

Lyndhurst Rest Home

Winter 2025 Newsletter



(Photo: Joy and Margaret meeting “Mr.Bank’s” our favourite Donkey!)

Hello everyone,! Hard to believe we are now well in to 2025, and Christmas is now seemingly a distant memory. It was however, a marvellous Christmas celebration for us here at Lyndhurst, one which featured many surprises and special times, and a lovely festive party. New Year’s Eve featured our fun duo of “Holtwood”, Rod & Brad, with their fun musical & quizical performance, which everyone enjoyed. For now though, with Spring almost around the corner & the days and nights getting longer and brighter, we have much to look forward too in this new year of 2025, with new Activities to experience together, and places to visit that we haven’t yet been to as a group, so with lots of anticipation on the horizon, that just leaves me to wish you all, Good Health & Happiness for the Year!

As always, we welcome your feedback on this newsletter! Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Photo: Tony B., enjoyed meeting baby Margot with Paige.



*Left: Mo enjoying a festive dance!
Right: Rita in her special Reindeer dress!*



Photo: Tony & Pat loved the music, as did Jackie!

Our Christmas party, Raffle & Buffet, was held on 20th December, and was a lovely Christmassy event, with Geoff Dean putting on a colourful performance with his festive light displays & got our toes tapping away to the music. Our Christmas Raffle was one of our largest yet, & we want to thank everyone who kindly donated prizes. We raised over £200 for our Residents Fund, which helps enable us to purchase new Activity items & enhance the gardens for all to enjoy.

WATCHING WILDLIFE

We love being involved with our garden here at Lyndhurst and watching Nature, even if we are still in the cold Winter Season....that doesn't dampen our spirits in keeping a watchful eye on things outdoors, and having just joined the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds), we once again proudly took part in this year's "Big Garden Birdwatch" in January. Watching from our large dining room looking out to the garden, all in all during the course of the afternoon, we counted more than 23 different birds, and enjoyed looking up the various breeds, using our log books & reference guides. It ended up being an exciting afternoon and brought about a great sense of teamwork.



MR. BANK'S VISIT

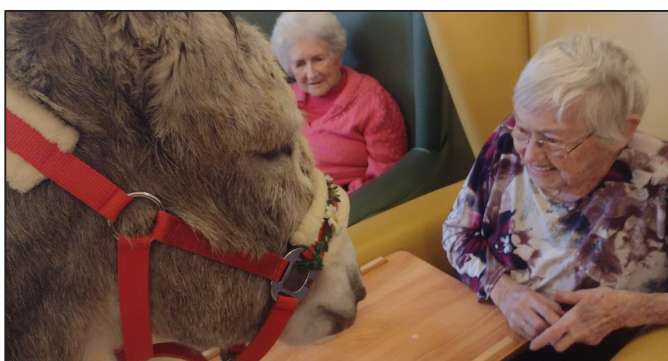


Joy arrives with her handsome lad!

What would the new year be without a special visit from one of our favourite four legged friends, that of Mr. Bank's the Donkey, with his adorable owner, Joy. With carrots & chopped apples at the ready, everyone at Lyndhurst was keen to get up close to this docile, cuddly and handsome chap, and take in the sheer admiration and privilege of having such a large but gentle animal in our home. It's always such a special moment when we all get to be close up with such an amazing donkey, and it feels quite humbling and such an honour to have him as our neighbour & friend. His much smaller friend "George" the Miniature Shetland Pony will be visiting us again at our annual Summer Fair in August.



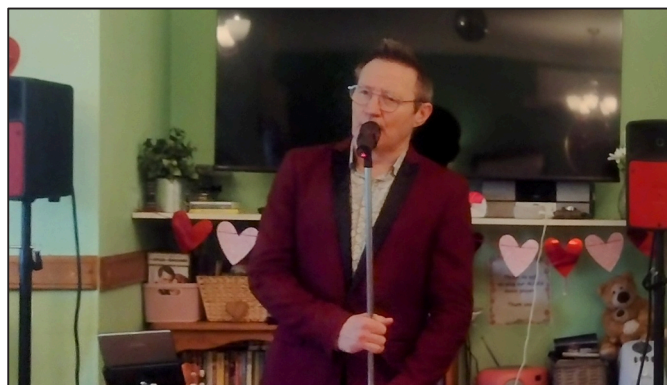
*Left: Carla meet's her new furry friend!
Right: Brian gets a cuddle!*



Above: Dorothy & Eileen in amazement!

DIGNI-TEA PARTY

We are proud to be long established members of the Dignity Council, and each February we host a celebration of "Dignity In Care Month", this year featuring our traditional Digni-Tea Party, hosting Lee Patrick, our favourite classic crooner singer & Elvis performer, who entertained us all with a great variety of Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, and also classic Elvis love songs, naturally. The afternoon evolved to be a wonderful collection of soulful retro songs that everyone embraced while enjoying our tea party with fresh baked cakes & treats.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Come March 17th, we will be embracing the Irish in us with making tracks to visiting our favourite and local pub, The Royal, once again marking our annual St. Patrick's day celebration drinks and quiz. All are welcome, just please remember to convey your interest in going, asap, as spaces can become limited quite quickly. Those who choose to join us, will play host to a fun traditional St. Patrick's Day Quiz, while at the pub. May the luck of the Shamrocks be with you all!!!



PHOTO GALLERY



Eileen & her daughter, Cheryl, enjoyed creating our fresh floral table centrepieces for Christmas day dinner!



June with her dear husband, Bill, enjoying Christmas Day together.



Left: Dorothy enjoying the flower displays!



Right: Michael eager to read a poem to us.



Left: Margaret likes our Magazine Mornings!



Right: Brian enjoying Winter Activities!



The "Ukulele Fun Band" performed for us in early January in order to kick off the new year with fun & interactive jolly tunes.



Amy & Carla with the Digni-tea party trolley, & Bill enjoying the tasty treats.



Joyce & Mo loved the music.



Gwen celebrated her Birthday with special gifts & a visit from her daughter & family.