



SPRING is in the air

Despite Spring just being around the corner the residents felt they wanted to have that Spring feeling sooner. So it was decided they would create their very own Spring Room. From the moment this idea came into being they have been busy making all things

bright and cheery. The finishing touch to their room will be the arrival of some chicken eggs in an incubator for all to witness the arrival of some newly hatched chicks in time for Easter! Read how this goes in our next edition.



COVID Vaccinations

On the 04 January Paramedics arrived to administer the first doses of the vaccine to all our residents. To date all our staff have now had their vaccines too. This is a huge relief and now means Clanfield is protected from the worst symptoms of COVID. Unfortunately, this does not mean we can stop being careful as, sadly, we are still able to contract the virus even with the vaccine!



congratulations!

Leighanne has passed her QCF Level 3 in Health & Social Care. This a huge achievement, we are very proud of her hard work and determination to achieve this, as a lot had to be done remotely.



Well done!

As one finishes we have others following ... We wish both Megan and Gabija, embarking on their Level 3s. good luck with their studies and look forward to congratulating

them



In the bleak mid-winter

Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.



A view through our dining room doors

My Room is my Palace

All our residents are encouraged to make their room their space. For this room to not just contain their belongings, but to be a reflection of them and what brings them joy and comfort. Rita's room is a fantastic example of this.



Rita has even brought the garden into her room with the addition of beautiful butterflies and bird feeders!

What does Rita say about her room? Simply, '...it's lovely!'



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GUESS WHO?

The weekend 23-25 January saw a thick blanket of snow fall over the region. Whilst this may have been very exciting for some at Clanfield our biggest worry was staff could make their way into work safely. As ever our staff were dependable.

But what is it about snow that brings the child out in us all? Once at work the staff couldn't wait until break to go and play! Can you guess whose face is whose?



Hot Chocolate Cheer



Fresh air and a cup of Kim's special hot chocolate. That was just the thing to give Marlene, Barbara and Louie that feel good feeling!

Fresh Air

Carrie's search for...

Pearls of Wisdom

Advice for our younger generation

'Learn to accept everybody's opinion before accepting your own'



Marlene

'Be strong!'

Phyliss



And what our younger generation say...

A 4 year old asks their father, 'Can we get a kitten?'
Father replies, 'I'm allergic. We can't be in the same house'.
'You could sleep outside', quickly follows the 4 year old.

From www.boredpanda.com



Creature Comforts!

There's nothing like snuggling up during the long winter days. Snuggling with a much loved pet too couldn't be more cosy. Bob and Smokey, our resident cat, couldn't agree more!



Now There's a Thunk

A *Thunk* is a simple question that will stop you in your tracks and have you looking at the world in a different light, challenge others and if nothing else give you severe brain ache!

For example:

What colour would a zebra be if you took off its stripes?



Send your answers / thoughts to:
kala@clanfieldcare.plus.com
Or leave them in our suggestion box



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Hellos & Goodbyes...

We always like to take this opportunity to say 'Hello' to new staff and residents, and welcome them to our family.

We are delighted to welcome

Amelia to our Junior Team. She is currently studying Health & Social care at college. Both Charley and

Gabija join our Day Care Team. Charley is new to care and Gabija has already been

delivering care in the community.

Also, joining our family over the

winter were Alec, Michael, Catherine and Valerie. We would like to welcome them, and hope they settle, and enjoy it here at Clanfield as much as the rest of us.

Sadly, we



say goodbye to 3 members of staff. Sarah and Sav from the Care Team, and Josie who retires from the Domestic Team. We wish them all the best.



WOULD YOU LIKE AN

Adventure

OR SHALL WE HAVE

Tea FIRST?

For Stan, it's definitely about the *Adventure!* As he continues pursuing his rekindled love of baking. For the rest of us... it means a jolly fine *Tea!*



BARBARA'S FUTURE PLANS

- Incredible Eggs - Begins 13 April
- Spring Tea - Date TBC
- Lucky Easter Egg Dipping - last week of March



Barbara

CLUBS RUNNING:

- Bingo - Tuesdays, Thursdays 10:30am
- Film Club - Fridays pm
- Arts & Crafts - Tuesday & Thursday pm
- Floor Games - Monday & Wednesdays am
- Table Games -
- Music - Monday pm

For other Activities view **THE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME** in the main lounge

If you have a little time to spare, and would like to share this with our residents once the COVID restrictions allow, please have a chat with either Barbara or Kerry.

Vacancies

We currently have no vacancies

If you are interested in joining our Team when a position becomes available, please contact us for an application by email:

kala@clanfieldcare.plus.com

or download from our website:

www.clanfieldcare.co.uk

Management News

Who would have thought that the first mention of the "C" word in last year's Spring Newsletter, that we would still be here dealing with the ever-changing world of COVID-19 twelve months later? Whilst the roll out of the vaccine programme has probably been the Government's most notable achievement, I still have my doubts regarding the current roadmap out of the pandemic and the date in June being the magical point when we can begin to live a more normal life. I guess we will all have to wait and see.

We will continue to be cautious in our approach to "opening" up the home for business as usual and will endeavour to keep you all updated as we consider and make changes to our visiting policy. There are several factors we will continue to monitor not least the impact of the variants and their impact but also what affect the lifting of lockdown measures may have and just as importantly what the status is re-

garding local infection rates. Our desire is to re-connect you with your loved ones as soon as we can safely do so.

Despite the impact of COVID we are continuing to make improvements in and around the home. Some of these will be more visible than others, however, I hope all the changes will have a positive impact on the home, our residents and staff. One of the downsides to the pandemic has been the shortage of a variety of building materials due to the nation going DIY crazy during lockdown, some of which has interfered with my planning – oh well Rome wasn't built in a day!

I hope you all have a great Easter and enjoy the lighter nights now the clocks are going (have gone) forward and fingers crossed that the end remains in sight.



Craig

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 me at: kala@clanfieldcare.plus.com or pop it into the suggestion box. The deadline for the next edition is: Monday, 17th May 2021