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### A Big 'Hello' from Us to You!

Welcome to our second edition of the Clanfield Newsletter! We do hope that you enjoyed our Autumn Edition. We are now excited to share with you all our latest news in our brand new Winter Edition.

We would like to take this opportunity in advance to thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and we hope that you enjoy it.

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The Clanfield Family

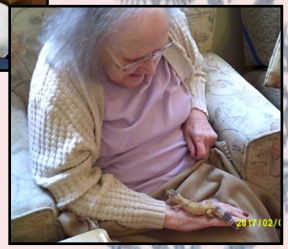
### All Creatures Great & Small

The afternoon of the 31st October, saw the arrival of The Petting Zoo Experience with animals both familiar and unusual; from cute guinea pigs to exotic reptiles and even hedgehogs from Africa! There were lots of wows, ahhs and oos from residents and staff throughout the afternoon. Highlights during the visit included the moment Daphne Smith held a snake despite her long running fear of them. Margaret Roughton's enjoyment of all that was furry, and of

course David Moore was in the thick of it enjoying this animal bonanza, earning yet another title 'Dr Doolittle'!



Phyllis Gray in awe of a snake with Helen Ferry looking on



May Parker holding a visiting lizard

### David Our 'Cat Whisper'

Having befriended and settled Smokey & Wolfie, David Moore once again amazed us with his wonderful way with cats. When Pippin first arrived he was somewhat shy and bewildered by our big family, and far too nervous to come out from behind the photocopier. That is until David worked his magic! Pippin is now quite the ruler of the



David & Pippin

roost. When asked about his way with cats David simply replied, 'I have no special powers, I just love animals', and went on to explain that he worked on a farm with animals. To us he has the magic touch!

### Harvest Delights



All of us at Clanfield would like to say a big THANKYOU to everyone at the Aldwinkle Baptist Church for the wonderful food they donated from their Harvest Festival.

### A Gift of Youth

Every Wednesday afternoon, during term time, the residents look forward to a visit by a group of boys from the Oundle School as part of their Community Action project. They enjoy chats and even the odd game or two, especially cards! Thank you from our Residents.



### Your Voice

"The bench was donated to Clanfield in recognition of the happy 3 years our Mum, Betty, had there. The staff were absolutely wonderful to Mum during her stay, as well as all of us boys." The Wiggins Family





### Forces in the Forties

Having grown up knowing Army life it was natural that Private Withers should leave school to join the Army. What's remarkable is that Private Withers was a female! Our very own Helen Ferry, officially Nellie, but Helen pointed out with a smile, "you can't have a 'Nellie' in the Army!"

So what was life like as a female Army Private back in the day? Helen explained that it was quite difficult; it was not a woman's vocation and the women brave enough were made to feel a little embarrassed; they weren't paid and relied on the support of their families, not all women were so fortunate; and other males within the Army found it hard to accept, especially as the women were just as good!



During WW2 Helen and her colleagues worked extremely hard preparing everything for their male counterparts to go to battle, a time when gender became irrelevant and relationships began to improve. The women now fought for their right to a salary which they won after the war, only then to be called the 'WACs', Helen said laughing but reluctant to explain what the men's alternative meaning was.

When asked about any memorable times, Helen again laughing described that women had to be back at the barracks by a certain time. Sailors came up from Portsmouth to meet some of the girls Helen recalled, she couldn't understand the fascination with the woods in the dark, but as part of the search parties laughed and said, "It certainly opened my eyes". The girls had a nickname for those Navy boys but Helen wouldn't tell.

Today it's hard to imagine the forces without females, let alone unpaid! If only we could have told Helen back then, and the women like her, not to feel embarrassment but pride. Together they laid the foundation stone in the path that has made it much easier for women since. On their behalf we say thank you!

### Food Glorious Food

Three staff recently attended a course on preparing and presenting pureed food; Karen Davies, Tracy Shipton & Carrie Smith, and this is what they found.

Pureed foods are actually prepared to 3 different grades and with a host of natural thickeners can look and taste as good as any other food. We all know that if it looks good it will probably taste good too! As Tracy declared "the pureed chilli was amazing!"

