Yew Tree Gazette

NOVEMBER

2024

The snow theme seems quite appropriate today considering we have had the first snow of the winter season. I do hope this isn't a sign of the winter to come. But lets now dwell on that we have lots of exciting plans in the lead up to Christmas and we hope you will join us in our celebrations.

Firstly we are once again donating the selection boxes for the school children at Halesbury School in Blackheath we have a fabulous 176 to wrap so if there are any little elves willing to help us next week then please speak to Dawn or Jane.

We do this every year for the children's Christmas grotto where the children raise money for additional activities for the pupils.

One of the Christmas elves will be dropping them at the school at the beginning of December in plenty of time for their celebrations.

Christmas Carol Service

The home will be holding a Carol service with St Kenelms Church on the 18th December 2024 at 2pm in the garden lounge. We welcome all singers good and bad to join us for a good sing a long and if this doesn't tempt you how about a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie?!?!. I promise not to sing after all we don't want it to rain.

We hope you will join us.

Staff Gifts

As always at this time of year we are asked regarding gifts for the staff. Sadly individual staff are not allowed to accept gifts, so we have processed a fair practice where we collect items like wine, chocolates and biscuits. They are then placed in a Tombola and each staff member is provided with the opportunity to choose a gift at random. Alternatively if you prefer you can donate money to the staff fund which is used to arrange events and special treats throughout the year.

We ask that all gifts are handed to Vicky by the Friday 20th December to ensure that she has time to arrange any additional gifts if any are needed to ensure each staff member receives something. Please note there is no obligation for everyone to provide staff with a gift we fully appreciate that money is tight for a lot of people at this time of year.

We would like to thank everyone

for their kindness

Competition Time

We will be holding a competition on the day of the residents party for the worst outfit. Yes you read that right the WORST outfit… So channel your blow up carrot outfit, sprout suit or dress in a fabulous 1970's flared outfit. The worse you look the more chance you have to win. The winner will be chosen by the residents during the party. The competition is open to everyone staff, visitor, families and yes even residents.

So get sorting those outfits ready for the big day on the 19th December, the party starts at 2pm in the garden lounge. Right I'm off to raid my sisters wardrobe. GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!

Family Meal

We will be holding a family meal on Thursday 12th December from 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a meal on the day with their loved one. Advanced booking is required for this event. Please book with Vicky by the 30th November 2024. A copy of the menu can be found on page four.

CQC Visit

As many of you may be aware we recently had a visit from the CQC. We are still awaiting the report and we will provide you with the outcome as soon as we have news. But we would like to thank all of the staff

What's On At Yew Tree

Music Bugs Thurs 21st Nov at 11am

Victoria McCabe Mon 2nd Dec 11am

Center Stage Dance Academy 6th Dec 5.30pm

Debbie Miles Mon 9th Dec 11am

Family Meal 12th Dec from 12.30pm

Paulo Pinto Thurs 12th Dec 2.30pm

Paul Moran Sat 14th Dec 2.30pm

Music Bugs Christmas Special Mon 16th Dec

Carol Service Wed 18th Dec 2pm

Residents Christmas Party Thurs 19th Dec 2pm

Christmas Panto Fri 20th Dec

Vee Sweeney Mon 23rd Dec 11am

Employee of the Month

Our October employee of the month was an easy choice as she received many nominations from within the staff team so congratulations to Senior Carer Sumi Chacko in your nomination a well deserved recognition.

Out November employee of the month is Night Healthcare Assistant Claire Robbins. Claire has been nominated due to the compassion and care she provides to her residents. Well done Claire and again another well deserved recognition.

Congratulations to both Sumi and Claire.

