

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear All, with the weather potentially inclement it was great to see so many people at the Tea Party. Thank you. Also thanks to the staff who helped and Sonny and Elliott for running the tombola. Thanks to Craig and Morweena for the lovely harp music and to the traders (Brutons, Claire Frances, Armed & Gorgeous, Honey Trap, Gyles and Allen, The Britannia, Lloyds Chemist) who donated raffle prizes, and well done to Maruta for winning the star prize (a vacuum cleaner... 🧹) Congratulations also to Win and John who won the sweets in the sweets guessing games (just what you've always wanted 6789 marshmallows) Altogether we raised £75 which will be extra funds for the activities coordinators to use. If you have any activity ideas please let us know.

Staff News- Kim has recently returned from her "Hen Do" and it seems like the wedding is still on. The big day is on 22nd September and we hope her and her fiancée, Matt, have a lovely day. Other staff news, and also very exciting, is that we have a new handyman, Keith... well kind of new. It's a happy reunion as Keith is a former handyman at The Steppes. (*"What another handyman! How many do you need? Is everything broken? Are you a handyman collector? What's a collector of handymen called anyway? Ho-Ho*) Plane and simple, Richard is hoping to retire sometime soon and Steve has changed roles and will be mainly involved with the activities from now on. Everyone's happy. Maisie has now finished at The Steppes and will soon start her new job as a Mental Health Nurse in Oxford. Thanks, Maisie for all your brilliant caring over the years and Good Luck for the future.

The activities in August were thoroughly enjoyed and it's great to see Steve already embracing his new role and having a positive impact. We are very fortunate to have three marvellous activity coordinators; it bodes well for the coming months and the up-coming Christmas activities. This months activities include trips to the local garden centre and Gloucester Cathedral, a boat trip, an Asian themed dinner party and we will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning (afternoon for us) to support Macillan. 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 be available now for car trips around "The Cotswolds" including visits to Winstons Ice Creams. 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 Friday's. We hope you all have a lovely month. Best Wishes Kim, Lorraine, Julian and Steve

(The answers to the questions on last month's plan were Winston Churchill, Gordon Brown, Harold Wilson and Margaret Thatcher. Dingbats over the page "Afternoon Tea" and "Banana Split".)

Dates for the diary

- Autumn Equinox – 23rd September
- Residents Meeting – 11.30am, 28th September
- Ryder Cup – 28th to 30th September

NEWSFLASH

*Kim's getting
Married
22nd September 2018*



Comments for future activities and party themes.....