



WINTER newsletter 2017

As the festive season approaches, we'd like to thank all of you for your generous support

We've been very busy over the summer and autumn. Here's a review of some of the things that have been going on.

STANLEY HOUSE GARDEN

During the Spring and Summer, our garden landscape work was completed. Our residents have had many memorable days out in the sunshine relaxing with ice cream and having their families join them appreciating the short English summer. Residents watched the team at work in the garden and saw the planting of our various shrubs & colourful plants. It was lovely to have our summer fete in the garden where we had wonderful support from lots of friends and family. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being patient whilst the work was undertaken.

FLAGS

We have continued to have visits from Woodlands Nursery at Abbeydale once a month for "Friendship and Learning Across the Generations" - FLAGS There has been very positive feedback from residents, staff and visitors about the lovely interactions. It has been so much fun for both residents and children and on Tuesday 28th November we enjoyed a lovely joint activity session with children from Kingfisher Nursery at Stanley House. We are looking forward to them visiting the homes at Christmas time.

DCCT

We had our first sessions run by Derby County Community Trust at both homes. They are helping provide the local community with support in keeping fit through running games and exercise sessions every month at our homes.



MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY

Our Macmillan Coffee day was full with a lot of yummy cakes donated by families & staff. We raised over £150 for Macmillan Cancer! Thank you all.

TRIPS OUT

We have had many trips which the residents have thoroughly enjoyed. We have spent time at Markeaton Park in the sunshine with a picnic, and also to Bluebells Farm to see the animals. We have also been down to the pub and to the Cinema (Quad) to sing along to 'Mary Poppins'. We visited the Silk Mill poppy exhibition in the summer which the residents loved, and we had fun visiting Derby City centre.

WINTER FAIRS

Our winter fairs have been a big success where we raised over £200 at each home for our residents funds. All the money donated goes towards resident's activities, events and trips out. Thank you to everyone who attended the fairs, and for everyone who baked cakes, manned stalls, helped out and bought raffle tickets.

HOME GROWN PRODUCE

We have been trialling selling home-made and home grown produce at Abbeydale. This has been a great success. If you have any produce - allotment goodies, home made jams and pickles, or craft items you would like to donate at either home please see the activity team. All donations go to the Residents Funds.





OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

THANK YOU

All of our trips out and events that we have in the homes, would not be possible without the support and contribution we get from all staff, friends and family so we want to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU for everyone that has helped out, made cakes, given donations and generally attended and helped at events, for your invaluable contribution.

RELATIVES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENT

Alongside our trips out and events that we have coming up we also have our next relatives social event planned. This will be held at Abbeydale. This is an opportunity for you to hear more about things that are happening in the homes. Why not join us on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm for a mince pie and a chat & to get to know other relatives.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFO SESSION

These sessions are a chance for you to learn about Dementia, and the opportunity to become a Dementia Friend yourself to work towards making our society become more Dementia Friendly. We will be holding another event in the New Year.

We'd love to keep you up to date on what activities are going on. If you're not already on our email list and would like to be please let us know by emailing us at:

activities@abbeydaleandstanleyhouse.co.uk



DECEMBER		
Tuesday 5th December 10:30- 1:30	Trip to Wyevale Garden Centre	Abbeydale
Thursday 7th December 10:30	Derby County Community Trust Forever Active Session	Abbeydale
Tuesday 12th December 1pm	Quad trip: 'Meet me in St.Louis'	Both homes
Wednesday 13th December 2pm	Relatives Xmas Social	Abbeydale
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Party Day: 2:30 – 3:30 Music & entertainment from Richard Comfort	Stanley House
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Party Day: 2 pm -3 pm Music & entertainment from Bob Reed	Abbeydale
Friday 22nd December	Carol services 2pm Abbeydale 2:45pm Stanley House	Both Homes
Monday 25th December	Christmas Day celebrations with Salvation Army and Santa	Both Homes from 10:30am (approx)
<i>More dates for January to follow...</i>		