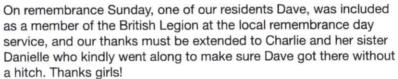






In November we welcomed a new deputy manager, Louise who I am sure you have already have made extremely welcome. We also have Gosia back on the staff after a short break away.

As we reflect on November and everything that has been happening here at The Steppes, we now begin our countdown towards the Christmas season. There have been some lovely trips out in November, both with Boatmobility and also to the Cotswold airport and their cosy café AV8, where we had a birdseye view of the comings and goings on the landing strip and some jolly nice coffee and cake to boot, so why not join us next time.







Although it is now the end of the boating season, we will go again this month to The Cotswold airport, take a visit to the museum in the park at Stratford Park, and also a trip out to the Whitminster garden centre where there is so much to see at this time of the year.

I have booked some great entertainment for you all for this month, Norma will be coming on the 9th at 2pm with her accordion and Ukulele, and Mel is coming with his piano on the 12th at 2pm, then Mark and I will entertain you with some popular Christmas classics on the 21st to get you in the Christmas mood. As if all this is not enough, we also have the Nailsworth silver band on the evening of the 19th at 6:15, and bell ringers will be coming on the 20th at 6:30pm. Lastly, one of the very special things in the run up to Christmas, which I am sure you will all look forward to enormously, is the children's choir from Saint Joseph's Catholic primary School who will be coming the afternoon of the 14th to sing us some carols. Then after all this excitement (And probably quite a lot of Christmas pudding and mince pies et cetera), we can all look forward to the cats pyjamas panto on the 30th which sounds as though it is going to be great fun! Oh no it's not!... Oh yes it is... Oh no it's not...

Anyway you get the picture!

Please finally, do make a note of December 11 as a special date in your diary. There is to be a local goodwill event in Nailsworth, and we will be participating with drinks and nibbles and turning on the Christmas lights at The Steppes which we hope will be spectacular! What a full and exciting program! I think I'm going to need a bit of a lie down now



Just before I sign off, however, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in advance, and I look forward to spending a large chunk of this time with you all.

Warmest wishes Karen



