

# Longbridge Deverill Nursing Home Newsletter

## Christmas 2014



The last three months have flown by! We have had lots going on, so we thought we would start with a Christmas recap.

Big thanks to all those who came and joined in, and attended our events, your support is very much appreciated! We had the wonderful memory lane production company who performed the story of Peter Pan, they captured the spirit of the panto and it was a brilliant evening for all. Frome Dance Company came and sang carols after school, with children whose ages ranged from 5 to teenagers! All dressed up in their Christmas jumpers – lots of fun! Our Christmas open house was very well attended, we had a gingerbread house competition and mince pies all round! On Christmas Eve we all sang carols in the roof top terrace with family and friends of residents and staff. And on the big day itself we had a special visit from Mr and Mrs Claus, who helped to hand out the residents' presents!



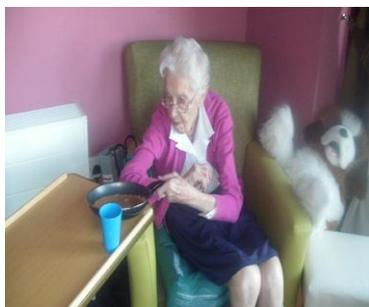
## January 2015

To kick start the year we had a new year party with our regular Steve Chudley! The residents loved hearing all the old songs, and many were up and dancing away. We will be having a themed month throughout the year this year, to have a basis for activities, meals and entertainment. January was our Morocco month, we enjoyed looking at lovely pictures and learning about their culture, as well as enjoying a taste of morocco with a tasty tagine and

cous cous. We also started a memory café event, which went down so well we will be having them once a fortnight. Residents and family members are free to join us in the roof top terrace for tea and reminiscence with music, books and trinkets.



### February 2015



Our theme for February was China, as we celebrated Chinese New Year on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a lovely Chinese meal, with fortune cookies and Chinese lanterns to decorate the dining rooms. Some of the more adventurous of us tried to use the chop sticks, and learned the New Year greeting of “kung hay fat choy”; which means “may you prosper”. We also all had a go at flipping the pancake on Shrove Tuesday, which landed on the floor a few too many times, so Paul cooked us all some lovely fresh ones for our supper. We had a visit from Colin, who used to work for Equality Care and his band; they played and sang lots of old timey American songs, which went down so well with everyone. We all had a little jig and sing-a-long! And not forgetting our Valentines musical afternoon, where we all crooned to our favourite love songs.



## Things to look forward to at LDNH

The 'Zoo Lab' will be paying us a visit on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, bringing some exotic animals with them, including snakes, lizards and large creepy crawlies! We are very excited to learn about these unusual animals.

We are having our bi-monthly relatives meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March in the roof top terrace at 3pm, please come and catch up with Maisie and Debbie with any questions, suggestions or general queries, or even just to meet other relatives.

We are going to have an Easter event here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, and we are going to have a raffle; we would be very grateful for any donations. We would also like to do a cake sale, so bake a cake and bring it along! All money raised will go towards the resident funds.

It's also that time of year to start thinking about our summer fete! We will be holding a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm for anyone who would like to be a part of the event, whether on the day or not, we would love to see you and appreciate your help.

## Dates for Your Diary

### March - Celtic theme month

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Memory Café - 2.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Music and Movement - 3pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Zoo Lab - 3pm - CANCELLED
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Relative Meeting - 3pm - CANCELLED
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Singing Steve - 3pm - CANCELLED
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Memory Café - 2.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Music and Movement - 3pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion - 3pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Live Piano Recital – Simon - 3pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Yoga 3pm

### April - English theme month

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Event - 2.30
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Music and Movement - 3pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Relatives Meeting - 3pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Singing Steve - 3pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Memory Café - 2.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Fete Committee Meeting - 3pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Music and Movement - 3pm

22<sup>nd</sup> - Holy Communion – 3pm

27<sup>th</sup> - Memory Café - 2.30pm

28<sup>th</sup> - Yoga - 3pm

**May - Italian theme month**

5<sup>th</sup> - Music and Movement - 3pm

8<sup>th</sup> - Singing Steve - 3pm

11<sup>th</sup> - Memory Café - 2.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> - Relatives meeting – 3pm

19<sup>th</sup> - Music and Movement - 3pm

20<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion – 3pm

26<sup>th</sup> - Yoga - 3pm