



CLANFIELD

Residential Care Home

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Winter Newsletter 2020

Cats, Bats & Ghosts



Greg & Barbara wasted no time in whipping the residents into action this Halloween!

Fun & Games :)



BINGO!

Games Club anyone? I think their faces tell you what fun you can have?

Remembrance Day

We respectfully marked the occasion both on the Sunday and Wednesday with the 2 minute silence on both days and all the pomp and ceremony on BBC. We all adorned poppies lovingly made by Oundle School (inset) and didn't our boys look smart?



Craig

Stan

Bonfire Bonanza!

Due to COVID 19 we were sadly not able to have our usual bonfire night which has always been a big hit with residents, their families and staff. That did not stop the residents! They were determined they were still going to create a bonfire night atmosphere! This is what they achieved... Armed with an array of Autumn foliage they created a spectacular bonfire night scene. This collage not only stretched the length of the main lounge but there were also parts of it in the conservatory too!

I am sure you will agree they made a fantastic job! And, I must say I was reliably informed they achieved this with little help!

Wow!



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COOKING UP SPOOKY GINGERBREAD

The residents were back in action with Cookery Club, and Halloween was the perfect time to make biscuits to scar those who dared to eat them! Despite the residents best efforts to make them as scary as they could, they were still devoured!



Management News

Whilst it's been almost 9 months since Kala asked me for the latest management news, that time for me has flown by. During that time we have tried to navigate our way through a year like no other, at least not in my lifetime. I would once again, like to place on record my sincere thanks to our fantastic staff who I'm sure have made their own sacrifices in order to protect themselves and their loved ones, which in turn has allowed them to continue providing care for your loved ones.

As regards developments and projects, the wet room conversion has now been completed, after some interference from you know what! Read 'We Have a Wet room!' on page 3.



Other plans are a foot to enhance the life of our residents with the dining room set for a makeover, however, I'm not going to box myself into a corner with a deadline.

We continue to work on the cottage (the small building opposite). As you may or may not be aware we already have an office there, and we are now in

the process of creating a new laundry area at the back of the building. This in turn will free up space for staff for changing and storing their belongings in the main building.

We continue to try and understand the quirky heating and hot water system that we have inherited, some would say it has a mind of its own! But I am glad to say we are beginning to win the battle. We have had two new hot water tanks fitted and we are in the process of changing room thermostats from wireless to hard wired. Being an old building our walls may have been interfering with signals. Obviously by moving the laundry equipment this will also relieve pressure on the system. Fingers crossed things are looking up! However, should you wish to buy your loved one a hot water bottle and fluffy blanket we'll definitely be prepared! Only joking !!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and here's to a better New Year!

Craig
The Management Team

Carrie's search for...

Pearls of Wisdom

Advice for our younger generation

'Work things out together and smile'
Brian

'Everybody [staff] is very good, I can't give them advice. I would just give myself advice'
John 😊

And what our younger generation say...

A young boy sharing his wisdom on love,
'Being in love is telling your wife that she looks really pretty when she doesn't.'

Taken from the dailyrecord.co.uk



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:

If it's 0°C today and tomorrow will be twice as cold, what temperature will it be tomorrow?

Think about this question, and share your thoughts with us!

Send your answers / thoughts to:

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Or leave them in our suggestion box



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Hellos & Goodbyes...

Our first 'Hello' goes to Cerys, who has joined our care team full time. She comes straight from college having successfully completed her level 3 in Health & Social Care.

Jess, joins our care team part time. She previously worked in domiciliary care before having her first baby.

Iulia joins our night care team, also with previous experience in care.

Megan, joins our care team fulltime. Having gained her level 3 in Health & Social Care she worked in retail until wishing to returning back to care.

Megan, yes there are 2 Megans, joins our Junior Team whilst completing her Health & Social Care course at college. It is her plan to train up as a carer as soon as she turns 18, ready to join our care team fulltime in the summer.

Beth has joined our team of domestics part time and is looking forward to her new venture.

Greg & Barbara are our new Entertainment Team! They are very excited about their new posts and have a lot of ideas and fun planned. Watch this space!



Also, joining our family during this long strange period we are delighted to welcome Elsa, Terry, Peter, Marleen and Patricia. We hope they settle, and enjoy life here with us all at Clanfield as much as the rest of us.

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye too, to members of staff. Abbey (Bank Care Team) successfully completed her Nursing degree and is now full time with the NHS; Philip (Junior Team) and Jess (Domestic Team) Russell (Maintenance Team) who embarks on his well earned retirement; Cara (Bank Team) has also joined the NHS; Ellie (Junior Team) goes onto university; Helen (Activity Team) and Jamie whom you have all come to know well after 13 years of service at Clanfield moves on to pastures new. We wish them all the very best in their futures.



GREG'S FUTURE EVENTS

DECEMBER:

- Flower arranging: Xmas wreaths - 1st
- The turning on the lights -4th
- A Coronation St 60th Birthday Tea Party -10th
- Christmas Party - 23rd

JANUARY:

- A Day at the Casino - 22nd

FEBRUARY:

- A Chinese New Year Celebration Buffet - 12th
- Valentines Lunch - 15th
- Pancake Day—16th



Greg

For other Activities view
THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME
in the main lounge
(see earlier article 'All Change' on p.2)

Any One for the Movies?

Movie Club on a Friday afternoon has been a big hit from the start! First up was the musical Cats. Having thoroughly enjoyed that it was quickly decided that the next movie should be a John Wayne Weston. But, they all wanted to do more than just watch the movie, they wanted to dress for the part!

They enjoyed cups of popcorn and John & Mary held hands just as they would at the movies, and I'm sure you will agree, Gwen really did look the part. What will the next movie session bring?



Vacancies

We currently the following vacancies:

Care Assistants Day/Night

If you are interested in joining our Team, please contact us for an application by email:

kala@clanfieldcare.plus.com

or download from our website:

www.clanfieldcare.co.uk



MERRY
Christmas
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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, 15 February 2021

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