

December 2015

Newsletter

'KEEPING YOU CONNECTED'



Abbeyfield
Making time for older people

Message from Jackie

As another year draws to a close, here at Abbeyfield we have no intention of slowing down!

We will be celebrating throughout the festive season and we would like everyone to join us.

This year, like those previous, we are running our Coping at Christmas Campaign. We welcome and invite older people living in the local community to join us for festive events throughout December and January. Visitors can come and join in our activity groups and enjoy a meal free of charge or just £5 on Christmas Day. If you know anyone who may be alone this Christmas and would like some company, please call 01943 886000.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all those who helped and

supported at our annual Grove House Christmas Fair. Volunteers, staff, residents, family and friends, you truly made it a fantastic day. Special thanks to Zoe McKenzie, our Events Coordinator for organising such a successful day. Thanks also to Barbara Jordan for a wonderful Santa's Grotto and, of course, not forgetting the big man himself, Santa and his helpers! All together we raised a grand total of £1530! I hope all that attended had a brilliant day.

On behalf of the residents, as well as myself, I would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers for all of their hard work and commitment throughout 2015, I know this will continue into 2016.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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New Starters

Debbie Crooks- Chef at Grove House

Leavers

Fran Pickard- Residential at Grove House

Louisa Pickles- Catering Team

Kris Horton- Wells House



Deck the Halls

Back at the beginning of November Gerry Hall, a Grove House resident had a family get together.

While this does not sound like anything out of the ordinary, this may change when you find out that Gerry's family now live all over the world.

Gerry has three beloved sons; Richard, Simon and Jonathon.

Richard now lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife Sharon. Simon has moved abroad and lives in St Argent, France with his wife Caroline.

Although Jonathon has settled in England he is still a long trip away, living and working in Surrey.

All of the family members stayed in Ilkley and enjoyed a few days together, making some brilliant and treasured memories.

Gerry also just celebrated his 12th year of being a Grove House resident on 6th December and he and his family would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.



Grove House Christmas Fair

On Saturday 28th November Grove House hosted its annual Christmas Fair.

We had something for everyone from craft and vintage stalls, local produce on sale, delicious cakes, hand made gifts, a raffle, a tombola and much much more. Even Santa Claus came to visit, which was a big hit with the children.

It was amazing to see so many staff, residents, volunteers, family and friends both attending the fair as well as helping throughout the afternoon. Thank you to all involved for all of the hard work and time given to preparing such a large event.

Now, the moment you have all been waiting for...how much money did we manage to raise for the Resident Amenities Fund? We raised, a grand total of £1, 530 and this is still rising!

Lets just hope that Santa comes to help us next year as well!



Christmas Party

On Thursday 17th December, the residents at Grove House and The Beeches had their Christmas Parties.

The festivities started at 01.00PM in the Dining Rooms and on the Residential Unit.

It was an afternoon filled with fun, laughter, music, singing and of course a fantastic Christmas meal.

In the Dining Room at Grove House and The Beeches, office staff, with the help of the professionals served residents and some staff their Christmas dinners. Which was a fantastic 3 course meal made by the catering teams.

Thank you to all who helped and attended!



Health and Safety Tips

This time of year is when we can all potentially suffer from slips, trips and falls when we are out and about, with things like leaves from the trees falling and frosty pavements. We all need to ensure that we have right stout footwear for the conditions if we have to venture out.

The design of Grove House is such that all the doors within your apartments are approved fire doors, designed to resist both smoke and fire. This does mean the doors are quite heavy and some of you may choose to keep them wedged open during the day. However at night it is best advised that these doors are firmly closed to maximise fire safety in your apartment.

Day Centre Celebrations

There have been a lot of compliments about the lovely relaxed, festive atmosphere in the Day Centre this Christmas and the staff have been gearing up for the busiest week of the year!

Day Centre visitors have been starting their days with mocktails from the complimentary bar, a spot of Christmas shopping and a choice of Christmas craft workshop activities, everyone has entered into the Christmas spirit at this very special time, playing games and singing carols around the Christmas tree.

All of the Day Centre staff would like to thank Jill and the Catering team for the delicious cuisine and wine.

Every day there has been a free raffle, followed by entertainment, singing and dancing, and a visit from Day Centre Christmas elves with a present from Santa!

Lots of sparkles, jingles and a magical time is being had by all: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to what you would like to see in your monthly newsletter?

Please contact Claire Pickersgill 01943 886011 or ext. 305

Christmas Word Search

Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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| CANDY CANE | GREETING CARDS | ORNAMENTS | STOCKING |
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| FAMILY | JOSEPH | SKATES | TREE |
| FRANKINCENSE | LIGHTS | SLEIGH | WREATH |
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Activity Timetables

If you would like another December Activity Timetable printing, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Pickersgill on 01943 886011 or ext. 301.

