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KAREN'S KORNER

Who can believe it's already THAT TIME OF YEAR again?! We've got some exciting things lined up for our residents throughout December so take a look at the details on page 3.

I was hoping we could have the lounge redecorated by Christmas, but there's been a delay with the workman. The good news is that we can now go ahead and put up the Christmas decorations on Monday, 4th as we originally planned. Decorating the tree might take up a good part of the day, so if you'd like to come and give us a helping hand from 10 a.m. onwards, you'll be welcomed with open arms.....and some sherry & mince pies! As the Tesco advert says "Every Little Helps!"

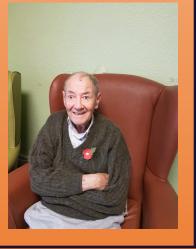
A VERY MERRY XMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR **TO EVERYONE**

The residents remembered our war heroes on Remembrance Sunday

You care, We care







BIRTHDAYS

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There were no resident birthdays in November, but two of our team celebrated special ones. Hazel reached the big 6-0 and a week later Sam turned 18. Congratulations to you both!





Kerry, Sarah H, Carol M & Tammy all have December birthdays—many happy returns everyone

DAY CARE









Kepplegate CARESERVICES-You care, We care

One of the least known of the services we provide is our day care service. People can come in to Kepplegate for a full day or a half day and enjoy the company of our residents & carers. Freshly-cooked meals and snacks are served throughout the day and there is always something to watch or do.

Day care is ideal if you are the sole carer for a loved one, but need some time to yourself and to re-charge your batteries, knowing that the person you care for is in a safe and companionable environment.

If you think we can help, please give us a call or pop in to discuss your requirements.

KEPPLEGATE NEWS



We don't let a small thing like floods stop us from working! Here's Sarah Mc wading to her domiciliary visits in Pilling





Karen & Veronica get busy choosing the new wallpaper for the lounge



Bob & Christie entertain our residents





Paulíne's dog, Louís, dídn't líke the fíreworks—he's such a wímp!

DECEMBER DIARY



4TH DEC: KEPPLEGATE'S XMAS DECORATIONS GO UP—JOIN US FOR SHERRY & MINCE PIES.

6TH DEC: HAMBLETON W.I. XMAS PARTY

8TH DEC: KEPPLEGATE Residents' XMAS Party, Starting From 11.30 A.M. & Ending At Approx. 3 P.M.

13TH DEC: FLEETWOOD'S CHARITY School coming to sing carols & Receive our fundraising cheque At **10.30 A.M.**

18TH DEC: DOMIINIC ENTERTAINS AT **2 P.M.**

19TH DEC: CARTER'S SCHOOL COMING TO SING XMAS SONGS AT **10.30 A.M.**

21ST DEC: ST OSWALD'S XMAS Party—Some residents will Attend

22ND DEC: CHILDREN'S OVER WYRE Brass band entertain **AT 2 P.M.**

23RD DEC: PILLING BRASS BAND PLAYS CAROLS AT KEPPELGATE

29TH DEC: A SPECIAL TREAT! SCOTTISH PIPER,

MALCOLM SMITH, WILL PLAY IN THE NEW YEAR (ALBEIT SLIGHTLY EARLY!) & CHAT TO RESIDENTS ABOUT THE BAGPIPES AT **2 P.M.**





VOLUNTEERS

The 5th December is International Volunteer Day and gives an opportunity to recognise the value of volunteers and the contribution they make to local communities, including care homes. Although a number of care homes have active volunteer groups making a significant contribution to the lives of residents, the use of volunteers in care homes is still not widespread. However, volunteering can not only help to improve the lives of residents, but can also provide learning opportunities and work experience for young people and job seekers—and fulfilment and a sense of purpose for older people who may still want to make a useful contribution to their local community.

Here at Kepplegate we actively welcome volunteers so if you, or someone you know, would like to become a volunteer, please call in for a chat at any time.



If you'd like to join your loved one who lives in Kepplegate for any of the festive meals, please let us know so that we can give accurate numbers to our cooks.