

Elizabeth Court

Newsletter

Autumn 2010

Hello to you all! This edition of the newsletter has been written by Reece; Carol has decided to take a break from journalism and given me the job!

Autumn is here, the trees are changing colour and the nights are drawing in. Ron is keeping very busy sweeping all the fallen leaves and generally tidying the outside areas. I wonder what sort of winter we'll have this year... anyone remember the snow last year? Let's hope it's not as bad as that!



Talking of the colder weather, everyone here has now had their flu jab in preparation for the winter.



Sadly, Mr James (Jim) Mackey passed away very peacefully on the morning of Wednesday 3rd November.

His family were very happy with his care and thank all the residents for making his time at Elizabeth Court such a happy one. Our wishes go out to his family, Jim will be missed by everyone and may he rest in peace.

You may have noticed a change in the staff here recently. Well we were very sorry to see her go, but *Hayley* has now started her new job working in the community and is no longer part of our caring team. She went with a bang at her leaving party last month.

Good luck Hayley!



However, we have had 2 new members of staff join us; *Calvin* and *Bridie* and we welcome their arrival! Calvin previously worked in the local hospital and Bridie worked at Mais House (where we all went to see the farm animals in the summer). We hope they will be happy working here.

Welcome to Bridie and Calvin



It wasn't long ago that we had **Magic Mike** come and perform some amazing tricks in the lounge.

Those of you who watched his show may remember being astounded (and maybe confused) by his mysterious abilities! He will be returning for a **Magical Christmas Spectacular** which is bound to be a good'un! (more on that later!).

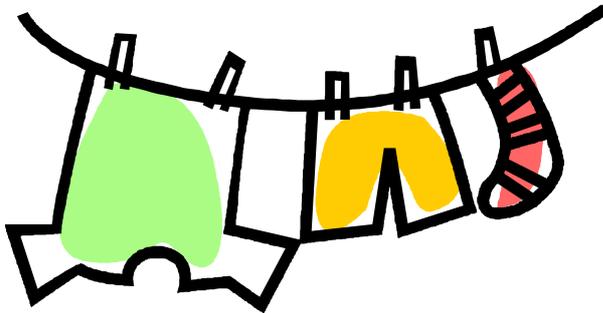
We also recently had our Environmental Health Inspection and we received an amazing 5 star rating, the highest available!!! Well done to us!



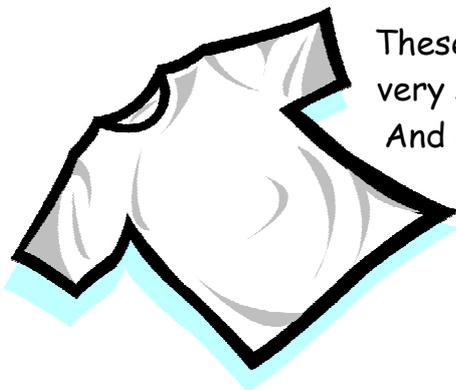
We have to remember though that **Nigel** has been working hard to ensure we meet the required standards. His jobs lately have included putting Intumescent strips on all the doors which block out any smoke in the event of a fire, keeping everybody safe!

He's also resurfaced the floor in the laundry shed, the machines were so heavy they had caused some of the floorboards to buckle and rot. Nigel managed to complete this work just in time for the new machines to be installed.

Talking of which, we have a brand new washing machine and tumble dryer!! These new machines are quicker, more efficient and larger - Hooray for **Lynne** and **Julie** who are very happy with their new equipment!



And while we're on the topic of clothing and laundry, some of you may have noticed your clothes are coming back with a smart little name tag attached.



These plastic tags with your name printed on them look very swish and will help stop any clothing going missing. And don't worry, you won't feel them when you're wearing your clothes either! If you haven't noticed them yet then they are doing their job well (which is to be discrete and comfortable).

In the last newsletter you may recall we had a slight problem with the fish pond. The pump was mysteriously being turned off and the fish suffered as a result. Well the latest news on the pond is that the fish now have brand new pumps which will help their survival over the coming months.



Eileen received a postcard from her relatives recently with a newspaper cutting proposing a very good idea. It suggests getting photographs from your old days; doing things you used to like doing or related to some of your interests and putting it on your bedroom door. The idea behind this is to allow residents to keep their identity as well as giving staff and other visitors an idea of what we all used to do. So we're going to have to get digging into all your old photo albums and get in touch with family for any pictures they might have. Sounds fun doesn't it!

Sportsman



Outdoors activities

Walking/ Hiking



Musician

Theatre



Travelling

Thrill-seeking

Gardening



Flower arranging

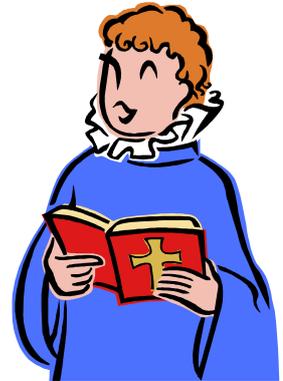
Singing



What did you used to do?

Upcoming events

We have a song and prayers session from **St Peter's Church** coming on Monday 15th November. This will let those of you who wish to take part sing some religious hymns and say some prayers. They will be coming in at 2pm to start the sing-a-long.



We also have a clothes show coming to the lounge for those of you who want to purchase some new garments. They are coming on Friday 26th November and will set up their selected clothing lines in the lounge for all residents to browse through.

Now let's talk Christmas!

We have a whole host of activities to keep you entertained over the festive period, and we hope you will look forward to them all!



- Firstly, we have Magic Mike coming in again (as mentioned before). He's coming in for his Magical Christmas Special on the 11th December at 2pm in the lounge. Be prepared for mystery!

- We have a Christmas Carol service to get you all in the festive spirit. This is on the 13th December at 2pm in the lounge.



- Louise and Bill (the musical duo with the accordion) will be here to entertain the masses with their Christmas special on the 20th December at 2pm in the lounge.



- We have our very own pantomime production taking place in the lounge on the 28th December, just after Christmas. This will surely be a hit!

- And finally we've got the good old fashioned entertainer, Charlie Case coming in to get you smiling in the New Year - 6th January 2011 at 2pm in the lounge.



And while we're thinking about Christmas, we are yet to organise the Elizabeth Court Christmas Party, so any ideas you may have are very welcome and we look forward to receiving them all!

That's about it for this edition of the newsletter; I hope you've enjoyed my first attempt at journalism! Thanks for reading.

Feel free to leave feedback on my style...

Merry Christmas to you all! See you in the New Year!

