



*Kineton Manor Nursing Home*

*Newsletter*

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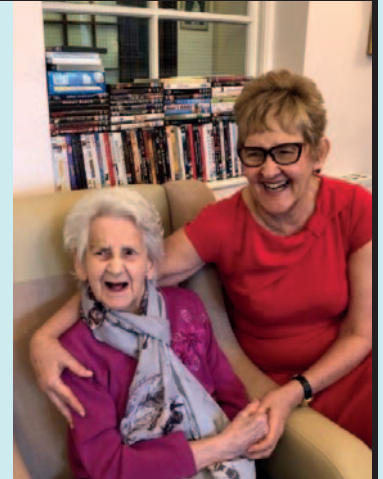


## *A Message from Matron*

### *Happy New Year!*

On behalf of myself and all the staff here at Kineton Manor I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. I hope that 2019 will be kind to us all. Thank you so much for all your cards, kind wishes and generous gifts over the Christmas period. We really do appreciate it.

We felt that Christmas day worked very well this year. We were able to give the residents much love and attention in the morning when they were visited by Father Christmas and there was plenty of time for them to enjoy a delicious and relaxing Christmas lunch before receiving visitors in the afternoon.



The end of last year was rather sad for us because in November our much loved proprietor Graham O'Rourke finally took the decision to retire. As most of you know, he had jointly owned Kineton Manor with Ken Inglefield since its opening in 1988.

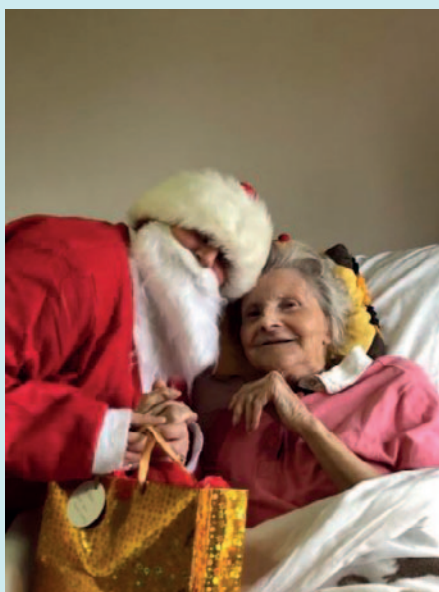
(Graham and Ken)

We are delighted to inform you that the running of the home will not change and that Ken is now the sole owner and he visits the home most days. He is actively involved and we congratulate him and wish him well for the future of the home.

We are always endeavouring to improve the care and service we provide. Please find enclosed our latest survey. These can be anonymous but any problems are better addressed if we are able to speak to you.

## *Christmas Celebrations*

Grateful thanks must go to all staff who worked over the Christmas period but there must be extra special thanks to Urszula and Ella who worked tirelessly in the kitchen on Christmas Day in order to provide the residents with a fantastic Christmas dinner. Many residents praised the delicious and beautifully-cooked lunch. There was a lovely warm atmosphere throughout the home and much fun and laughter.



## *Gold Standard Framework*

We are currently in the process of applying for re-accreditation of GSF. This is the care pathway we use for those residents coming to the end of their life. It helps us to ensure that our residents (and also their families) receive the best possible care at this difficult and sensitive time. We (with the aid of advanced care plans and help from our GP Dr Read-Jones) try to respect the wishes of our residents and ensure they are as pain free as possible and cared for in the most dignified of ways.

If you have not completed an **Advanced Care Plan** yet for your loved one we kindly ask that you speak to our Nurses and we will gladly make an appointment for you to come in for a meeting. If appropriate we would ask that your loved one is present at the meeting in order to understand their wishes as much as possible.

## *Love, Stimulation and Dignity*

As well as having plenty of activities for those residents who are able to go into the lounges, we also dedicate time for those who are nursed in bed. Staff perform manicures and hand massages, read books, play games, encourage gentle exercises or simply chat.



## *Teaching Care Home Project and Front Runners for GSF*

We are very excited to announce that we have been shortlisted to take part in The Teaching Care Home Project. The main objective of this project is to work in collaboration with partners to empower us further to be a home offering placements for students and to take part in research. More information to follow.

Kinton Manor is also being identified as a Front Runner Care Home by the Gold Standard Framework. We demonstrate what “best practice” looks like in caring for people in their last years of life.

## *Staff News*

In early December the staff were treated to their annual Christmas Party which was held at The White Swan in Stratford upon Avon. There was a real family atmosphere and everyone enjoyed spending the time relaxing and getting together in an informal way.

