

## Monthly newsletter December 2020



We hope this newsletter finds you all well as much as you can be during this difficult period.

As the majority of you know we are still open for visits unlike some other homes. To be mindful of this we have to follow the government guidelines very closely.

As well as the normal screening procedures on arrival we need to ensure we adhere to the national "single constant visitor" guidelines. To enable you all to understand this can you all read the extract below taken from gov.uk website.

"visitor numbers should be limited to a single constant visitor wherever possible, with an absolute maximum of 2 constant visitors per resident. This, for example, means the same family member visiting each time to limit the number of different individuals coming into contact. This is in order to limit the overall number of visitors to the care home and/or to the individual, and the consequent risk of disease transmission from multiple different routes".

We hope this explanation is clear for everyone and can you kindly pass on this information to all interested family and friends as we need to ensure only two constant visitors are coming to the home.

## Christmas arrangements

We need to be mindful of visits over the Christmas period as we need to, potentially, accommodate a lot of requests and for the first time ever we are, with regret, kindly asking you to avoid Christmas day itself. In light of this information can you contact us nearer to the day itself so we can make the necessary arrangements for your special visit.

We will be planning to celebrate Christmas Day with a visit from Mother Christmas (which we will take a photo for you) and all the usual handing over of presents and lovely Christmas dinner.

If you are bringing in cards and presents can you kindly hand them over in plenty of time so they can be opened on Christmas day as we have to quarantine most items for 72 hours.

Please can you avoid bringing in flowers or other items we cannot wipe down. Your support with all of this is most appreciated.

## Bonfire night

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November we celebrated a socially distanced bonfire night facilitated by our specialist pyrotechnic David (the maintenance man). Below is a photo for you to enjoy.



## Staffing

We are sorry to lose Milka, our activity coordinator, but Elyshia has taken over her role and we also have taken on another person so as to be able to provide activities for residents every day.

We look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.



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