

# Lodge Life

## SHEDFIELD LODGE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**Last month** at The Lodge we had the pleasure to welcome along Natalie, a college student who is currently studying for a qualification in Health & Social Care.

She joined us for a week as part of her placement of work experience. An opportunity to see some of the skills she has learned, put into action.

Many benefits of work experience also give students opportunity to develop confidence, make new contacts and enhance their CV. In some cases this can lead to future employment.

During her time with us Natalie enjoyed talking with our residents and listening to stories they had to tell. Many smiles were shared and she was able to enhance her communication skills. She told me that she '*enjoyed being in a place where she could talk to someone being myself*' and how the residents said '*they love living here.*'

Joining Sue for an activity session was something she liked very much too and participated with enthusiasm.

Not to go away 'empty handed,' Natalie gained an online certificate for Activities/Exercise and also joined the staff for a Training Day learning a whole range of subjects that will be a valuable part of her college course.

In this age of technology/media/admin based jobs it is wonderful to see that some of our younger generation have the passion to seek a career in care work.

In fact some of the staff at The Lodge started work here when they were young and are still with us today. A testament to the passion they have for this industry.

*At this point, I shall save my bacon by saying that they still look as young as when they started!*

Our college student hopes to return for more experience in the future and who knows, maybe someday she will be part of our team.

Shedfield Lodge is proud to be able to offer work experience opportunities like this in an area of work that is always rewarding and a service that we will always need.

Very pleased to say that once again the Easter Bunny visited Shedfield

Lodge. Our residents were able to tuck into these delightful sweet treats. Our staff could but watch and hope that their own bunny would leave a similar treat at home on finishing work.

*For myself...* Boiled eggs and soldiers were the order of the day!



TOGETHER  
WE  
CARE



**NOW**



**THAT'S**



**MAGIC**



Our regular singer Lindsey is a girl of many talents and one of those is absolutely magic. Literally. We were treated to a special Magic Show one afternoon with a variety of surprises. Things disappeared and re-appeared, never-ending scarves, mind reading with balloons, bubbles and the largest magic wand I've ever seen! With plenty of audience participation, wows and laughter, Lindsey certainly brightened the day. Even Superman made an appearance!

Meet Gary and Graeme.

Our intrepid maintenance guys who look after... well just about everything! They take care of the décor, plumbing, electrical, woodwork, roofing, fire/emergency safety system plus much more including putting the festive decorations up at Christmas. Always on call for emergencies and up for the many challenges put forward to them both. With The Lodge built in the early 1800's this characteristic building always needs tender loving care too, and it certainly gets it's fair share. Our unsung heroes this month were proudly awarded 'Employees of the Month' and well deserved too. Thanks guys.



### Picture This...

Would you like to see moments like our Magic Show, captured with your loved ones? To do this we do need consent and have a special form for this.

We have a few already but would love to have more. Of course the pictures we use will always be chosen carefully and always in a positive light. It would be absolutely lovely to feature our residents from time to time in the newsletter.

I will attach a form with this copy, which you can either email back to me or post, alternatively you can pick one up from the office. Thank you for your help.

Look forward to the next edition of  
Lodge Life

*Mark*

Until then...



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