

Queens Manor

NEWSLETTER

General Manager Focus

As we reflect on the festive season just gone, I would like to take a moment to say how truly wonderful our Christmas and New Year celebrations were. December was a very special month, filled with warmth, laughter, and a real sense of togetherness, and that is thanks to the incredible people who make our home what it is.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff. Your commitment, creativity, and kindness ensured that every day was full of festive spirit while also making sure each resident was supported to enjoy the season in a way that felt right for them. Whether that meant joining in with daily festive activities, enjoying quieter moments, or keeping cherished traditions alive, your care and attention made all the difference.

I would also like to sincerely thank our visitors and families who so thoughtfully handed in gifts for our staff. These gestures were deeply appreciated and truly lifted spirits, reminding us all how valued and supported our team is.

To our residents, thank you for your lovely feedback on how December was planned and delivered. Hearing how much you enjoyed the celebrations, events, and overall atmosphere means a great deal to us and motivates us to continue creating meaningful and memorable experiences together. As we step into the New Year, there is so much to look forward to. We have exciting plans ahead, new activities, and plenty of opportunities to continue building connections and joy within our home. We are also very open to welcoming new volunteers who would like to spend time with our residents. Whether you have a special skill, hobby, or simply time to chat and share company, all interests—special or ordinary—would be warmly welcomed.

Thank you all for making this festive season so memorable.

Warm regards,

Margaret Ann

A Festive Season Full of Community, Creativity and Cheer

As November turned into December, Queen's Manor Care Home came alive with festive spirit, laughter, and a wonderful sense of togetherness. The weeks leading up to Christmas were filled with meaningful activities, special visitors, and heart-warming moments shared by residents, staff, and the wider community.



Dates for your Diary

January

Friday 9th
Live musical entertainment with young musician Diego

Wednesday 14th
Ear health workshop in Queens Manor

Saturday 24th
Queens Manor open day

Saturday 25th
Burns day celebrations with Burns inspired menu

Friday 30th
Understanding dementia workshop hosted by Craig Colligan, our dementia specialist nurse

February

Thursday 12th
Live Virtual harp music from the team at Play Y Dderwen

Wednesday 25th
Barchester Virtual Bingo Bonanza

RAINBOW TABLE



Technology also played a part in our winter activities with the introduction of the **Rainbow Table**. This interactive touchscreen table has quickly become a favourite, allowing residents to enjoy games, puzzles, internet access, and shared activities together, encouraging conversation and connection.

Meet the team at Queens Manor! We would like to introduce you to, Ronaldo - Head of Maintenance

"Hi, my name is Ronaldo, and I am Head of Maintenance here at Queens Manor. I joined Barchester in 2005, in our sister home, Archview Lodge, prior to transferring here. I bring with me over 20 years of experience and knowledge in the maintenance industry, and I am passionate about maintaining the environment and the place which our residents call home.

The role is rewarding and brings a lot of joy, especially when I see smiles on our residents' faces when I have completed a job and was delighted to be nominated and recognised in 2024 for Ancillary Staff of the Year at the care awards held in London."



What we've been up to...



We began the season by taking part in a Barchester online flower-arranging event, where residents created beautiful Christmas table centrepieces. These added a personal and festive touch to our dining room. Throughout November and December, we were delighted to welcome visitors of all ages. Children from Fettes School joined us to sing to our residents, filling the home with festive music, while nursery children visited and brought joy, energy, and plenty of smiles. These intergenerational visits were particularly special, creating moments of connection and warmth that residents truly treasured.

Our residents also enjoyed visits from Bramble, a friendly Therapet dog, whose calm and affectionate nature brought comfort and companionship to everyone she met. We hosted a Scottish Ballet workshop, giving residents the chance to enjoy music, gentle movement, and creative expression in a relaxed and inclusive setting. Our weekly **Knit and Natter** group continued throughout the season, with residents knitting cosy blankets for dogs at Oak Tree Vets. In December, the vet team visited Queen's Manor to personally thank our residents for their hard work and kindness. They stayed to enjoy a mulled wine and mince pie afternoon, making it a truly festive and feel-good occasion.



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NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND Queens Manor

December also marked an important moment for resident involvement with the election of our new **Resident Ambassador**, Connie. Connie is already proudly representing her fellow residents and helping ensure their voices are heard.

Music and community visits continued to brighten our days, with performances from the Stewart Melville School Pipe Band and the all-ladies choir *Incognito*, both of which were warmly received. We also welcomed visits from the community police, who shared local updates and took time to answer residents' questions, helping everyone stay connected to the world around them.



Thank You

From all the team at Queens Manor Care home we'd like to say a big thank you to you all for all your support and understanding over the last few months. We'd love you to leave us a review on google if you haven't already.

Celebrations in our home

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Chioma who recently passed her driving test.



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