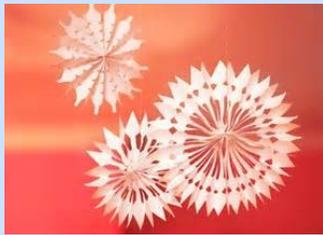




**KAREN'S KORNER**

*Well, Christmas is out of the way for another year and we're a couple of days off seeing in 2017. I want to say a very big thank you to Sarah who has done us proud with the wonderful Christmas & Boxing Day lunches she has produced in the Kepplegate kitchen. She also made the dining tables look extra special for the festive meals.*



*Another big thank you to our residents, domiciliary clients and their families for the lovely gifts they have brought in for the staff. There's a very tasty "stash" in the upstairs office and this will be shared out between the carers this week.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR & ALL THE BEST FOR 2017**

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I think you'll all agree that the Christmas decorations in the Care Home look really nice. Many thanks to Lilia, Sarah & Dawn who always seem to be putting up or taking down decorations of some description all through the year!

Jessie, Irene, Margaret, May and Grace all enjoyed lending a hand as the Christmas tree came together.



*The residents' Xmas party began with sherry, then a buffet lunch followed by entertainment by Bev. Judging by the photos, everyone (residents/relatives/staff) had a ball!!!*



We're proud of our links with the local community and, once again, our residents were delighted to be entertained by the choir from Fleetwood's Charity School in Preesall and also by Pilling Band. They performed Christmas carols and Christmas-themed songs which everyone enjoyed singing along to.



**We recently received this letter from the medical Centre which we thought you would be interested to read .**

## THE OVER-WYRE MEDICAL CENTRE

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08.12.2016

Dear Manager

As I am sure you are aware General Practice is under intense and ever increasing pressure for a variety of reasons including an ever ageing population with more complex medical problems and severe problems with recruitment.

In light of this the partners at The Over Wyre Medical Centre have had numerous discussions and have realised that we will no longer be able to provide a weekly/bi-weekly 'Ward Round' at your Care Home. These visits take up a huge amount of time both in terms of the actual review of the patients and the administration that ensues. This is a service that is above and beyond the requirements of the General Medical Services Contract and GPs are under no contractual obligation to provide home visits. In addition to this patients are usually best managed at the medical centre where there is full access to patient records and investigations such as ECGs and blood tests.

The introduction of the WIN Team means that all your patients and those with chronic problems are regularly reviewed for medical and/or social problems. In essence this means that there is often a duplication of work. In addition to this most of the residents are in fact mobile and are transportable to hospital outpatient appointments and are therefore able to be brought into the surgery for reviews. We already operate a policy of only offering home visits to patients that are bedbound, terminal or so severely unwell that if they were to be brought into the surgery it would make their condition worse.

For this reason, we will only be able to offer visits to see patients that are considered too unwell or truly bedbound. For all other patients we ask that you make an appointment by calling reception.

Each nursing home will continue to have a named GP who has overall responsibility for care. We propose that there is a weekly or fortnightly telephone call with the care home to discuss any issues and arrange reviews as appropriate. Each GP will arrange this with you directly. If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

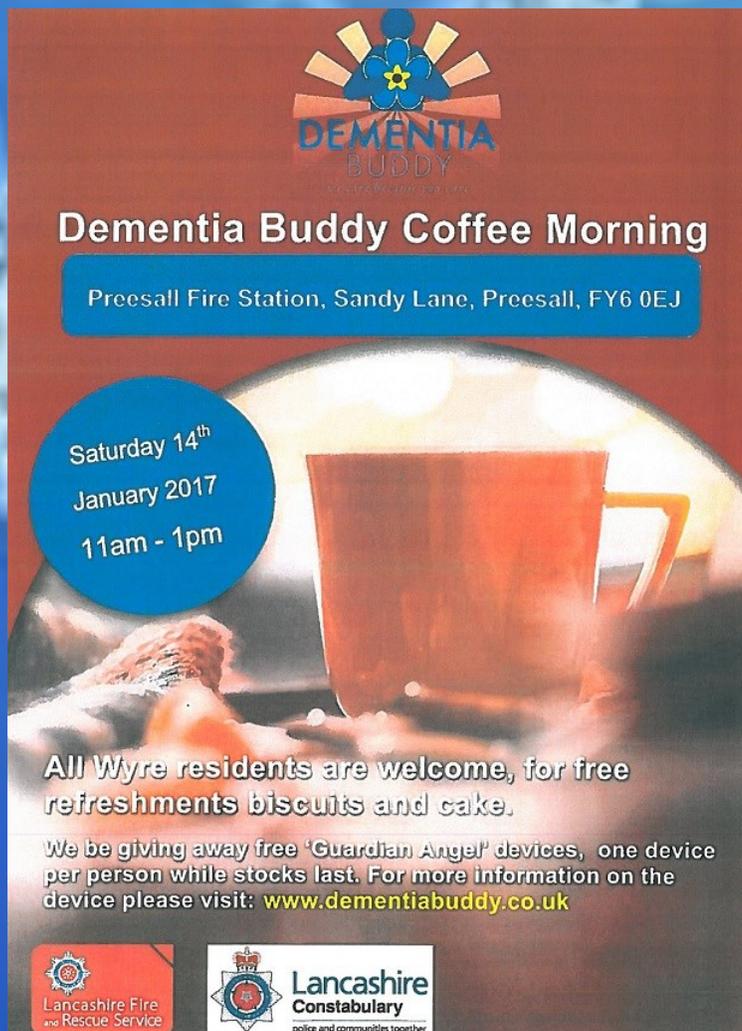
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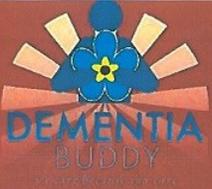
**No Staff Christmas Party this year due to various reasons, but Sarah had a well-deserved rest from the kitchen when she had a Christmas night out with the Filipino community in Blackpool.**



In our November newsletter we reported about a morning at the Fire Headquarters in Fleetwood when the "Guardian Angels" devices were demonstrated.

Below is a poster we have been sent to advertise a Dementia Buddy coffee morning, this time at Preesall Fire Station, especially for residents of over Wyre. Some "Guardian Angels" devices (normally costing £5 each) will be given away, as well as the opportunity for a chat and some free refreshments.



  
**DEMENTIA BUDDY**  
FOR LIFE WITH DEMENTIA

## Dementia Buddy Coffee Morning

Preesall Fire Station, Sandy Lane, Preesall, FY6 0EJ

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
 January 2017  
 11am - 1pm



**All Wyre residents are welcome, for free refreshments biscuits and cake.**

We be giving away free 'Guardian Angel' devices, one device per person while stocks last. For more information on the device please visit: [www.dementiabuddy.co.uk](http://www.dementiabuddy.co.uk)




## CHRISTMAS DAY AT KEPPLGATE

