



## YEW TREE NURSING HOME

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### Happy New Year

First may we start by saying Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a good Christmas?

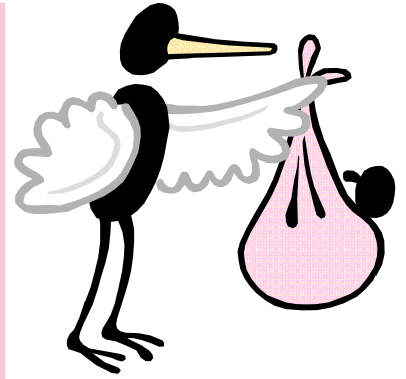
Our thanks must go to all of the staff who gave up their Christmas's to look after the residents during the holiday period. Their continued dedication and caring spirits are what make Yew Tree Nursing Home what it is today. THANK YOU EVERYBODY. We would also like to thank you all on behalf of the staff for your kind gifts at Christmas. Just so you are aware what happens with these gifts we can confirm that all of the

gifts are collected together in the office and raffle tickets are issued to each staff member. Each ticket number is then placed on the presents received and the staff members receives the gift associated with their raffle ticket.

Our thoughts will now turn to 2014 and our ideas on what we would like to achieve this year. To begin with we will be holding off on any decorating projects for the beginning of the year so everyone can have a settled period as we have done so much in 2013. We are considering ideas

for the gardens and the forth coming summer months so if you have any suggestions then please let us know. We would like to produce some areas of interest in the gardens to compliment the home from home feel that Yew Tree currently has.

We will also be looking at future day out opportunities and entertainment within the home. To assist with these decision makings we will be holding a residents meeting on Saturday 1st February 2014 at 2.30pm.



### Baby News!!

*Well we have some happy baby news once again. Kelly McCameron and Jenny Clay are both expecting two bundles of Joy. Congratulations to you both we hope you have an easy pregnancy.*

*I must get my party planning head on for another baby shower.*

### Cheeky Girls Are On The Move

You may have noticed recently that the chicken coop has been demolished slightly. The chickens are just being moved to a new location at

the bottom of Duncan's paddock. It was felt that the chickens would benefit by the new location plus it would be company for Duncan too. The

current chicken coop will be redeveloped into a garden area for the residents enjoyment. More details will follow in due course.





## Christmas Party

We had lots of fun over the Christmas Periods.

The festivities started with a meal at the Sun Pub for residents and their families. We managed to take quite a few people on the day and a great time was had by everybody. Next we had the Panto Mother Goose production by Partytime Productions. Lastly the festivities were completed by our fancy dress party. Once

again we had some fabulous raffle prizes donated. A few of the staff members dressed up but nothing could compete Carol in her Turkey costume!!!. It was also nice to receive a visit from Santa. A thank you to everyone who helped make this occasion a success.



## New Staff

You may have noticed recently that we have some new faces amongst the staff team. This is due to the additional three new bedrooms and if it was felt that the number of staff would be increased to accommodate the new residents. The new staff members are as follows:

Care Co-Ordinator  
Alison Townsend

Care Assistants:  
Billie Smith  
Christine Gooding  
Jacqueline Sutton  
Charlotte Taylor  
Lorraine Cutler-Evans

Domestic / Laundry:  
Jacqueline Durber

Kitchen:  
Daniel Edwards

We hope you will join us in welcoming these new staff members.



## What's On At Yew Tree Nursing Home

Tues 28th Jan 14 - Sweet Assurance (Singer) @ 2.30pm

Thurs 30th Jan - Book Club - 3.00pm

Fri 31st Jan 14 - Linda May (Singer Country & Western) @ 2.30pm

Sat 1st Feb - Residents Meeting 2.30pm

Mon 3rd Feb - Daniel Alexander

(Singer) @ 2.30pm

Thurs 6th Feb - Jonahannah (Singer) @ 2.30pm

Thurs 6th Feb - Book Club 3.00pm

Thurs 13th Feb - Linda May (Singer Show Tunes) @ 2.30pm

Thurs 13th Feb - Book Club  
Fri 14th Feb - Valentines Day Meal

Tues 18th Feb - Roy Sturdy (Talk on Malvern Memories)

Thurs 20th Feb - Book Club

Mon 24th Feb - Roy Sturdy (See And Hear Quiz) @ 2.30pm

Thurs 27th Feb - Book Club

Sat 1st Mar - St David's Day Meal

## Yew Tree Nursing Home Book Club

We have introduced a book club starting Thursday 30th Jan. The book club will meet in the Quiet Lounge at 3.00pm every Thursday Afternoon. The book club is open to everyone to include the residents, families and staff members. The home has purchased an iPad and the book selections will

be chosen by the group however we have chosen the first book which is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Once a book is chosen the home will download the Audiobook and the residents will meet every Thursday to listen to the Audio and discuss the book as a group.



