

Greetings to you all.



'Farewell Ode.' And now as I approach retirement, the time has come to say "Farewell"

To Brakendon Close and Corton House, its Tenants and Residents; its sights and sounds. Soon I remove to 'pastures new ' - where river walks are near; Farewell to gardens throughout the estate, Farewell to iron gates, brick wall and yellow skips. Farewell to unknown cars of quite extraordinary size, Farewell to lights that warn of visitors.

Farewell to all that has been shared - yet, mindful that all has not been lost, for in the memory all is held, as now we travel our new journeys with Christ our Lord.

So may 2021/2022 for all of us be 'celebration' day by day, as we place our lives in Christ's hands; to lead us on in our Spiritual journey bringing us PEACE and JOY.

May God Bless you all and thank you for your friendships and support over 21 years.

Shalom - Daphne.



Please note that Imogen, our new Marketing and Fundraising Co-ordinator, will be taking over as editor of Neighbours from next month. My good wishes to you all. *(Fran Veale, Ed)*

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FROM THE SCHEME MANAGER

This month, we are saying yet another sad goodbye! Our resident Chaplain and friend, Daphne Lloyd, is retiring and leaving Brakendon Close. It is a very strange feeling to know that Daphne will no longer be here with us. Her work here and her presence has touched so many of us, in particular, those who have experienced her kind support. Another huge loss for us all, but we do wish her a peaceful and happy retirement in her new home!

On a lighter note, we are now up and running again with our new Entertainments Committee! They have the onerous task of researching and planning new ways to keep us all entertained.

We are still treading very carefully though to avoid the 'bugs' in circulation! However, we have planned to go ahead with a very popular fish & chip lunch on 19th November. Following on from that, on the 26th November there will be an afternoon film for the tenants' own cinema experience. We are aiming to screen 'The Early Bird' starring Norman Wisdom. We need a tonic to cheer us all up, so we believe that laughter will do the trick! Popcorn and choc-ices will be served during the interval! November is a very grey, damp and dull month, but we hope our entertainments schedule will bring optimism and smiles! Happy November to all.

Scheme Managers



Quote of the month

A hopeless person sees difficulty in every chance. But, a hopeful person sees chances in every difficulty. *Hazrat Ali (A.S)*

> **Shop Trolley with Mel** Thursday 4th November 2021

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FROM THE ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR

We have been part of the Care Home Choir organised by Friend in Deed via Zoom. It is funny that, two years ago, this technology was not part of our lives but we have embraced it nonetheless. Familiar songs were sung and the residents felt part of a group of people who all live in care homes although I think we were the loudest!! However, you cannot beat a real person with a guitar standing in front of you so we were thrilled to have Peter Piper come and entertain us. It was quite emotional for him and us and was a joyous occasion.

For a bit of fun we celebrated Oktoberfest with a German themed lunch, wine and beer as well as a quiz on Germany. We hold regular quizzes as we always learn something and this keeps our minds active as well as having a good chat about all sorts of things.

Our knitting group continues to thrive, keeping our fingers active, but we have moved on to baby blankets and scarves as we had knitted in total around 500 baby hats so they have a good supply at the Norfolk & Norwich for the moment.

Another Wallace Art Talk was held via zoom with the tenants also participating which is nice as we get to see/talk to them.

Joyce has a penpal, Kieran, aged 10 (*the lad in the photo*). She had written to him saying she had not been well so he came into the home with a plant to cheer her up – she was overwhelmed at his kindness. His little sister, Emily aged 5, came too but refused to have her photo taken. However she did draw a picture for Joyce!

We continue with our games but indoor bowling seems to be the favourite and proves to be very competitive!! If anyone has any spare wool for our Knit and Natter sessions it is always appreciated.

It does not matter how small the activity/engagement, we are part of this Corton House community and everyone likes to feel part of something.







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