

The Orchards Newsletter

November 2019



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Highlights from November

November was a busy month, with plenty of different events and activities taken place.

Christmas light Switch on in Crewkerne

Karen one of our HCA's along with her colleagues Jackie, Mark and relative Anne, supported some of our residents into town to see the switching on of the Christmas lights. All those who went said they enjoyed it, although Hilda said the Mulled Cider was not nice and whoever invented that needs shooting!



Pictured above is Phyllis with Anne, Hilda with Jackie and Scott with Mark. Karen is behind the lens.

November was the start of our Choir in The Orchards. Many residents have joined this singing extravaganza. We are meeting weekly and everyone is welcome.



Here come the Boys show.

We had a lovely performance from a musical duo this month, who performed songs through the ages. From the war time era to rock and roll. A good time was had by all.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Pansy

16 Nov

Ros

29 Nov

Hilda

9 Dec

Joan

17 Dec

Wishing you a wonderful birthday from
everyone at The Orchards!



Upcoming Events

Panto – Repunzel - 6pm	6 Dec
Greek Dancer – 14:30	7 Dec
Christmas choir competition - 15:00	11 Dec
Community church - 14:00	13 Dec
Ian the Guitarist – 14:30	17 Dec
Magdelana – 14:30	18 Dec
Children’s choir – 16:00	19 Dec
Panto – Dick Whittington – 14:30	20 Dec
Joe Furdinand – 14:30	23 Dec



Quotes from Last month

“It was lovely going in to watch the lights being switched on, I saw people I knew, but they can keep that mulled Cider”

Hilda

“I’ve been there, lovely ” Ethel – watching a film about where she use to live

“beautiful singing, I like good singers” Alex

“I like my new slippers and it was nice going shopping.” Scott

“I am glad that it was arranged for me to be able to vote in the election, I feel my voice is still able to be heard. May



Wishes, dreams and ambitions

Our Work on the Wishes for our residents is well underway. Each resident had the opportunity to have one wish. These wishes were then put onto Star shapes and residents helped to cover these in glitter. They are now nestled snugly on one of our many Christmas trees in the home. We are all looking forward to helping grant some wishes next year.





Quiz Time



(Quiz questions themed to the upcoming month)

	Questions
1	How many Ghosts visited Scrooge?
2	What did my true love buy me on the 5 th day of Christmas?
3	Who wanted to steal Christmas?
4	Who carried Mary safely on her way?
5	Which one of the Father Christmas's Reindeer had a red nose?
6	In what country was Eggnog invented?
7	Who looked out on the feast of Stephen?
8	What day does Christmas fall this year?
9	What do naughty children get in their stockings?
10	Who sang Mistletoe and wine?

Quiz Time - Answers

	Answers
1	Four – Jacob Marley, Ghost of Christmas past, Ghost of Christmas Present, Ghost of what to come (future)
2	5 Gold Rings
3	The Grinch
4	Donkey
5	Rudolf
6	England
7	Good King Wenceslas
8	Wednesday
9	Coal
10	Cliff Richards

Final Say

This month has been an exciting month for us all. We have now started The Orchards Choir. Tracey one of our lovely carers is taking the lead with this and we have been meeting weekly practicing Carols and singing our hearts out. Tracey is keen to continue this throughout the year and the feedback from residents has been positive. Next year Tracey is looking at songs from musicals and old camp fire songs.

We were extremely lucky to have training from Oomph a company that specialise in wellbeing. Every staff member was offered the opportunity to attend and we had above the usual uptake they have in homes. We have three new ambassadors in the home, who received the advanced training for this, they had to complete a practical and a theory exam in order to receive the certificate. So a big well done to the whole team for embracing this new way of working.

We now have a full Administration team, Elly, Jackie and Anne. Moving forward after the team has received all the relevant training, we will be offering a 7 day Admin service here at The Orchards.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the whole team at The Orchards for all the hard work they do. Ruth