



Bonehill Lodge Autumn Newsletter 2014

Welcome to the Autumn 2014 edition of our newsletter. The nights are drawing in and the winter woollies will be coming out soon!

We are already starting to think about Christmas here at The Lodge. We have started booking events and activities which we will let you know about by the end of November. Our annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday 21st December 5pm-7pm. We hope to have a good turn out so please put the date in your diary, as we are looking forward to seeing more and more families at this year's event. We are also planning a Halloween party where members of the team will be dressing up to mark the occasion! There will be cakes and refreshments available all day and of course a raffle, so please try and pop in on Friday 31st October.

There was a FANTASTIC turn out for the official opening of our Sensory Garden. The news even made it into the Tamworth Herald (copy attached in case you missed the story in the newspaper). The support from families we had that day was amazing and the residents loved it. Thank you also to Debbie James (Mayor of Fazeley), Christopher Pincher (MP for Tamworth) and Doug Pullen (Councillor at Lichfield District Council) for attending our event. The garden is still work in progress but we hope you will agree that the improvement already is fantastic!

We have recently introduced an "Employee of the Quarter" award for members of our team, and we're proud to announce that our first winner was Christine Swift. Well done Christine! The award is in place to recognise members of the team for their hard work and commitment, but we've also found that it helps to boost staff morale. Naturally your input is also essential, so if you feel that a member of staff has gone that extra mile for your loved one, then please let Mandy know and she will make sure that your nomination is counted towards the next award.

We recently celebrated the 101st birthday of one of our residents, Nancy Jackson. A big milestone we're sure you'll agree! Nancy received a gift from the team and we had a tea party to celebrate. Congratulations Nancy and here's to many more big celebrations within the home.

We have also celebrated two of our members of staff having babies. Cara gave birth to Jude in June and Kerry gave birth to Logan in August. Congratulations Cara and Kerry! We look forward to hearing the pitter-patter of tiny feet around the home soon. We are just waiting for Sam to have her little one in the next few weeks now.

Unfortunately at the beginning of October a fellow member of the team, Pauline Bryans passed away. Pauline worked at The Lodge for a number of years and was a loved member of the team. She always brought treats and snacks in for residents to have before bed which showed her thoughtful and caring nature. We will shortly be putting up a name plaque in our memorial garden in remembrance of our dear friend. RIP PAULINE XX

Any ideas you may have to help us with activities would be great, for example if you know a good singer or entertainers please let us know, as the residents love a good sing-along and being entertained. We recently had the Zoo Lab in which the residents really enjoyed.

Last but not least we are now on Facebook, so please add us and get family and friends to add us as well, as we are regularly posting pictures and events on our page.