



Kineton Manor Nursing Home

**Newsletter
March 2020**



A Message from Matron

I apologise that I wish you a prosperous New Year in March but this is our first newsletter for 2020. Although late I hope it will be a happy 2020. My wish is that all our residents and families will be treated with the best quality care and with dignity and respect.



Please inform us if you have any concerns. I would also like to say thank you once again for all the goodwill during the Christmas period. We were overloaded with very nice snacks and also received extremely generous contributions for the staff fund—thank you. Pleased be assured that all the staff benefit from it.



The activities team is busy organising exciting events for 2020 and we will keep you posted. Recently we have been encouraging staff to bring in their children to take part in activities with the residents. It is a well known fact that the elderly love to interact with young people.

We are pleased how our Teaching Care Home initiative is progressing (See over for our latest update). Last year Kineton Manor Nursing Home presented several events and showcased good care, community involvement and research. We will keep you informed about new projects for 2020.

Christmas 2019

Much fun was had by all the residents and staff. This year was our first and slightly lower key “Dementia Friendly Christmas”. On reflection we feel that the residents enjoyed the festivities without being too overwhelmed. We all have to remember that what we do in the nursing home is for the benefit of our residents and not ourselves. Rather than having a large party, those residents who wanted to, enjoyed either a performance of Cinderella or a Christmas themed performance of music and songs.

We had several visiting singers over the festive period including school children to sing Carols and a few of our residents were able to enjoy a trip to the Kineton Christmas market.



Teaching Care Home Update

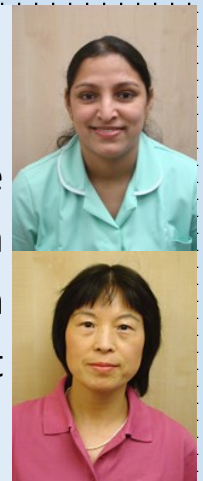
We have been implementing some of the ideas which have developed from our TCH journey. Following the Relatives' Poll we can announce that by far the most popular name for the entrance was "Front Door" and more people voted for performances and relatives' meetings to be held on weekday afternoons. We will try this idea and hope for a good turn out the next time we host an event.



We have also been trialling the use of an "Amazon Echo Dot" in one of the shared rooms where two residents who are nursed in bed. It seems to be working well.

Nursing Associates Programme

We are delighted to announce that Tintu and Kitty will undergo the Nurse Associate Programme. We wish them all the best. This is a two year course and after completion they will be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council and their role will be to support the Registered Nurses.



Kineton.Biz Business Breakfast

We were delighted to host the third Kineton.Biz Business breakfast here in the nursing home in January. This venture was set up to bring local businesses together in order to help each other and for local business people to network. We received excellent feedback from the organisers who had not realised the amount of work that is involved in running a nursing home and the large number of staff employed here. They were obviously very impressed that we are rated "Outstanding" by the CQC, given that only 1% of care homes in the UK are awarded this rating.

Toiletries and Clothing

We kindly ask that you keep an eye on the stock of toiletries in your loved one's room. Please don't forget disposable razors and either toothpaste and tooth brushes or denture tabs. Shower gel or body wash should preferably be one that is suitable for sensitive skin.

If new clothing is brought in please remember to ask in the laundry for the plastic name tags to be applied.



Congratulations!

Many Congratulations to our Nurses Rosin and Jerin on the birth of their beautiful baby boy Johan in January.

We wish them all a happy and healthy future and we are delighted to welcome Johan to our Kineton Manor family.



Staff Christmas Party

As every year, our staff were treated to a well deserved Christmas Party at the White Swan in Stratford in December. It was a great opportunity for everyone to dress up and enjoy some time together outside of the working environment. A good time was had by all!

