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SHEDFIELD LODGE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

This Issue

Nostalgia at the Lodge

As we bring you a Very Special

Garden Party Edition



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Rain does not 'stop play'

Splish Splash "a little bit of rain never hurt anyone" they say.

The Lodge held it's annual Garden Party on Sunday 23rd July and despite the downpours we had an amazing and successful day. The ducks from the farm definitely loved it!

'Mucky Bucket' Farm brought along their wonderful selection of animals, including miniature horses, pygmy goats, sheep, ducks, alpacas and of course some tiny friends too—chicks, rabbits, guinea pigs and a tortoise.

Victoria and her team even bought some of the smaller ones inside for everyone to have a stroke and cuddle, when Mr Blue Sky had fled.



We did have some moments in the garden enjoying the intermittent sunshine, drinking tea with a slice of beautiful home made cake kindly donated by yourselves and a selection from our very own cook, Kelly. This was just a starter before the Hot Dogs arrived. Yummy! This all went on with some background music from 'days gone by' from Mr DJ.

Although the Bouncy Castle was a little wet, it was nice to see our younger visitors having a go at 'tin can alley' and throwing wet sponges in 'the stocks!' Of course, parents were a little reluctant to volunteer *(as if they weren't wet enough already, lol)*

The day was filled with a blaze of colour thanks to the brilliant skills of Jo, our face painter. Her creations were vivid, fabulous and even came with a bit of sparkle. Jo was really kept herself busy and even the adult visitors and residents were there for some decoration too!

During the afternoon, Becki Short, delighted us with her singing. Giving us those famous tunes from the 1940's and it was lovely to see people join in with her, with some taking to the floor for a dance. Certainly through the showers, she 'kept smiling through' and we hope she will return to the Lodge soon.

You may have caught sight of the two original WW2 Army Jeeps as you arrived. Returning to us again after popularity from last year. Always a great photo opportunity and chance to have a hands on experience and even reminisce with these iconic vehicles. Thank you to Ian & Mark for bringing them along.

As you know, the staff here at Shedfield Lodge never turn down the chance to do a bit of dressing up, and again, they never let us down. American GI's and British Army girls were out in force this year, and looking immaculate too. For them, any parade inspection would have been a breeze. No Sailors' Hornpipe this year, but I believe 'Gene Kelly' took to the floor in the lounge for a moment!

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BUT MOST OF ALL...

**BIG
THANK
YOU**

Without the help of you we could not have had such a successful event. Your kindness with donations to the raffle and stalls was overwhelming and we are so grateful. Also, the 'hands on' help we had was brilliant too, especially when our 'rainy' plan B was put into action.

The support of the visitors was amazing, and by 'hook or by crook', when the rain fell, we managed to occupy the lounge, which was wonderful for your loved ones and other residents. The laughter and smiles were emanating around the room by everyone.

Your generosity too was amazing!! We managed to raise an incredible £283.00 for Alzheimer's Society. A cause so close to our hearts. So a big BIG Thank You for that.

I think that most people left with something from the raffle, and yes... 'that' family was there who seemed to win almost all! But what fun we had each time they won.

Family. A word we use a lot here at The Lodge and the values we embrace. Barry Manilow once sang 'We made It Through The Rain' and that we certainly did. We came together, found our own sunshine and what a wonderful day we all had. YOU were the people who made the day and our residents were thrilled to have such big company. It was a chance to talk, to sing and to share memories. A chance to learn and discover. And certainly, a chance to be together, as families do.

I hope that you have enjoyed this special 'Garden Party' edition of Lodge Life. Now it is time to put the thinking caps on for next year.. Of course the first on the list is, a request to the weatherman for sunshine!

In the meantime, we have a variety of other events to look forward to, including a small theatre production, an impressionist and singing talents from some juniors.

"It's a good day for ducks!" ah yes.. But it was an absolute Incredible day for us!

Look forward to the next edition of Lodge Life

Until then...
See you soon, *Mark*



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