

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2020

Staff Training

We have all staff enrolled on a comprehensive training programme. This includes many aspects of care (For example - First Aid, Food Safety, Fire Training, Care Planning etc). This training is an opportunity for our already fabulous staff to both reinforce their knowledge and continue their development.

Maintenance

The Residents of The Lodge have recently had their call bell handsets updated (sorry for any inconvenience caused). The new handsets work in the same way as the old ones with all the buttons having the same colour coding, i.e. Orange to place a call, Yellow for assistance and Red for an emergency. The extension lead button however is different and now is a black button opposed to the orange one on the old handset. This has hopefully been explained however please ask a member of staff if you require any assistance. The system has also been enhanced in the main building with an additional display installed. This means many calls can be answered more quickly.

Our 2 new Alexa Echo Show 8's

You can ask to get the weather.

You can ask to get the news. You can ask for a joke.

You can ask for a song or radio station.

You can ask for pictures. You can ask a question.

Before you ask all you need to do is say “Alexa”



Activities (PTO) WW

On 4th February we welcome back the lovely Morwenna to The Steppes. Morwenna will be mesmerising us with her harp playing and this is definitely not to be missed. Later in the month we have trips to Slimbridge Wetlands Centre and Westonbirt Arboretum along with the first boat trip of the year. We are being joined by the residents of Regency Retirement Home at the pub on Valentine's day and we have a “Hooray for Hollywood” pantomime on 25th February.

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 continue to be your minibus chauffeur for several trips out and about. 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....listen out for his horn.

Lastly, have you got a joke, or funny story you would like to share. We are going to try and collate them and produce a small book. It's sure to be a best seller (especially with some of my own material).

We hope you all have a lovely month. Best Wishes Kim, Lorraine, Julian and Steve.

(The answer to the question on December's plan was “Little Women” and the anagram was TINSEL. The answers to the questions on January's plan in chronological order-Gene Hackman, Mel Gibson, Robert Duvall and Rowan Atkinson-Odd one out was Robert Duvall, he had no bowtie. The anagrams were TUXEDO and CHINESE)