



MANOR HOUSE

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Hello and welcome to our final newsletter of 2017. Although it's officially autumn now, let's hope for a few more weeks of relatively good weather before we need to batten down the hatches!

QCQ INSPECTION

Back in July we had a visit from the Care Quality Commission and we are happy to report that we attained 'good' in all areas. We will, of course, strive to maintain and improve our service.

STAFF AND TRAINING

Many people reading our newsletter will be aware that Frances has been away from work recently. We must mention that we are keeping in regular contact and that she is very well. I'm sure that along with us, everyone wishes her all the best for a speedy recovery and we look forward to her return.

Following on, we thank Adriana and the team who have been doing a sterling job in Frances's absence supporting our residents and families.

Plenty of training taking place at Manor House, including moving and handling, safeguarding, infection control, capacity act, challenging behaviour, health and safety and last but not least food hygiene.

Well done to Molly who has passed her level 2 Food safety certificate.

Medication and First aid training will take place next month for several members of staff who need to update their knowledge.

HOME LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

We have indeed, enjoyed a beautiful summer out in the garden. We successfully grew beetroot, tomatoes and courgettes. Sadly, the caterpillars dined out on the poor cabbages and cauliflower! Our cook produced an amazing fruit crumble from the apples, pears and blackberries picked from our garden. (Yummy!)

It's nice to be able to remain connected with the community and as such enjoy the visiting library service. We are offered a selection of large print books, audio books and packs for reminiscence activities that are enjoyed by so many.

Always popular is a visit from Stanley, the PAT dog. Our residents enjoy the interaction with our 'four legged friend' and look forward to him coming to see us again.

If you like Irish songs then come and join us next time when Gerry Morris will come to entertain us, complete with his Ukulele and tin whistle, quite exceptional! and definitely uplifted our residents spirits.

Animals are always such a huge success with our residents, Zootastic brought in owls, a snake which everyone loved, guinea pig, a huge rabbit and a tiny dog.

SHOPPING SPREE

One highlight this year has to be a 'shopping trip' to Sainsbury's. Oh gosh! Such an experience and a good time was had by all. The ladies who went along had made shopping lists and were able to

browse clothes and make their own purchases. Sainsbury's customer services were fantastic, talking to our residents and went out of their way to involve the ladies. The trip was rounded off with coffee and cake in the café. Our thanks, also, to relatives who assisted on the day.

Our summer fete raised the sum of £180.00 so huge appreciation for all who supported the day. Even though the fete needed to be held indoors we were still able to enjoy fresh strawberries, fresh doughnuts and home bakes. Our residents and visitors particularly enjoyed the savoury mini spring rolls with dipping sauce and quiche courtesy of our cook Natalie.

As it is autumn we are going to make decorations, fashion pumpkins and have a lot of fun attempting to make a 'guy' for bonfire night.

CHRISTMAS

We will be booking Mother Goose pantomime as part of the Christmas entertainment this year.

The cast will come to Manor House so that everyone can enjoy the production.

Please keep an eye on the notice board for posters inviting you and relatives to this and other planned events including our Christmas Party!

Until we write next time, all the staff from Manor House wish you all a glorious Christmas along with health and happiness for 2018!

