Greetings to you all.

Once again six months have gone by and we are in the 'new normal'.

The hymn written by Richard Gillard says:-

'Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you: pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road: we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

As the hymn continues it seems to be a call for genuine love, one for another. In Romans 12: 9-21, we are told to be kindly affectionate to one another; repaying no one evil for evil. Having regard for good things, actions and speech, valuing each other.

This is what Jesus told his disciples in St John 13: 35 - 'By this will all men know you are my disciples.'

As a community we should show compassion and kindness, showering blessings, living peaceably with all.

The hymn continues:'I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've know together of Christ's love and agony.'



Recently I came upon this:- There are three kinds of people-

peace makers - seeking those things that make for peace; peace keepers - those who keep the peace at all times, and trouble makers - those who go out of their way to 'rock the boat'.

As a community let us strive to be 'peace keepers'.

Rev'd Daphne Chaplain

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FROM THE CARE MANAGER

Another month gone and we are heading into the autumn, and feeling the slight chill in the air in the mornings and evenings. I have even noticed it's still dark when I get up!

After a period of isolation in the home we are all now out again and enjoying the usual activities and although visiting is very restricted we are enjoying seeing familiar faces through the window.

We are sending all of our best wishes to you all and hope that everyone is staying safe and well



FROM THE SCHEME MANAGER

Our weekly coffee day has been hugely successful, and tenants have really appreciated these opportunities to socialise.

As government restrictions remain in place, we are moving towards more challenging weather conditions.

If we are to continue to provide this event, we do envisage our tenants sitting around a fire pit or a brazier, wrapped up warmly with coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets. In place of coffee we imagine mugs of hot chocolate with marshmallows! We will find a way!





Meanwhile our Knit and Natter group has produced an amazing array of their work during lockdown. Their fingers and needles have been busying away producing blankets, hats, scarves, bed socks, baby jumpers and cute teddies! All their wonderful work is currently on display in our reception area before being donated to worthy charities. Good work ladies!

Lorraine











FROM THE ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR

Hurrah – our first tomato – how rewarding it is to grow things! We continue to encourage family and friends to write cards and letters which can mean so much. Technology has been amazing and the residents have embraced this new way of communicating. Face to face visits via our Dining Room have been popular for some who find it difficult to hear or understand Zoom! I think our general knowledge must have improved as we have continued regular quizzes in August, the latest one being provided by Rev Daphne Lloyd – a bible quiz.

As the days become shorter and colder everyone is getting outside to make the most of nature and fresh air. We are always grateful for our large outside space and the beautiful trees that surround us. There have been art/craft mornings, games and our latest purchase -a dart board - we may need a little more practice but nevertheless fun!

We have had discussions about how we feel about the virus and restrictions here at Corton House and there is no doubt that family and friends are greatly missed. However, everyone agrees that joining in with activities, friendship and for some people their faith will get us through this. Some of the songs we regularly sing in our seated exercise class are very poignant such as 'We'll meet again' and 'Pack up your troubles' the words of which all give us a sense of hope – we all need that!



Shop trolley with Mel Thursday September 24th

