

# NEWS & EVENTS

JANUARY 2023

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**KENTON HALL**

♦ RESIDENTIAL & NURSING HOME ♦



## MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Happy and Healthy New Year to you All.

As we have bid farewell to 2022, and start our journey through 2023, we are mindful and reflective of our high points and our low points that have affected our lives. 2023, we hope will be a year filled with high points and happy memories for us all.

Christmas at Kenton Hall was a wonderful example of a high point, we shared in so many exciting activities and special moments with our Residents, Staff and families visiting their loved ones.

As you are all probably aware we had to replace our hot water boiler in the last couple of weeks, hopefully we won't have any more problems for the foreseeable future.

I would like to assure you all of our continued commitment to providing a high quality, personal and friendly service.

As usual please feel free to pop in at any time.

Thanks

Steve Robson

Home Manager

## WHAT'S NEW

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### TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

Our residents have been busy, so pop your feet up and read all about what we've been up to.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Upcoming birthdays for our residents.

## COMING UP

See what future events and activities we have planned.

## UP COMING EVENTS

We have entertainment booked for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Singer John Doonan.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan is National Cheese lovers' day & a quiz. If you are available and there are no restrictions, come along and join us at 2pm.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan is Chinese New Year – year of the Rabbit.

We have a piper booked for Burns Night on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – slide show and talk on 'The Rat Pack'

We will also be resuming our visits back to Scotswood Gardens, our residents love it there and it is very beneficial.

All of this on top of our regular activity programme which includes weekly Pat Dog visits, Hairdresser, smile through sports, arts and crafts i.e. card making, silk painting etc games, pamper days, reminiscence, one to one time, music and reflection to name just a few.

## IN OTHER NEWS

Our Christmas fayre and raffle made a staggering £1121....  
Wow!!

We can not thank you enough for your continuous support and generosity in the way of donations, whether through unwanted gifts for the tombola or food and drink etc for hampers. Thank you.



Please check your raffle tickets. One prize unclaimed Jedd Symonds, White Ticket 876 – 880. meal for two @ King Neptune's. Please see Dorne

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



January 2023

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Alan R

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Anna S

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Betty H

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Marjorie F

# SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAST MONTH

We've had a lovely run up to Christmas, with all sorts going on here at Kenton Hall. I hope you enjoy looking at some of the photographs from the month of December. Some of our residents visited Wallbottle School, they had a lovely Buffet and played bingo. We joined Kenton Manor along with other groups from the local community. The residents loved the children's choir, and they joined in with the singing and some even had a little dance. Wyn was lucky enough to win a prize on the Bingo. Thank you for the invite.



# NORTHUMBRIAN PIPERS

Robson's choice is a group of Northumbria Pipers and other instrumentalists who have been raising money for St Oswald's hospice, in Gosforth since 1999. To date they have raised over £70,000

Robson's choice takes its name from Jane Robson (1953 -2001) the first piping tutor of the founder members of the group. Jane taught a mixed ability Northumbrian piping class at Newcastle University during the 1990s as part of their adult education programme. Saturday mornings at 10am became a hugely enjoyable and very challenging part of their week.

In 1997, Jane became too ill to continue teaching but the class did not want to stop meeting. One of the group Dr Claud Regnard, was a consultant at St Oswald's and at their invitation, they began to meet and rehearse in there newly opened day hospice. It was not long before they were asked to play some background music at the hospice Christmas fayre and Robson's choice came into being.

This is where we met this wonderful group of people, the music was captivating and once they finished playing, we went and asked if they would come along and play for our resident at Kenton Hall, which they have done over the past few years.

This Christmas was no exception, as usual. They were fantastic! The residents and a couple of family relatives joined in with singing Carols and Folk Songs, it was a lovely afternoon.



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL STATION HOTEL

The four local homes in our group, Kenton Hall, Kenton Manor, Ashton Court and Craigelea were invited for Christmas Lunch at the Royal Station Hotel. We arrived at 11.30am and were greeted with a lovely glass of prosecco, tea or coffee. We got the chance to met Santa before we had our meal. Which consisted of a traditional Christmas Turkey Lunch, followed by Christmas pudding. It was delicious. We would like to thank the waiting staff who were very thoughtful and attentive. We listened to Christmas music, pulled crackers and took some lovely photos before heading back on the bus back to Kenton Hall.



# MORE OF OUR ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAST MONTH

## Baldy Holly

What a great afternoon we all had when Baldy Holly came to sing. He sang some great hits including Peggy Sue, Everyday, It doesn't matter anymore, songs from The Drifters and many many more. Residents had a lovely sing along and some even had a little boogie.



# MORE OF OUR ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAST MONTH

## Christmas Decoration Making

We bought some plastic fishbowls and filled them with baubles and pinecones. We then glued a plastic dish to the top with a dry oasis block and made a lovely display with them. The residents thoroughly enjoyed this even though they were covered from head to toe in glitter. They currently hold pride of place in their bedrooms. This was quite fiddly, but they managed very well and found it very therapeutic and were well engaged throughout



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## Christmas Cake Baking

Our Chef Lindsey came up from the kitchen to help us bake our very own Christmas cake and Christmas Puddings. The Residents really enjoyed this, and they had a tiple of Sherry whilst helping with the mixing. It was really nice to see some of the men taking part in this activity. The atmosphere was fabulous with lots of laughter, singing and dancing going on. The Christmas spirit was well and truly underway. Some visitors commented on how lovely the atmosphere was and they were certainly not wrong.



# MORE OF OUR ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAST MONTH

## Elf Day

We had a whole day dedicated to Christmas Elves. We turned all the lights out and watched the movie Elf of the big screen. We ate a tub of celebrations whilst enjoying the movie. Some of the staff made the effort and got dressed up as well. Our Christmas Party was enjoyed by all. Our Elf Lisa and Santa visited each resident and gave out some lovely presents



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As part of Elf day, Jay and Carol had fun colouring wooden elves and gluing pom poms on them. They found their elf names and named our wooden elves them.



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We had some amazing dancers come into the home to get us in the mood for the Strictly Come Dancing final on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. They danced their socks off! They danced ballet, tap, jazz and a bit of rock and roll. The residents thoroughly enjoyed this, and the dancers said they would love to come back and dance again for us.

One of the dancers was a GP and the other a dance teacher, they joined up as dance partners for us. Sheila was thrilled as she knew one of the girls from a previous home.



# HOME CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

Our Vicar came to visit for our annual church service. The service was lovely as usual, and our residents enjoyed singing along to traditional Christmas Hymns. The Vicar stayed after the service to socialise with residents whilst they had a glass of Sherry and a Sweet Mince Pie.



# WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR

Some of our lovely ladies making 3D Decoupage Calendars for 2023.

Kim, one of our volunteers comes in once a fortnight and does card making and other paper crafts with the residents. Kim has been coming here for around 7 years now and has a great rapport with staff and residents alike. They turned out well.



# STAR OF THE MONTH



A big congratulations to Elsamma who is our Star of the Month. Well done and thank you for your hard work!



# GOLDEN TICKET WINNER



A big congratulations to Raj and Simone who are our Golden Ticket Winner. Well done and thank you for your hard work!



# MONTHLY POEM & BRAINTEASER



Can you find at least 20 words only using these letters

**T R E C A E H**

# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



## NEWS UPDATE

As of next month, our newsletters will be issued electronically. If you haven't already and are wishing to continue to receive a copy of our wonderful newsletter, please contact Amie on 0191 2711313 to ensure we have your email address on our systems.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Relative Meetings:

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 2pm  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April @ 2pm  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June @2pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Aug @ 2pm  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 2pm  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2pm