Music Bug Sessions

During the November and December music bugs sessions we will be utilising the service of a videographer to provide a professional shoot of the session. If you have not experienced one of these session before they are pure awesome chaos which leaves the residents buzzing. The videos will be made available on our website and Facebook page for you to share with loved ones. Alternatively you are welcome to join us on the day. Everyone is welcome both young and old. Get ready to wind that bobbin……

FAMILY MEAL MENU

Starter

Spice parsnip soup and bread roll

or

Chicken Liver pate with brioche toast and chutneys

Main Course

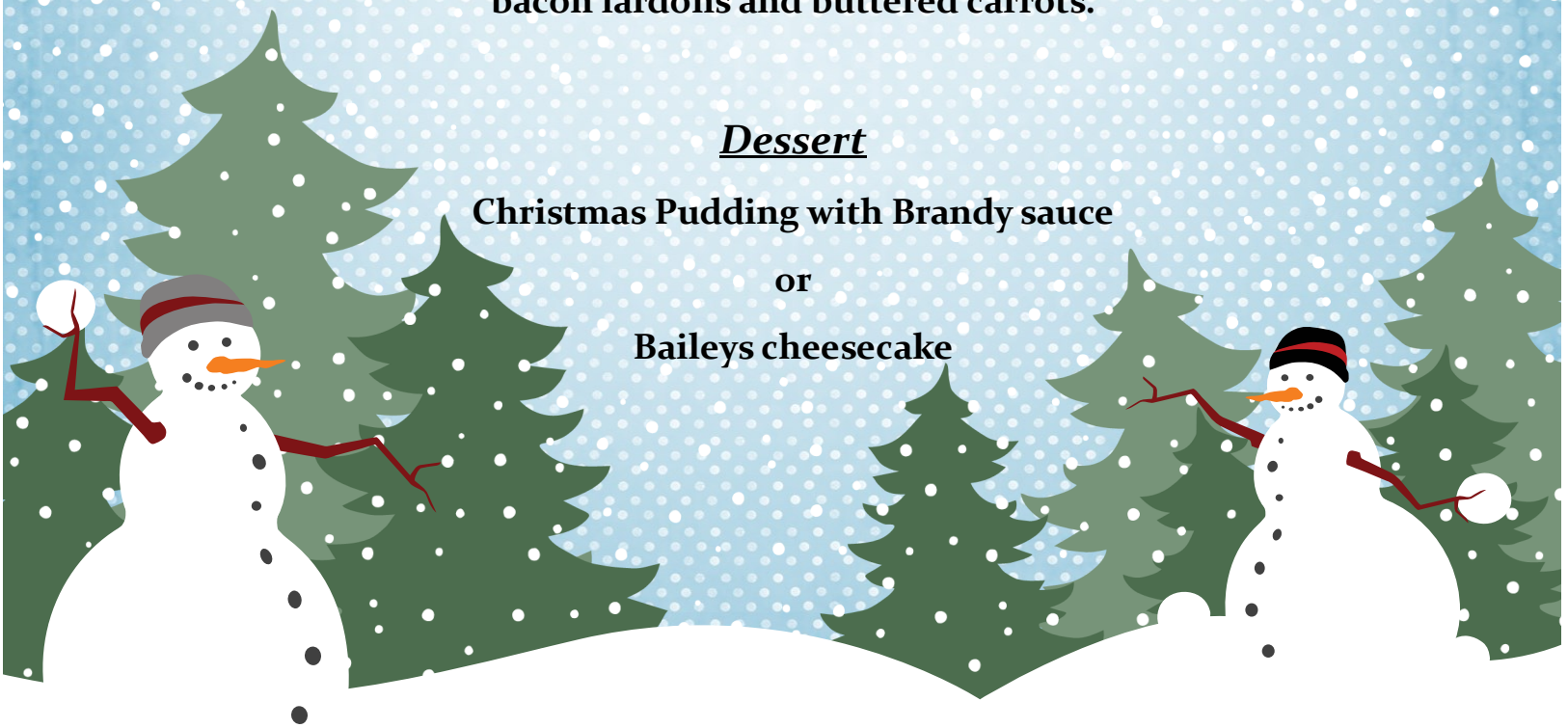
Roast Turkey with Roasted Potatoes in Duck Fat, Mash Potato, Honey roast parsnips, sprouts with back lardons, cauliflower cheese, carrots, sage and onion stuffing with pigs in blankets.

Mushroom, Brie and Cranberry Wellington with new potato's, carrots and peas

Lamb shank in a red wine and rosemary sauce with creamy mash, sprouts with bacon lardons and buttered carrots.

Dessert

Christmas Pudding with Brandy sauce

or

Baileys cheesecake