



ASHDALE TELEGRAPH

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A newsletter for the Residents of Ashdale, their relatives and friends.

China Painting



Pat Gibby was back by popular demand this month bringing out those artistic talents in the residents who enjoy attending her sessions. Pat brought a lovely selection of Christmas China including Santa & snowman plates, mugs, jewellery boxes, reindeer, candle

and serviette holders as well as some pretty angels and teddy bears. Pat supplies all of the pieces, paints and equipment and helps the residents Pat then takes the items home and fires them in her kiln and brings back the finished product.



Staff Training Courses

Congratulations to Margaret Little, Sally and Mindy for successfully completing a 4 day first aid course. We also would like to congratulate Val Webb and Kim for completing their key skills which goes towards their NVQ 3 and NVQ 2

Entertainment by Roy Brazier

We were treated to a very special performance by The Showman Roy Brazier who entertained us with his smooth voice and saxophone. Roy played a tribute to Glenn Miller then took us for a sing-a-long through the 50s, 60s & 70s. There was a lot of toe tapping, clapping and after the show reminiscing of dancing to the big bands. Thank you Roy for the memories.

Vernon in particular enjoyed the show he was the main one clapping.



Harvest Festival Celebrations

With Golden Manor Nursery

This year we celebrated the Harvest Festival with The Emmanuel Friendship Group and Golden Manor Nursery. We also organised our own Harvest Collection of groceries and treats for two local worthwhile charities; *The Riverside Hostel* and *Paul Sartori Hospice*. Thank you to every one who donated, it was really appreciated.

We had 2 visits from the children of Golden Manor towards our Harvest Celebrations. They came over and sang some songs they'd learnt for the Harvest festival. It was lovely to hear their voices.

The Emmanuel Friendship Group came and did a Harvest Service with us. We baked our own bread and served it with wine, cheese and fruit after the service.





The Literature Group

Earlier in the month it was National Poetry Day to commemorate the day we had some lovely readings from John Davies and Christine Furnivall's granddaughter Molly. Lucy read out her own poem to the group. Lucy has recently graduated from university with a degree in English and creative writing. Lucy may be a poet but may not know it.

Editor's choice

Halloween

This year we celebrated Halloween in Style. Some of our staff dressed in fancy dress. Tasha decorated the dining room and prepared the menu's as well as assisted Mindy and Dave prepare a special Halloween themed evening meal of Witches Cider Couldrion – A delicious sausage & cider casserole, with seasonal vegetables and herbs. Served with crusty bread and butter. Dessert was a gh0stly Ghoul – A green ghostly jelly with a surprise. Refreshments were Mulled Wine Tea and coffee.

All residents enjoyed themselves it was defiantly a day to remember. A special thank to everyone involved,

