

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER.

ELMFIELD HOUSE RESIDENTIAL HOME

RECENT EVENTS:

November has been and gone with lots going on to keep the resident's entertained.

Pub lunches are still going strong. We have gone to the pub Friday's recently instead of the usual Wednesday due to Niccii being on a course and having meetings.

Dates for December's outings are on the poster on the notice board in the porch.

A group of residents and relatives went to the annual Bonfire and Firework display on the green for Bonfire night.

This was organised by the scouts and was as busy as ever; it's amazing to see such large crowds from a relatively small community. The Bonfire kept us lovely and warm and the firework display was wonderful lasting a good half an hour. The fireworks were beautiful colors and there were different types of fireworks, some were very loud making us jump!

A group of residents attended the yearly Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph on the green. This was an intimate service bringing together members of the

community in thought and prayer to remember the fallen ones from the World Wars. This was emotional for our residents as many have memories and recollections of the War years.

Tina from High Kicks and Heels did her monthly show at Elmfield which was thoroughly enjoyed. The majority of residents joined in with instruments and flags. Joh, Vera and Iris even got up for a dance which was lovely.

Bailey the PAT dog has been coming for his fortnight visits. He enjoys being petted

and our residents enjoy seeing him. It brings back memories of pets from times gone by.

We have also had our white cat visit us regularly in recent weeks. The cat has been a frequent visitor for a couple of years now and is very affectionate and friendly allowing residents to stroke her and even sits on their knee!

We held a productive Resident and Relatives meeting in November. There was a good attendance so thank you to those who came. We discussed Christmas activities and outings that are planned for over the Festive season. Staffing levels were discussed

as was nutrition, a reminder for relatives to check the post box next to the signing in book and also talked about a recent complaint that was made against the home to the CQC which was closed following a report. The meeting minutes and a copy of the complaint and subsequent report are being posted to all relatives.

On Tuesday 30th November we had Bisley Beavers come to the home to do Christmas activities with our residents and to help decorate the Christmas tree! There was a group of approx. 15 Beavers who were extremely well behaved and enjoyed

getting to know our residents as well as sharing ideas and joining in with small group activities. We had a buffet tea that evening and invited the Beavers to join us.

Niccii had some helpers to assist with decorating the home ready to surprise the residents on the morning of December 1st. the count down to Christmas is officially on!

Each resident has an advent calendar to count down the days.

Upcoming events:

December looks set to be a very busy month with lots going on.....

We have the Christmas tea dance at HG Wells on Wednesday 6th December from 1-4pm. This is always a popular event and it's an opportunity to dust off the glad-rags!

Tina from High Kicks and Heels will be doing her Christmas show on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm. This will be a fabulous show for sure.

Pub lunches will continue every fortnight with our Christmas lunch on Monday 18th December. We are hoping to get as many residents there as possible!

The Christmas church service will take place at Elmfield at 2:30pm

on Tuesday 19th December. There will be mince pies and Christmas carols too.

On Wednesday 20th December we have been invited to a Christmas Tea Afternoon at Bisley Hall from 1:30-4:30pm with carols, stalls, a raffle and tea and cakes. We will be supporting the local community and I am sure there will be a good turnout. We are very lucky to live in a village with so much going on.

On Thursday 21st December a group of residents will be attending the beautiful carol service at Guildford Cathedral. This has been popular in recent years and the cathedral has

undergone renovations recently. The service starts at 10:30am so it will be an early get up but will be worth it. Tea and mince pies are provided afterwards.

We will be having our resident's Christmas party on Friday 23rd December. This will be held at the home from 2-5pm. We will be having an entertainer to perform for us and I imagine there will be some Christmas hits mixed in with their song list.

All are welcome! Join us for singing, dancing and an extra surprise!

I've heard that Santa will be visiting Elmfield on Christmas Day.....

We will be having a three-course meal on Christmas Day with

Christmas crackers,
bad jokes, party hats
and lots of good food,
drink and company!
Christmas is usually a
busy day at Elmfield.

Shortly after Christmas
we will be taking a trip
to the Pantomime in
Woking. This year is
Robin Hood starring
Shane Ritchie. We are
looking to go on Friday
29th December
dependent on
availability.

Staff and resident changes:

Sadly Nadia Tinsley has
left Elmfield. She was
an army wife and her
husband was relocated
due to posting.
We had no other
changes to staff or
residents in November.

Birthdays:

We celebrated
Marion's birthday on
16th November. She
turned 96 years old and
had a great day with
her family. Marion
enjoyed a lunch with
her family at the Hen &
Chickens. She had lots
of visitors and received
many cards and
flowers.

Other news:

Rikki the chiropodist is
due on Friday 1st
December to attend to
our resident's podiatry
needs.

Nicky the hairdresser
will be here on the 7th
and 20th of December.

Employee of the month:

This month was a
difficult one as several
staff have worked
tirelessly covering shifts
at short notice for staff
sickness and going
above and beyond
their expected roles to
help out. A big thank
you to everyone, your
hard work is always
appreciated and you
are all valued.

However; Charley
Teeder has significantly
improved her conduct,
attitude, work ethic
and has also helped
cover extra shifts
frequently throughout
the month.

Several of her
colleagues have
acknowledged and
praised Charley for her
notable transformation.
Well done Charley and
keep up the good
work!