

# November 2015 Newsletter

**Abbeyfield**  
Making time for older people

*'KEEPING YOU CONNECTED'*

## Message from Jackie

As the clocks go back and the dark nights draw in, here at Abbeyfield we have more events and activities planned than ever!

From Bonfire Night Celebrations, Movie Evenings, Bingo and Games Nights to our annual Christmas Fair...there is lots going on to keep us all busy!

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held at Grove House on Saturday 28th November and all are welcome, residents, family, friends and anyone else who would like to join us to spread some Christmas cheer! The fair will start at 02.00PM with free entry. I hope to see you all there.

The Beeches are also hosting a Christmas Coffee morning on 25th November, which is also set to be a fantastic morning for all

to attend.

This year we have also introduced the Abbeyfield Staff and Volunteer Recognition Awards. This is to recognise all the teams and individuals who come together to make Abbeyfield a fantastic place to both live and work. I encourage residents, visitors, staff and volunteers all to vote.

Nomination forms and tubs for completed forms have been placed around our homes. Voting closes on Monday 23rd November and the winners will be announced at a special evening we are hosting for all our staff and volunteers.



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## New Starters

Mark Rowland- Care Assistant

Sharron Mann- Domestic Assistant

Sharon Clayton- Bank Care Assistant

## Leavers

Louisa Pickles- Chef

Kevin Hodgeson- Senior Night Carer

Tracey Mallows- Bank Chef

## Christmas Fair

Our Grove House Christmas Fair is fast approaching and planning is well and truly underway.

With free entry, there will be entertainment and fun for all ages. There will be a magical Santa's grotto, local craft stalls, games, refreshments, a best Christmas jumper competition and much more!

If you have any unwanted or unloved jewellery or jewellery boxes, donations would be much appreciated for our Vintage Jewellery Stall. Or if you are feeling particularly creative, any crafts or cakes would also be much appreciated. All proceeds go towards the Abbeyfield Residents Funds.

## Bonfire Night

Grove House had a Bonfire Night with a difference this year!

Saturday 7th November saw staff host an indoor evening to celebrate.

Although indoors, there was still the 'ooo's' and 'ahh's' at our special fire work display DVD.

While it was pouring with rain outside our residents enjoyed traditional Bonfire Night foods, pie, peas and parkin.

Thank you to all who helped and attended.



## Mamma Mia!

A Mamma Mia extravaganza evening was held at Grove House in October!

Our fabulous carers hosted the event and gave the residents that attended a very warm welcome and of course...a glass of Sherry!

The evening included a screening of the film Mamma Mia, half time ice cream, some classic ABBA music and some very bright hair styles, as you can see in the photographs!

Music, dancing, great company and plenty of laughs were all part of the evening and made it a truly great time for everyone involved.

If you are interested in attending one of our Monthly Movie Nights, our carers are hosting the next one in our Grove House Activity Room on Thursday 19th November at 06.30PM. It will be a Murder Mystery Themed Movie Evening...'who dunnit'!



## Spring Bulbs

On Monday 23rd November from 11AM we will be planting and potting new bulbs in the courtyard, in preparation for Spring.

We welcome all residents, family and friends to come and join us. Whether you are green fingered or would simply like to come for the company and some fresh air, it would be great to see you.

If you have any unwanted plant pots and would like to donate them please contact Zoe McKenzie on 886005.



## Christmas Jigsaw

We need you! At Grove House we are already getting into the Christmas spirit.

There is a large jigsaw in our Coffee Bar area that we would like all our residents, friends and family to have a part in piecing together.

The aim is to have a complete jigsaw by Christmas and to use it as a decoration, to be enjoyed by all, in our Conservatory.

So come and pop a piece in our piece in our Christmas puzzle and lets get it framed in time for the festivities!



## Tombola

Grove House Day Centres tombola has started.

Running from Monday 9th- Friday 13th November, there are prizes to be won every day!

Tickets are on sale throughout the week and there are daily draws.

So if you're feeling lucky this November, get yourself to the Day Centre where you can purchase 5 tickets for just £1.

All money raised goes towards buying new activity equipment for the Day Centre itself as well as future entertainment for the visitors.



## Goodbye Bingley

Frances Scourfield and her cockapoo dog, Bingley, have visited The Beeches and all its residents for several years now.

Bingley was very popular with the residents and was always happy to be petted and walked, while Frances chatted to the residents and made them hot drinks.

Unfortunately they will not be able to attend for the foreseeable future and the residents would like to express their sincere thanks to both Frances and Bingley for dedicating their time and bringing such joy to The Beeches. They will both be missed.

## Dates for your Diary- November



### Grove House

- Thursday 5th- 02.00PM- 'Bless 'Em All' (A WWII musical love story performance)- Activity Room
- Saturday 7th- 06.30PM- Pie, Peas Parkin & Movie Evening- Activity Room
- Sunday 8th- 01.00PM- Remembrance Sunday (Wharfedale Cadets)- Courtyard
- Wednesday 11th- 10.30AM- Memory Bank- Reminiscence & Life Story Work- Activity Room
- Friday 13th- 02.30PM- Tea Dance- Activity Room
- Monday 16th- ALL DAY- Millstones Trip (Domiciliary Care)
- Wednesday 18th- 10.30AM- Memory Bank- Reminiscence & Life Story Work- Activity Room
- Wednesday 18th- 02.00PM- Saxophone Player- Conservatory
- Thursday 19th- 10.00AM- Pets as Therapy
- Thursday 19th- 02.00PM- Strictly Entertainment presents 'Thanks for the Memory' - Activity Room
- Thursday 19th- 06.30PM- Murder Mystery Movie Night- Conservatory
- Monday 23rd- 11.00AM- Spring Bulb Planting- Activity Room
- Tuesday 24th- ALL DAY- Millstones Trip (Respite Care)
- Saturday 28th- 02.00PM- Christmas Fair

## Dates for your Diary- November

### The Beeches

- Wednesday 4th- Bingo- run by Skipton Building Society Volunteers
- Thursday 19th- 06.00PM- Remembrance Event
- Friday 20th- ALL DAY- Harrogate Christmas Market Trip
- Wednesday 25th- 10.00AM- Christmas Coffee Morning
- Saturday 28th- 02.00PM- Grove House Christmas Fair



If you would ever like an additional or enlarged Monthly Activity Timetable, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Pickersgill on 01943 886011 or ext.