NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear All, this month we have very exciting news. More exciting than Brexit, more exciting than The Ryder Cup, more exciting than Fifty Shades of Grey, maybe more exciting than "hedgehog making" (Emma would disagree). We have, arriving this week, a shiny, new minibus. This is a lot larger than our present vehicle and therefore will enable more residents to enjoy trips out. We schedule several trips out each month (see over the page) and Steve is available for unscheduled trips out a couple of times a week. Other news which may excite some is that last week we installed an improved wi-fi network. This gives everyone at The Steppes better and faster access to the internet. The password you will need to access this network is *Thesteppeswifi*. The network name is *The Steppes*. At the same time we had the telephone system improved to give a wider coverage around the buildings and to make the telephone calls clearer. With these enhancements we will no longer require the second line which occasionally was used for calls with residents in rooms with a poor telephone signal.

With the weather deteriorating and an increasing amount of rainfall we have noticed lake-sized puddles appearing in the car park. Please remember therefore to bring a dinghy and lifejacket if visiting The Steppes. Ho-Ho. On Saturday 6th October we have a digger, skip etc arriving to sort the problem. The carpark will therefore be closed for the day. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Activities News - This month's activities include trips to Westonbirt Arboretum, the supermarket and Boat mobility. On the trip to the Arboretum we will be joined by residents from Regency Retirement Home in Stonehouse. Together in Westonbirt's beautiful botanical gardens scattered with autumn colours, we are sure to have a lovely morning. We have, as requested, organised to have a "Fish and Chip" supper on 16th October and we have a Halloween Party planned for 30th October. On the 18th October we have Country and Western singer "Alan Pettirer" coming to sing a few ballads. We'd be mighty obliged if you joined us. We will, of course, continue with favourites such as the weekly quiz, Friday afternoons at the pub, ad hoc walks into town and a few games. Steve will now be your minibus chauffeur for a few trips around "The Cotswolds". We are again blessed with a couple of visits from the amazing ladies from "Mindsong". The morning exercise sessions continue and we have G-Fitness coming in again. Steve will be around with the shopping trolley on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Lastly a big thank you to those who came to the Macillan Coffee Morning. We raised £36.30 for the charity. We hope you all have a lovely month. Best Wishes Kim, Lorraine, Julian and Steve

(The answers to the questions on September's plan -Michael Caine, Sean Connery, Robert Redford, Ryan O'Neal in "A Bridge too Far". Dingbats over the page "Blood is thicker than water" and "Half baked".)

Dates for the diary

- ➤ Fish and Chip supper evening 16th October (from the Chip shop)
- Residents Meeting 11.30am, 26th October
- ➤ British Summer Time ends 28th October -clocks go back

Comments for Future Activities