Karen, our Cook, thought the Chef was fantastic, and with enthused motivation and her piping bags, she has been creating some pureed delights.

Pureed Jam  
Sponge & Custard  
**WOW!**



The residents have enjoyed the results with plates coming back empty.



### A Halloween Haunt!

Jamie transformed Clanfield once again on Friday the 27th October, for Halloween. A dark eerie backdrop provided the right atmosphere for a spooktacular Halloween, with themed games and activities. But before all this frightening fun could begin some earlier preparation was needed. Residents sat round the tables carving their ghoulish pumpkin designs, chatting away as if making jam and catching up on the local news. I'm quite sure there would have been the odd cackle or two!



Rita Wells &  
Karen Gilbert  
on form

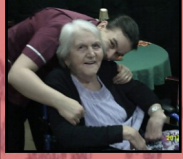


George Moore  
in full concentration

On the day itself there was plenty of frightful fun! The traditional 'Hook the Duck' game had a tricky twist—the ducks were pumpkins! Poor Jack Marris tried to pot all the pumpkins, whilst George Moore despite his concentration claimed, "I'm not getting any fish!" Helen Ferry topped the 'Shooting the Clown' activity displaying her army prowess. But it was Rita Wells that was truly into the spirit of things winning nearly all the activities. What a magical day for Rita!

Not forgetting too, the surprise appearance of our Halloween Jester—Jamie!

Jamie, Helen Ferry, Betty Chapman, Jean Cuthbert and Doreen Lee



Kim Bent acting  
as a cloak of  
protection for  
Daphne Smith



Jamie with Jean Cuthbert  
in a deadly grasp!

Jamie, Carrie Smith & Phyllis McNab in the spirit





# CLANFIELD

## Residential Care Home

*'Your Home from Home'*

## Winter Newsletter, 2017

### Hellos & Goodbyes

We would like to take this time to say 'Hello' to staff and residents who are new to Clanfield, and to welcome them to our family.

Karen Butler has returned and is helping us with day care again explaining, "It's just like coming home". Basil Dainu and Aaron Campbell have also joined the day care team and completely new. Basil has come to us from another home, whilst Aaron is completely new to the field having worked previously in retail.

Aaron says he is looking forward to doing a job that makes a difference in peoples lives.



Finally, we would also like to welcome Sheila Walsh, also completely new, she joins the kitchen staff.

Stan & Mavis Rowlatt are new members of our family. They have been married for 66 years, and we are really looking forward to seeing them celebrate many more with us here at Clanfield. We would also like to welcome Audrey Hudson, Louie Kirk and Sheila Allen to our family. Three lovely ladies that we hope settle and enjoy being part of our lives here at Clanfield.



Sadly, we must say goodbye to our care assistant Anika; we wish her all the best in the future.

### Jamie's Future Events

- Brownies Evening Carol Singing—Thursday 7th December
- Clanfield Christmas Party—TBC with quizzes & Raffle Auction



*Jamie*

### Vacancies

Clanfield currently has the following job vacancies:

- Night Senior
- Day Senior
- Part time Cook
- Domestic Assistant

If you are interested in this vacancy, please contact us for an application form either in person, by email ([crss468@aol.com](mailto:crss468@aol.com)) or download from one from our website

### Management News

All is quiet on the Management front. We are still wading our way through official forms and moving towards the new Partnership.

There has been an overhaul of Staff records as we take the tentative step towards going digital, as well as a new look is being given to the residents medication files.

But that's not to say we have not found time to enter into the spirit of things, as we can see here with Paulette Crossley posing alongside



our Halloween Jester (aka Jamie).

As a team the Management now look forward to the next few months and carrying Clanfield through to a strong and happy New Year.

So, on behalf of the team Karen Gilbert & Sally McCarthy say...

*Ta-ra for now!*



*If you would like to contribute to the next edition of our newsletter (this could be your current experiences, a story, a treasured memory, etc.) or submit a paragraph or photograph for the 'Your Voice' section, please feel free to email us at [crss468@aol.com](mailto:crss468@aol.com) or come and see us in the office. We kindly ask that you do this, however,*

*before:*  
**Monday, 12th February**

Until the next  
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