



# THE OLD VICARAGE PRIVATE NURSING HOME

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We are pleased to welcome Ethel, Jean , Jackie and Ken to the Home. We hope they will enjoy their new surroundings and settle in quickly.

We have also had Andrea Spears, Katherine Jones and Vicky Stretton join our staff. Vicky and Kath are new carers and Andrea has taken over as Activities co-ordinator having previously worked at our sister home, The Marina Nursing Home which closed earlier in the year. Andrea will be working four days a week and will be assisted by Jordanna and Julie during the week.

## Carer of the month award

This is a new award that is voted for by all the staff. The winner for September was Hannah Gunnell and for October was Julie Evans. Congratulations to both of you.

## Birthdays

The following residents celebrated their birthdays in October.

'Bunny', Mair, Jean P, Brinley, and George.

In November we celebrated with Muriel, Betty, Jackie, Mavis and Peggy.

During the festive season Ethel has her birthday and on Christmas Eve Leon has his birthday.

## Entertainment

On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had Wynne Roberts from North Wales singing to us as 'Elvis'. On 16<sup>th</sup> Noel West entertained and Chris Caine called in on October 29<sup>th</sup> for our Hallowe'en party. This was the first time that all three had been to the Home, and everyone really enjoyed their shows, so we hope to have them again in the future.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November we had the excellent singing of Rhiannon, who stopped by during her break from entertaining on the 'cruise' ships. On 18<sup>th</sup> November Holly visited us with her 'Pat a Pet' show. This show included dogs, guinea pigs and rabbits which the residents were able to play with. Thankfully there was no donkey, as the poster displayed, which was disappointing for the residents and staff, except our cleaner, Mike, who was dreading the mess that may have been left!! Mandy Ann entertained us on November 27<sup>th</sup> with her usual wartime music.

### Fundraising and Trips

On September 25<sup>th</sup> we held a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. The staff made (and bought!) cakes and sold them to staff, residents and families. We raised £152.81 for the charity.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> we had a competition to guess the number of sweets in a jar for Children In Need. We raised £65.00 and the winners were Jordanna and Kelly (Grey) who correctly guessed the number of sweets as 142.

The recent weather has not allowed us to go on as many trips as we would have liked. However, we went to Aberavon on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and had an ice cream on the Lido. Olwen and Bunny went to the Grand Theatre to see 'The Glenn Miller Story' on 17<sup>th</sup> October. They were accompanied by Andrea and Natalie. All enjoyed the show very much.

### Forthcoming events

In December we will be having Elaine Gilmore singing at our Christmas Party on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then we will be having Dunvant Rugby Club Choir on 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and The Baywood Bells the following day.

We have booked to see 'The Sleeping Beauty' at Penyrheol Theatre, Gorseinon, on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder that Holy Communion held on the first Tuesday of every month in the lounge.