

The Eckling Grange Quarterly

October – December 2009

Chairman's Christmas Message

Christmas time is a time when we think about others. Friends we have not seen for a long time, those who are alone and those who have lost loved ones in the past year.

God was thinking of us a long time ago when he sent Jesus to Bethlehem. He sent him because he loves us and wanted us to know he is thinking of us. Whatever our circumstances this Christmas, may we remember this as we celebrate with family and friends.

David the psalm writer said "Thou I am poor and needy – yet the Lord thinks of me". This is truly wonderful, let us give God our worship and praise this Christmas, because he still is thinking of us.

David Jack

5th Nov-Guy Fawkes

We had a full lounge for our Guy Fawkes supper. Stewart and his colleagues lead us in song and fireworks exploded on the silver screen.

The supper was scrumptious and fitting to the occasion.

Watercolour Groups

The painting groups have been progressing well. You will see their work on display at the Bungalow Christmas Lunch – 16th December.

We have used the changing seasons to inspire our work and springtime will inevitably bring with it – Bluebell wood.

Cheryl Elliott – Farewell

After serving Eckling Grange for 14 years, Cheryl retired on 1st December, having a warm and tearful farewell presentation.



Cheryl moves closer to her family in Southport Lancashire. When she takes her 'Radley' walking she will be reminded of her times at Eckling Grange.



New Staff

We welcome the following new members of staff:

Carers: Vera Martins
Alvaro Teixeira
Sue Burns

Catering: Sophie Thompson
Sean Watson

Leslie Moore Activity Week from 19th October

Once again, a great week was had by all; residents described it as the best yet. We enjoyed a varied mix including Worship, to Ministry by John Blanchard, and fun with a game of football.

Therapy Group Craft Fair

The Craft Fair on Tuesday the 1st of December was even better than last years, with a worthy £321-00 being taken.



This year gifts will be given to two good causes, one overseas and one in the UK.

Class Act 2nd December



We have enjoyed this singing duo before but they excelled themselves this time. With the novel addition of musical instruments for the audience, they entertained us with their songs as they involved all of those present.





Hope Now – 5 Dec 09

Once again we played host to the young people from the Ukraine. They represent the charitable efforts of 'Hope Now' in their Christian efforts to improve the lives and hearts of the less fortunate in the Ukraine.

Their dance and song, in national dress, was a joy to behold. If you saw them last year you may have remembered some of the folklore they enacted. When they had finished and taken some refreshment they had time to pose for pictures with our carers from the Ukraine – Alla and Michael.



Competition Time

How many words, of FOUR letters or more, can you make from the letters in the grid?

All words MUST use the centre letter.

Letters may only be used ONCE in a word.

D	U	A
P	R	L
U	E	Q

Give your answers to Colin by the end of December please.

Coming Soon

9th Dec – 2-30pm
Top Hat & Tails

14th Dec – 2-30pm
Cameo – Salvation Army singers

15th Dec – 6-30pm
Ian Eves entertains

16th Dec – 12 noon
Bungalow Christmas Lunch with Art Group exhibition

17th Dec – 4-00pm
Swanton Morley Children's Group

21st Dec – 6-30pm St Nicholas Parish
Church children bearing gifts

22nd Dec – 3-00pm
The Staff Pantomime

24th Dec – 3-00pm
Carols around the Christmas tree

28th Dec – 3-30pm
The Christmas Party

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