



KAREN'S KORNER

Hello and a Happy New Year to you all!

First of all I'd like to thank everyone who brought in gifts for our carers over the festive period. We'll be sharing them out over the coming weeks.

Pauline's written a quick summary on page 4 of some of the many things we did in 2017. I think this year is going to be just as busy! One of the first items on the agenda is the re-decoration of the lounge and then we'll have to take a look at getting the old office upstairs converted into two new residential rooms.

Finally, we have some day care places available if you know of anyone who'd like to come into Kepplegate either for a full day or a half day. It's nice for people to have a change of scenery each week and, perhaps, to give their full-time carer a little break. Please pop in or give us a call if you need any more information.

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To John and Derek who celebrated their birthdays in December.

Also Happy Birthday to Carol P, Kerry, Tammy and Carol M from the team.

Early in December it was time to put up the Christmas tree. We'd ordered a new one especially for the lounge.....but Lilia didn't think it was "bushy" enough, so off it went into the front porch and the 'old' one was given pride of place! Jessie, Agnes and Margaret helped to decorate it, then settled down to some well-earned sherry and mince pies.



The first party booked on the calendar was the W.J. party in Hambleton. Some of our residents climbed into the Kepplegate cars and were whisked off to Hambleton Village Hall where they enjoyed a party lunch and entertainment by children from Hambleton Primary School.



KEPPLEGATE PARTIES

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Then the party really got started when Brian began to sing!



Not to be outdone, the team had their party at Tiffany's in Blackpool and a great time was had by all.



We're lucky to live in a community where organisations support each other. During December Kepplegate residents were entertained by two primary schools, a junior brass band and Pilling Band.



We finally presented our donation from the Garden Party to Fleetwood's Charity School.



The Over Wyre Band was treated to some festive cupcakes.



2017 IN A NUTSHELL

Nationally Kepplegate participated in a sing-a-long for Comic Relief, National Care Home Day when we launched John's Campaign in our care home, and in Nutrition and Hydration Week. John's Campaign focuses on people with dementia being cared for, as much as they wish to be, by a loved one in a care home setting. During Nutrition & Hydration Week we held a green-themed mocktail party on St Patrick's Day and teamed up our Mother's Day celebration with joining in a Global Tea Party.



For the community we have held training sessions at Kepplegate when anyone from the local area can attend to learn more about such subjects as medication administration and safeguarding. We continue to support local clubs, schools and churches by giving donations and advertising in their publications and the money raised by our main fund-raiser of the year, our annual garden party, was given to a local primary school.

Company-wise, we re-branded and ordered a posh new sign to finish off our front garden makeover! Our new website was launched at the garden party.



The front porch became a reception office, which gave us the opportunity to use the old office as an extra lounge for our residents, and everyone from the main office upstairs was re-homed in the bungalow adjoining Kepplegate.

NEW YEAR

We saw the New Year in a little early when Malcolm came to Kepplegate to play the bagpipes. And give us a rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne'.



On New Year's Day everyone sat down to a special meal, washed down with a bit of "bubbly"!



Dates for your Diary

Only two dates so far:-

9th Jan: One of Kepplegate's favourites, Beverley, entertains at 2 pm

22nd Jan: Dominic sings at 2 pm