#### Brrr! and Phew!.....









December! Where has 2018 gone? This year has been, and still is, full of Politics and Brexit. But, what we British really want to talk about is our WEATHER and 2018 has been quite a year of extremes.

Early in the year we had more snow and frost than we had had for a long time. On the roads, rails and in the air it caused its usual chaos. The snow bedecked trees and hedges, looked very pretty and the wintry sky was a bright blue. We tenants and residents admired the scene safely inside and warm.

Not such a happy view and prospect for our staff members and all other workers, especially in the countryside, who had great problems to surmount, and did so with diligence.

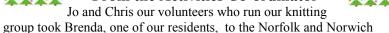
Spring, with its bright bulbs and green shoots was welcome and enjoyed. Then – SUMMER– hit us. Days and days of strong sunshine and high temperatures. Residents, tenants and staff were all affected.

We survived, the heatwave went and a golden Autumn set in. Now- here we are, about to enter December. What's to come? Who knows? A white Christmas? Good old British weather!

\*\*Anonymous\*\*

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#### From the Activities Co-ordinator



Hospital to deliver some hats for the premature babies. She said it was one of the best days of her life and she was thrilled to be helping out.

We had our first Bridge game for many years and we are on the look out for any bridge players who would be willing to come in and give some of our residents/tenants a game?

Jennie (volunteer) gave a great talk on Sikhism and everyone was really interested in learning about another religion. There are eight volunteers from the Norwich School Sixth Form coming to help – playing scrabble, biscuit decorating, crafts etc.

Residents also chatted with them about what they were doing when they were the same age of sixteen/seventeen. The students were fascinated to hear about the difference in their lives.

The next meeting of the Activities and Leisure Committee will be on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at **2.15pm** 

If anybody would like to receive Neighbours by email would they please respond to care@cortonhouse.co.uk

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# **NEIGHBOURS**

# MONTHLY NEWS-SHEET FOR CORTON HOUSE AND BRAKENDON CLOSE



#### FROM THE HEAD OF CARE

The Guy Fawkes firework display on the 6<sup>th</sup> November was well received by all residents, tenants, staff and their families. An enjoyable evening.

The Coffee Morning on the 15<sup>th</sup> November was also very successful - well done to Ann and the volunteers who helped on the day. The countdown to Christmas has now begun - please note that all events are issued for both December and January and are listed on the insert.



As this will be the last publication before Christmas, Seasonal Greetings and a Happy New Year from all at Corton House.



#### FROM THE SCHEME MANAGER

Our Forties event was a great success and enjoyed by all, especially the costumes which helped transport those in attendance back to that era with, hopefully, fond memories.

Tenants were treated to a 'spookalicious' Halloween, Guy Fawkes and a Thanksgiving themed quiz evening where all things eaten were made of pumpkin! Plus... we all gained an extra hour in bed at the end of October signalling shorter days and cosy nights.

And now... 'tis the season to be jolly! Fa la la la la la la la la la!'

Happy Christmas Everyone!

#### **December Events at Brakendon Close**

Please see notice board for regular activities (All are welcome to join us)



#### All are welcome to attend Worship Service and Prayer

#### Wednesday Services 10.00 am Leisure Room

Dec 5th Alan Gidney Dec 12th Ros Crowe

Dec 19th Revd Daphne Lloyd Dec 26th Revd Daphne Lloyd

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Jan 2nd David Ingham

Jan 9th Ros Crowe

Jan 16th Ian Charles

Jan 23rd Terry Baker

Jan 30th Revd David Adam

#### **Holy Communion**

Thursday Dec 6th 11.00am

**Brakendon Close** 

Thursday Dec 20th 11.00am

Corton House

Friday Dec 28th 10.00am

Corton House Revd Daphne Lloyd

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Thursday Jan 3rd 11.00am

Brakendon Close

Thursday Jan 17th

Corton House

Friday Jan 25th 10.00am

Corton House Revd Rosemary

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# Sunday Services 10.00am Leisure Room

Dec 9th Graham Fletcher Dec 23rd Revd Daphne Lloyd

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Jan 6th Graham Fletcher

Jan 20th Alan Gidney

#### **Extra Christmas Services**

Monday Dec 24th Roman Catholic Mass **4.30pm** BC Blake Lounge (*See insert also*)



# Songs of Praise 3.15pm The Atrium

Dec 2nd Revd Christopher Wood Dec 16th Revd Rosemary Tusting Dec 30th Revd Ivan Bailey

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Jan 13th Paulette Yallop Jan 27th Revd Catherine Hutton

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# Prayer Group 10.30 Leisure Room

Monday Dec 3rd Stan Honor Monday Jan 7th Stan Honor

#### **Quiet Room at Brakendon Close**

There will be a time for prayer every
Tuesday at 7.00pm..

Evening prayer (Compline) will be held on the 4th Saturday of every month at 7pm.