

NEWSLETTER (BREXIT FREE) – SEPTEMBER 2019

It was fantastic to see so many people at the Garden party. Thank you. Relatives and friends braved the weather and came from near and far to make the event probably the best one yet. For those who missed it we had a vote during the afternoon on the names of the two new tortoises. The winning name(s) was "The Two Ronnies". This may have been confusing if one wasn't twice the size of the other.

Staff-July and August is the time of year when most of our carers take a well-deserved holiday, with children off school and the warmer weather. This therefore leaves vacant shifts and requires asking other staff members to step in...which I am happy to say someone always does. These situations highlight the camaraderie and team spirit of the staff and we would like to thank them all.

Camaraderie and team spirit however is about to be put on the back burner. The oven gloves are off. It's crunch time. It's "The Steppes Bake Off" competition. Staff, residents, family and friends are invited to bake a cake for judgement day on 27th September. We already have 8 entrants. The winner not only has the kudos of being this year's champion. He or she will be immortalised with their name engraved onto The Bake Off Shield.



Feathered fancies

Your first stop at Slimbridge has to be the grain desk. Grab your bag of seed and have our ducks, geese and swans eating out of the palm of your hand. Spot the rarest goose in the world and our iconic Bewick's swans. Then play a game of flamingo bingo! Marvel at our pink wonders and see if you can see all our species in one day.

Activites-September is crammed full of activities for everyone. We have two boat trips, a garden centre trip and a couple of trips to Slimbridge Wetlands Trust (see insert above) not to be missed.

We will continue with activities, such as, the weekly quiz, Friday afternoons at the pub, ad hoc walks into town and a few games. We are again blessed with several visits from the amazing ladies from "Mindsong". The morning exercise sessions continue and we have G-Fitness coming in again. Steve will be cruising around the Cotswolds doing trips to different beauty spots, often stopping off for refreshments. We will be around with the shopping trolley on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Also back by popular demand is the Themed Party Evenings. This month you chose to have a picnic/buffet with meats, cheese, olives etc (Date TBC). We hope you all have a lovely month. Best Wishes Kim, Lorraine, Julian and Steve.

(The answers to the questions on August's plan in chronological order-. Monalisa by Leonardo da Vinci, Sunflowers by Vincent Van Gogh, The Girl with a Pearl Earring by Johannes Vermeer and finally The Persistence of Memory by Salvador Dali.) A big thanks to Dave for the entertaining quiz sheets.

Cricket Dates

- 4th September 2019 - Fourth Ashes Test
- 12th September 2019 – Fifth Ashes Test