

Lodge Life

SHEDFIELD LODGE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

“SO GOOD TO BE BRINGING BACK YOUR FAVOURITE NEWSLETTER.”

Hello once again to all our readers and a very warm welcome to all who are new here.

Allow me to introduce myself...

My name is Mark and I am thrilled to once again bring you news, events and all things happening here at Shedfield Lodge.

Some of you may have met me or heard me entertaining our wonderful residents. With a new start to the newsletter, comes a new start with my hair, having ditched the curly locks and now sporting a nice shorter style *(even saves me some money on hair products now)*

I have been part of this amazing team for 5 years now which, I have enjoyed every moment and shared the most rewarding and valuable memories with everyone.

Wearing many hats in my role, producing this newsletter is a rewarding part of it. It's a great opportunity to spread the word about what we are up to and share moments of loved ones here in our home.

So relax for a moment or two with a nice cup of tea *(and maybe a cheeky digestive!)* and enjoy the read...

Smile Smile Smile



OK so I know it's a little early to be looking at all things tinsel and Christmassy but I couldn't resist including a picture of some of our brilliant team. Yep! Underneath those masks is giggles and genuine smiles.

Looking closely you'll see Poppy's family who so generously donated gifts for the residents during the festive season... A BIG Thank You.

Also featured is Jayne Connery who, we work with closely with the Care Campaign for the Vulnerable.

Buy Hey! Look at that amazing cake too of The Lodge's front door made by our very own Kelly.

When you smile... the world smiles with you!

TOGETHER WE CARE

Who would have predicted that the world would be a different place a couple of years ago?

Joe Wicks, Zoom meetings & quizzes, shortage of loo rolls and not forgetting the plethora of 'so-called' experts all over social media. These were just a few of the things that became the new normal.

“Not all heroes wear capes.”

Here at The Lodge, we committed to our own 4-Phase action plan which, measures leading to a

We are proud that by proceeding rapidly through the lockdown (*prior to the national one announced by the government*) it essentially protected us from many of the problems which, sadly affected many care homes across the UK.

On a voluntary basis, many of our staff remained on site accommodated in caravans very kindly loaned to us by some wonderful people from the local community.

Also, during the shortage of PPE supplies, a national newspaper came to our rescue with a van delivery of the stuff when we needed it most. Thumbs up to the Daily Mail. Our very own Covid Hub was set up allowing visitors to be tested and our summer house became a warm, comfy place for family and relatives to still see their loved ones.

We are so proud of our staff who pulled out all the stops to ensure everyone was safe, and their creativity was amazing discovering ways to occupy and entertain everyone. Amongst all the busy schedules, smiles and laughter became 'part of the course' through the most difficult of times, lifting spirits up.

Though Covid is still with us, we look forward to adapting as the country looks to a 'new normal.' With memories of the 'Clap for Carers' and Captain Tom, all our staff are absolute heroes and, forever will be.

They all deserve medals. But should you ask them, they would simply say 'we do, because we care.'

At Shedfield Lodge we are now using an electronic system to assist us during the issue of medications.

The system is called Atlas which utilises an easy to use hand-held device for safe administration of medicines for our residents through barcode validation of medicines at the point of administration. It also allows us access to an online central portal to evidence compliance with all regulatory requirements relating to medicines.

It is not only time saving but greatly reduces the chance of any errors.



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ATLAS.

EVERY PICTURE PAINTS A DIFFERENT STORY

How art they? Well absolutely brilliant!

Creativity is in all of us and with a little imagination we can do wonders. Art & Craft therapy is something we do regularly and we proudly display creations around the home. Maybe you've spotted a thing or two during your visit.



We love to make things celebrating or remembering occasions such as spring, valentines and Halloween. As we progress with forthcoming newsletters you can be sure we'll feature many achievements from our residents.

When doing craft work it opens up opportunity for conversation, storytelling and the chance to get our hands messy with paint. Also feel the textures of materials, admire the blaze of colour and most of all see amazing smiles, as some of our artists are beaming above.



It almost came home...

We like to follow national and international events and always a good excuse to get the flags out. Whether it's the Olympics, World Cup, Royal Weddings or other celebrations.

During the Euro 2020 tournament we even had our own free sweepstake which was a lot of fun.

Oh.. And we don't forget the ladies. Always covering the women's football tournaments too.

It's nice to get away.

From time to time it is great, as they say, to 'get away from it all.' Here at The Lodge we are able to board our virtual plane with our boarding pass and passports to many destinations. It's a kind of armchair travel.

Using props and a fun presentation we have already explored Africa and Greece. It is amazing to see how everyone engages and every once in a while, get to hear stories of residents own travel experiences. Many more are to come featuring other countries beauty, traditions, history and culture.



Don't forget to check us out on our website, Facebook & twitter where we share more of what we are.

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Look forward to the next edition of
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Until then...

See you soon,

Mark