



Manager John Spollin

We are always trying to keep up with modern thinking where dementia care is concerned and break down barriers to the institution. One contentious issue is uniform—there are positives and negatives to having them.

Managers I have spoken to who have got rid of the uniforms have spoken about the positive impact on carer/resident relationships and attitudes. However they did say it was not to everyone's liking which I can understand as well.

From the 14th to the 20th of December inclusive, we are going to experiment with a non uniform week (to iron out any issues/problems) Pun!!

We will follow it up with questionnaires for staff, residents and relations and any visitors before we make any decisions.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Manager writes...

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ITEMS WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR

If anyone has any of the following items or any items that may provoke interest for the residents please contact Karen. HAT STAND, PENNY FARTHING, OLD FASHIONED PRAM, OLD MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS , FOOTBALL MEMORABILIA) SCARVES, RATTLES, PROGRAMMES), FRAMED LOCAL PICTURES PHOTOGRAPHS/PAINTINGS GRAMOPHONE, RECORD PLAYER

UPDATE ON WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Since the last newsletter we have again had a full schedule. The Circus Workshop visited on the 12th October and this time children from the Candelby Lane School came. The residents really enjoyed watching the children learn skills of the circus , a few residents gave it a go for themselves.

Our long awaited Polish day took place on the 29th October. A huge thank you to the two families who helped make our day such a success. Also we must not forget our staff in the kitchen who play such a big part in our theme days.

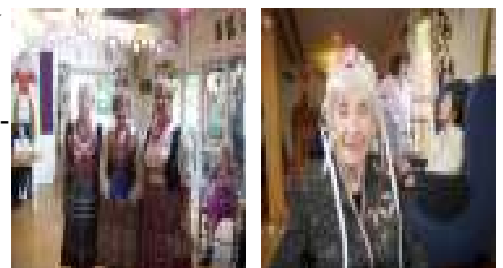
Our firework display on bonfire night was enjoyed by all residents, relatives, staff and their families.

Christmas is fast approaching, and we will be doing lots of christmas activities over the next month including the staff's very own panto "Cinderella with a Twist"

Our Activities during October and November



The Circus came to town



Our Polish Day

Resident's Profile

Jean Pepper



Jean was born on the 3rd September 1934 and lived with her parents and brother in Aspley. Jean gained a scholarship to the Manning School for Girls. She was a keen member of the Junior Red Cross spending Sunday afternoons at the General Hospital helping with patients teas. This is where she first met George who was a patient (Jean did not like him). On leaving school Jean worked in the offices of John Player & Sons. A few years later whilst out shopping with her mother in Nottingham, she bumped into George who asked her if she would like to go to Goose Fair the following Saturday, thus started a romance Jean and George married in 1954.

Jean had to leave her job at John Player & Sons on her marriage (this was a condition of employment) and went to work at Boots in Beeston, being always interested in sport she played both tennis and hockey for boots until the birth of her first daughter in 1957 followed by her second daughter in 1960.

When the children were old enough Jean returned to work for British Telecom working there until she unfortunately had an accident which resulted in her having spinal fusion so she was unable to return back to work. Jean always had great interest in reading and completing crosswords. After a time spent in hospital Jean came to live at Church Farm in August 2008.

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Hymn Singing

On a recent Sunday morning we switched on Church Farm's hymn singing cd and the atmosphere changed in an instant as residents started singing and tapping with their hands and feet. The amazing thing is that they know the words, even the long ones. One resident was heard singing 'in light INACCESSIBLE hid from their eyes' which is hardly a word they use every day! I thought readers might be interested in a couple of comments made by residents at the end of particular hymns. One was 'That really cheered me up' another was 'Lovely—brings back memories' so it's obvious it is doing them good. One unusual note was sounded at the end of the National Anthem though when they all sang with gusto 'God save the King'. Now that there is a reasonable sounding piano in the lounge I am trying to give them a wider selection of songs to sing when I visit.

John Preston

Christmas Party

Date: 24th December 2009

Time: 2 - 4pm

Please come and join us for a drink and something to eat and enjoy some great entertainment from the Staff

And don't forget to get your raffle tickets!!

Karen's Corner

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th December - Johnny Jalland 2pm
Monday 14th December - George Wilby 1.45pm
Thursday 17th December - Tombola stall at the Precinct
Thursday 17th December - Dorcas Ladies - 10.30am
Tuesday 22nd December - Chris Coe 1.45pm
Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Party with entertainment from Martin and also the staff Panto 2-4pm

The management and staff at Church Farm, would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year. Thank you for all your continued help and support.