

# THE DEVONSHIRE

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## Dates for your Diary

- 1st - Christmas tree decorating with Ve and Ana
- 9th - Christmas Carols by Bizzy Bees nursery
- 12th - Christmas Party
- 13th - Rah Rah Theatre perform their Christmas Pantomime
- 24th - Christmas Eve - Carol Service with Mince Pies & Sherry
- 25th - Christmas Day - Queen's Speech.
- 26th - Boxing Day - Party

## Fresh Air Drives:

These take place every Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.

## Residents Meetings with Lisa

These are held at 11am each Wednesday in the main ground floor lounge

7th    14th    21st    28th  
**Residents Council Meeting**  
16th *with Jean*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following Residents and staff a very Happy Birthday for the month of December:

**Staff:** Dawn on the 4th, Angie on the 14th and Dora on the 19th.

**Residents:** Dorothy P on the 3rd and Sylvia on the 15th.

## MESSAGES

**Welcome to:** Activity Coordinator Lisa, Laundress Maria, Housekeeper Dora, Care Assistants Priyanka, Pouline, Telma and Lakeisha.

**Please note:** We have a beautiful first floor ensuite bedroom available please see Jean or Vanessa for details

**Farewell to:** Marian who has moved to a specialist home we wish you and your family well.

**Check out:** The decorations that our Residents have made, they are hanging on the Christmas tree.

**Thanks to:** Our Aunty Planty, Ve, for planting all of our beautiful pots.

*We bid a sad farewell to Daisy who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. We will miss you!*

## **Staff Profile.....Lisa, Activity Co-Ordinator**

Lisa was born on 27th July 1977 in Carshalton, Surrey. She was raised in North Cheam where she has continued to live to the present day. Lisa attended Dorchester Primary School, Glenthorne High School for Girls and went on to a career in retail.

Lisa has a daughter named Grace, and a toy poodle named Frankie. She is very interested in art and history and has a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her other interests include classical music and gardening but her biggest passion is the Beatles!

Lisa loves to travel and has visited many countries including France, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, Bulgaria, North Africa and South Africa, but her favourite location, and the place her heart belongs to is Cornwall.



### **Message from the Chefs..**

Since food is one of the highlights of our Residents' day we have decided to add a message from our Chefs each month to tell you about our meals, what the Residents loved; what didn't go over well; and what Residents would like to see on our future menus.

You might have noticed some rather big changes in the last four weeks, with the menus and the new equipment in the kitchen. Since gathering feedback some months ago we have been planning a menu overhaul, putting the focus back onto the Residents and their tastes and implementing a much larger choice. Typically Residents were asked what they would like to eat for their main luncheon meal the day before. Many Residents would not remember what they had chosen or didn't feel like eating it, and sometimes, it could cause quite a situation.

Fortunately as all staff also eat a lunchtime meal, Residents who had forgotten or changed their mind could still have a choice. We are now using a restaurant catering method to guesstimate the choices and will keep you posted! Feedback so far has been mixed but it would seem that poached salmon is a definite winner along with a few surprises such as chilli con carne and chicken chow mein, the new lamb korma is also being received well.

We took the feedback from families and Residents alike on board and have ordered new state of the art equipment to help with quality control. Please bear with us in this period of change and keep giving us your valued feedback! It's important we know what to change and what to keep the same, and this is why we have left a suggestion box near the front door for your comments.

Merry Christmas!

***Gary and Rafael***

## **Life at The Devonshire**

November at The Devonshire has been a period of creativity and remembrance. Thank you to George, Phylis, Margaret H, Annie and Marj for their effort in painting and producing beautiful poppies for Remembrance Sunday. On another creative note, Irene, Dot S, Barbara and Ruth also made colourful mosaic butterflies to display in the dining area.

Residents have also been using their culinary talents to make vanilla cupcakes - Margaret H, Dorothy H, Phylis and Barbara produced the tasty treats which were then enjoyed by Dorothy P, Ella and Edna who appreciated them very much.

Thank you to all Residents who have participated in morning discussions of daily news including Telford, Mary M, Dorothy H, Sylvia and Laura who have taken great interest in current affairs. We have also enjoyed reminiscing with Margaret C, Martha, Dolly and Joan about their home towns and past careers. Jean, Connie and Lily have also enjoyed their one-to-ones.

For our more competitive Residents we have played card bingo and dominoes. New Activity Co-Ordinator Lisa has remarked that her afternoons are filled with laughter and ruthless competition thanks to Eileen, Betty, Mary R and Iris. Doris, Mary H, Irene and Edna are amongst those who have also impressed with their general knowledge at quiz time. On 23rd November, the Residents had a great morning of singing and dancing when we were joined by the Brian Iddenden Jazz Trio. Graham, George, Dorothy H and Doris all put on their dancing shoes and also impressed us with their singing voices. Phylis enjoyed the music so much that she remarked 'I'm nearly 100 years old and I haven't heard some of these songs for years! It's brilliant! Residents and staff alike are now looking forward to the festive season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year one and all!




### **Jean's update on the revamp of the laundry system**

We are still busily sewing on new clothing labels. We have brought in extra help to do this and everyone on the sewing team is complaining about going cross eyed and numb in the fingers!

Each label takes on average 6 minutes to sew on. During November we have spent 133.5 hours sewing! On average each Resident has between 80 and 120 articles of clothing. We are sewing new labels on all clothing as most of the labels are not in the designated spot. We would be grateful for any help family members could give in sewing labels.

# THE DEVONSHIRE SOCIAL CALENDAR

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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5th Daily News Morning walk around Quiz Time Card Bingo Music	6th Discuss current events Move that body Musical movie <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	7th Newspapers Stroll outside Craft - Christmas Decorations <b>Residents Meeting</b>	8th Bend and stretch Sing-a-long Board games Music Beauty Salon <b>Fresh air drive</b>	9th Daily News Morning walk Biscuit making Quiz time	10th Weekend News Exercise Movie	11th Sunday papers Armchair stretch Sing-a-long
12th Daily news discussion Morning walk Sing-a-long <b>Christmas Party</b> 	13th Current events Armchair Stretch 40's and 50's music Board Games <b>Christmas Pantomime</b>	14th Newspapers Reminiscence Dominoes Arts and Crafts Movie Time <b>Residents Meeting</b>	15th Daily News Exercise Dominoes/Board Games Classical music Beauty Salon <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	16th Daily News Sing-a-long Cake Making Bingo then Movie <b>Residents Council Meeting</b>	17th Weekend News Exercise Movie	18th Sunday Papers Exercise Cards / Board Games Music
19th Daily News Christmas Memories Exercise Movie / Games	20th Current Affairs Sing-a-long 40's and 50's music Arts and Crafts <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	21st Newspapers Christmas Carols Quiz Time Christmas Movies <b>Residents Meeting</b>	22nd Daily News Exercise Stroll outside Christmas Cakes Beauty Salon <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	23rd Newspapers Armchair Stretch Morning Stroll Board Games	24th Daily News Christmas Carols Christmas Movie Reminiscence	25th Christmas Day Queens Speech Celebration Time 
26th Boxing Day Party Celebration Time 	27th Let's move! Movie Outdoor Stroll Games <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	28th Newspapers Sing-a-long Cards Quiz Time <b>Residents Meeting</b>	29th Daily News Exercise Arts and Crafts Beauty Salon <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	30th Newspapers Movie Morning Walk Around Cards Dominoes	31st New Year's Eve Reminiscence New Year's Party	MERRY <b>CHRISTMAS</b> & <b>A HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>