

# Quarterly Newsletter

## Abbeycliffe Residential Care Home

### NEW RESIDENTS

We give a big warm welcome to our newest members of the Abbeycliffe family...



#### Sylvia

Loves singing  
and dancing  
which we saw at  
the Christmas  
party.

#### Kathleen

A lovely quiet lady  
who has found a  
beautiful  
friendship with  
Sylvia.



### BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to....

**Margaret H, Minnie, Winifred, Maureen, Susan,  
Emily, Doreen and Brian**

We hope you enjoyed celebrating your birthdays  
with us.

In November, we had the  
privilege and pleasure of  
celebrating

#### Florence's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

and although this may not  
have been celebrated as she  
once hoped, we certainly  
made the most of her huge  
milestone.

She was overwhelmed with  
gifts and cards from her  
family, friends, and people in  
the community.

Thank you for everyone's  
generosity and for making her  
day extra special.





## Pumpkin Carving

This year we have carved our very own pumpkins and used the seeds to make pumpkin soup! The residents enjoyed being creative and we had a competition who could make the scariest pumpkin.



## Remembrance Day

For Remembrance Day we have enjoyed some arts and crafts and making poppy cakes. We will never forget those who fought and died in the line of duty to keep us free.





## SHOE BOX REMINISCENCE DAY

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 we had a Reminiscence Day whereby we invited our residents' families to hand in a small shoe box full of reminiscence items for their loved ones. We were delighted to see so many people bring in boxes and it was lovely to see how delighted the residents were when opening them. Some items included were chocolates, teddys, ornaments, and pictures/objects from their childhood, owning their first house, their first job and when they got married.



Some residents found it very emotional and the staff had a tear in their eyes, too. We intend to use the memory boxes again soon and bring them out if a resident needs cheering up. If you wish to pick your box up, please let us know.



Our annual **Christmas party** was held on 9<sup>th</sup> December and although we could not celebrate with our family and friends, we still managed to have a fantastic time. The residents enjoyed various activities such as bauble decorating, Christmas card making, playing 'Pin the nose on Rudolph', playing 'Santa says', playing the memory game on a Christmas tray, plus lots of singing and dancing. Our very own Santa made a surprise visit handing out some chocolate treats and the buffet food went down well too!







During the festive period our residents have enjoyed making stockings and painting them to put on our chimney.



In the spirit of Christmas, we had 'Elf Day' on 22<sup>nd</sup> December for those staff who wished to dress up as **Elves**



The award for the 'best dressed elf' went to ELLA Well done!







## Merry Christmas to all our friends and family

**Christmas day** was an extremely busy day at Abbeycliffe. Most of the day was spent opening presents together and welcoming visitors in the visiting booth. The residents enjoyed a 4-course festive turkey dinner with Christmas pudding and brandy sauce for dessert, followed by coffee and chocolates. Spirits were high and the staff and residents really enjoyed their festive day.



### AWARDS

We are extremely proud to announce that our lovely Head Cook Leanne has been shortlisted for the

★ **Head Cook Award** ★  
at the  
**Great British Care Awards 2020**



*'Wow this is amazing! So pleased for you Leanne you definitely deserve this you are an amazing Cook and such a lovely caring lady! Wishing you all the best! Good Luck! X' – Helen*

*'Good Luck Leanne my mum loves your food and she's an amazing cook so you've achieved high already' – Helen*

*'Such an amazing lady, cannot believe you managed to get my mum to eat. Your Christmas Dinner isn't bad either!' – Wendy*

*'Thank you all so much.... I'm so nervous but so excited! I'm going to smash this for my Abbeycliffe Family!' – Leanne*

Leanne started working at Abbeycliffe in 2014 as a Kitchen Assistant with no experience in the catering industry. She has excelled all expectations and through her hard work and determination she worked her way up to becoming our Head Cook in 2019. Leanne shows an incredible amount of passion for what she does and always looks at ways to improve the health and nutrition within her menus and personal diet plans. We could not be any prouder of what she has achieved and in such a short amount of time.

★ **WELL DONE LEANNE!!!** ★

Her interview was last month, and she will find out if she's the winner at a Gala evening in Manchester on 24th April 2021. We wish her the best of luck.

Well done to Gill (Support Services) and Simon (Handy Man) for receiving Employee of the Month for October and November.

All our staff are awarded Employee of the Month for December as they have all worked extremely hard during the pandemic. WELL DONE EVERYONE!



A big thank you to **Silk Elephant** for their beautifully knitted gifts to our residents.

Silk Elephant are a group of creative volunteers who came together during Covid-19 for the charity #GiftofaHeart.

Thank you on their behalf.



### Covid-19 Update

For new Covid-19 information, please see our separate Covid-19 monthly update report. If you do not already receive this then please contact Fiona at the home.



### Condolences

Over the past few months, we have sadly lost two of our residents, **Mary L and Edith H.**

We will miss them both dearly and our hearts go out to their family and friends.

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### NEW STAFF

We give a big warm welcome to our latest members of the Abbeycliffe team:

Karen, Care Assistant



and Nicholas, Night Care Assistant

