



Winter Newsletter 2018

As we come out of a lovely summer and the autumn leaves start to fall let us share some of our news with you....

WELCOME!

We would like you to join us in giving a warm welcome to our two new Deputy Nurse Managers. In October, Miranda Muzah joined the team at Abbeydale, and from November, Katty Bailey has joined the team at Stanley House. Both are experienced Registered Nurses from Care Home backgrounds.

Let's talk
about
dementia

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

In May we held two Dementia Friends Information sessions across both homes for relatives, friends, staff and some residents to attend. In total we made 10 new Dementia Friends at our homes taking even more steps to making Dementia Friendly communities.

ROYAL PARTY

We had a fantastic time at our Royal Wedding parties in May. We all had a lovely day of flag waving, dressing up, dined on some delicious food whilst following the wedding service, and toasted the happy couple.

SUMMER FAIRS

We want to thank everyone for the contributions we received for our various stalls that as always help raise money towards our Residents Funds. These pay towards trips, activities, resources and extra special purchases.

PONY PARTY

In fond memory of two former residents, we held a 'Pony Party' funded by their families' generous donations to the Resident's Fund. It was a fun event, and everyone had a great time with children having rides on 'Bubbles' and meeting 'Tinkerbell' too. All with Pimms and pony themed treats to add to the fun.

GARDENING PROJECT

Our Gardening projects over Spring have been really successful and well received by all. At both homes we've had some fantastic produce from our tomato plants, plus other herbs and plants. The residents have already planted ready for next spring!

THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to everyone who baked cakes, helped with trips, came to events, donated items and generally joined in with activities We really value and appreciate the support of friends and relatives.





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TRIPS OUT

It was a really enjoyable time with the sunshine staying out for us, especially on our Stanley House outings to Bluebell Farm and Markeaton Park. Abbeydale experienced some very British weather in August on their outing, but still had a fun time! Thanks to all who volunteered to help out the residents and staff, we are always in need of volunteers to escort residents. If you are interested please do have a chat with a member of the activities team. A recent trip to Derby Museum was enjoyed by all who went, and another one planned.

Throughout September and October, we have begun to host Arts and Crafts sessions with lead artist Lydia from Community Arts group Whiffle Pig (please see posters for further details).

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY



WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT

Every year we have a Macmillan Coffee event at each home, and this year it was on Friday 28 September. We asked for donations of cakes baked and bought, and you kindly gave us some very scrumptious donations. We had a fantastic selection available, and thanks to residents, relatives, staff and other

visitors who supported the event with purchases on the day, between both homes we raised over £173 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Your generosity was overwhelming - a big thank you to everyone involved.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All our upcoming events and trips are advertised on posters in the homes. Please keep an eye on our notice boards, which are regularly updated. Several of us have recently attended a Music Therapy Workshop and have some great ideas for the homes, including starting a choir!

Saturday 24th November 2-4	Winter Fair	Abbeydale
Sunday 25th November 2-4	Winter Fair	Stanley House
Tuesday 27th November 11-1:30	Christmas Shopping Trip	leave from Stanley House
Friday 30th November 11-1:30	Christmas Shopping Trip	leave from Abbeydale
Monday 10th December	Christmas decorating starts	Both Homes
Thursday 13th December 2:30	Christmas Party	Stanley House
Tuesday 18th December 11	Christmas Party	Abbeydale
Christmas Day from 10am	A visit from the Salvation Army Brass band and a visit from Santa to give out presents	
Please keep an eye on the activities notice boards for more.....		