## Yew Tree Tech

You may not be aware but the home has a computer for the residents use located in the quiet lounge. The computer is set up with internet services and has an account with Skype facilities.

If you would like to use this service then please speak to the nurse in charge or either Phil or Paula on Activities. As previously mentioned the home also has an IPAD which can be used by the residents which is located in the safe.



## Birthdays

Morvyth Raybould - 8th Feb  
Kitty Carter - 12th Feb  
Dorothy Rice - 17th Feb  
Alun Rees - 22nd Feb





## Inspections

The home has recently received inspections from numerous departments over the past few months. The first inspection we received was from the CQC inspector. They arrived on the home on the 4th December 2013. The visit was due to an unannounced routine inspection and they looked at five areas. These areas consisted of Consent to Care and Treatment, Care and Welfare of People Who use Services, Cleanliness and Infection Control, Requirements Relating to workers and Records. It is my pleasure to advise you that the outcome of this visit was that we are Meeting The Standard. The second visit from Worcestershire Infection Control Team. They came to undertake a thorough inspection of the home and the cleanliness of all areas. The inspector left no table and chair overturned and again the result was a positive report. Our third and final inspection was by the Worcestershire Contracts and Quality Assurance Team. The purpose of the visit was to look at the Health and Safety within the home and to ensure that we are meeting all standards set by the CQC and local authority and of course I'm sure your not shocked to hear that this resulted in a positive report once again for the home.

If you would like to see any of the reports completed by these departments then please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Carol when you next visit. Alternatively the CQC inspection report is available to view online and in the front foyer.

I know I say it a lot but once again I must thank the staff who assisted during all of these visits like pure professionals. These visits are always a stressful time for everyone involved but they never let us down and all excel at what they do. Thank you.



## **Dogs Trust**

You may already be aware the home sponsors a dog at Dogs Trust. We used to sponsor a dog by the name of Scooby. However we now sponsor a new dog by the name of Skye. I've included Skye Profile below and Photo. We hope you are happy with this change however if you would prefer to Sponsor an alternative then please let me know.

### **Skye**

Rehoming Centre: London  
(Harefield)

Age: 3 Years

Gender: I'm a girl

Visit status: I'm sorry you can't visit me because I'm nervous of people I don't know.

More info: I'm a big strong girl but I'm terrified of fluorescent vests and baseball caps





## Looking Back Over 2013



*Looking back over the last twelve months so much has happened within the home that we wanted to just have a little catch up to see what we've done. The biggest changes for the year included the Completion of the building works adding an additional three bedrooms making Yew Tree Nursing home a 40 bedded home. We have also had numerous decorating works completed in the Garden lounge, Corridor leading to garden lounge and the back stairs, which look fantastic in my opinion and I hope you agree. The car park was prettied up with the new flower boxes which improved the outlook for the residents in the front lounge and made the entrance more inviting.*

*We are always lucky with the dedicated staff team that we have at Yew Tree Nursing Home but a special mention should be given to the members of staff who have celebrated key anniversaries of working at the home in the last twelve months these are as follows:*

*Carol Lightwood—5 Years of Service*

*Fortune Chikonyora—5 Years of Service*

*Mark Carpenter—5 Years of Service*

*Perfect Mhlanga—5 Years of Service*

*Teresa Morgan—5 Years of Service*

*Carmella Wakeman—10 Years of Service*

*Thank you to each and everyone of you for your ongoing dedication and hard work.*

*A Special Thank You should go to Linda Crumpton for celebrating 20 Years of Service this year. We celebrated the milestone by providing Linda with a bouquet of flowers and a small gift to show our appreciation.*

*You may remember in the summer we held a baby shower for Vicky Heffernan and Chelsey Taylor both have now delivered two very bouncy healthy babies a little girl called Orla for Vicky weighing 6lbs 10oz and a little boy for Chelsey called Jaidan weighing 9lb 2oz. Congratulations to them both and their families we hope they are enjoying motherhood and we look forward to their return to work soon.*

*New website was completed by Carol Lightwood and myself and loaded this year. If you haven't already seen the website then I recommend a viewing as it looks very professional even if I do say so myself.*

*We've visited many places in 2013 to include Weston Super Mare, Garden Centre, West Midlands Safari Park and Trentham Gardens to name a few. These trips will continue through out 2014 so get your thinking caps on.*

*In November 2013 we held our first Charity Event and raised a whopping £223 in aid of the Help For Heroes Charity. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise these vital funds.*

*Here's to an exciting and interesting 2014!!*