out for them!

Thank you for reading until next month!