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# HORIZON NEWS

## Russ' Blog



Hello and welcome to the Autumn edition of our Newsletter. The first edition was a great success and within this one, we can see more fantastic achievements and good news stories from across the company. Again, I have been really impressed by the commitment and hard work in every home to help achieve and enjoy lots of great outcomes.

Despite the inevitable difficulties that occur from time to time, there has been lots of fun along the way too and it is this that makes Horizon a great place to live and work.

Thanks again to all Horizon staff for the dedication and support that they offer on a daily basis, and to all of the people that we support for allowing us to make such a positive difference to your lives.

Best wishes to all

*Russ Leese*

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## Headline News

• **Christmas Party!**  
Join us for a fun filled afternoon at the Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford on 15<sup>th</sup> December for a combined 'Horizon' Christmas Party to celebrate 10 plus years of 'Horizon'.

• **Starting in the New Year, look out for:**  
★ **Windsor on the move!**  
★ **Windsor's Arts and Crafts!**  
★ **Windsor's World!**

Next Newsletter will be issued April 2019

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



We reported in the last newsletter that Emma, who lives at Fixby Lodge, had been nominated for an award by MENCAP. Emma had a fantastic time at the ceremony where she was presented with her 'Outstanding Achievement Award' which recognised her work in teaching the staff at Fixby to communicate more effectively with her by using her own 'adapted' version of Makaton.

**Well done Emma!**



# What's been happening at...

## ...Ferndale Lodge



Kirsty would like to thank everyone for making the Summer Circus Party a memorable day for all. Family and friends were invited to dress up and join in with games such as hook a duck, pin the nose on the clown; enjoy hot dogs, burgers and french fries but the highlight of the day was throwing plates filled with fresh cream at Deputy Manager, John.



Russell has been making scones from a recipe he independently sourced from the internet - he even added his own ingredient - cheese! Everybody enjoyed eating the scones and Russell was very happy to be told by all how tasty they were.



Robert went across the road to visit 'Ians Mobile Farm' during the summer holidays. This is the first time Robert has been across to this side of the road in quite some time and he enjoyed looking at the many animals that were there. Well done Robert.

## ...Langley Lodge

It doesn't seem 2 minutes ago since we were in the middle of a heatwave – but time has passed so quickly and we are now heading into the coldness of winter!

Langley Lodge has been busy with the usual daily activities but we have also managed to squeeze in a few extra trips this year and hope to plan many more! Highlights have been the visit to the Blackpool lights, and the canal barge day which everyone from Langley went on - what an expedition!



*Left - Ruth and Maureen enjoy a day out in Blackpool.*



*Right - Ian at Chester Zoo*



*Far Right - our canal boat adventure.*





# ...Fixby Lodge



Anthony Martin who lives at Fixby Lodge has achieved a massive milestone and spent a day at Leeds & Bradford airport. With his keyworker, Michelle, Anthony has been gradually working his way towards this trip for some time, and to over coming his fears of being out in the community. Anthony had a great day and celebrated his success with a pork pie and a coffee. Well done Anthony we are all very proud of you !!

We have a new baby boy in the Fixby team family - born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 1.25pm and weighing 7lbs 11oz. We are please to announce that both mum and baby are doing well. After a two week wait for a name he has been named Kadius Daniel Clarke. Fixby Lodge hosted a surprise baby shower for Heather - well done to all for keeping this quiet.



## 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



A massive congratulations to Paul Bowness who celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in October with friends and family at a party at Fixby Lodge.

Chloe Johnson went sailing on her recent holiday to Norfolk facing her fear of water. Well done Chloe you did amazing.



Chloe and Emma went to London for the day on the train, They visited all the sights but didn't manage to get a glimpse of the Queen on this occasion - maybe next time ladies!

### OLD FRIENDS BACK TOGETHER...

...on a girls night out to the theatre. Adele from Ferndale Lodge and Chloe from Fixby Lodge attended the Lawrence Batley theatre to see Joseph and the technicolour dream coat. They had an amazing time, lets get another one booked.

# ...Cranmer Court



On a recent trip to Manchester Jeanette joined in with a band who were singing at the train station, to raise money for charity. She was enjoying the music so she asked to join in - she is of course the front woman for 'Cranmer Band' - and sang along to some classic songs to help raise money for the charity!

Colin, supported by Antoinette, travelled on the Settle-Carlisle steam train. It was a full day out and Colin sat in the window seat, watching the scenery - he got very excited about the sheep! And he definitely made the most of the dining carriage- nearly drinking them dry of tea! Once they got to Carlisle they went for (more!) food and a wander around the town before hopping back on the train for the return journey.



# Competition time....



Its not often that you see Ganster Granny, Spongebob Square Pants and Lionel Ritchie in the same room but that's what happened at Windsor Court which was the venue for the very first Horizon 'Scarecrow' competition!

Judged on 'stuffing', 'facial expression', 'idea' and 'sturdiness', the winners were Fixby Lodge. Well done to the Fixby Team - I'm sure this will spur the other homes on for next year's competition.



Ferndale Lodge invited Children from Almondbury School along with teachers and Tony, the local community support officer, to participate in and help judge the pumpkin competition in late October. All were given 4 rosettes to award and the winner of the event was the pumpkin that received the most rosettes.

Everyone enjoyed the day with Halloween themed cupcakes, crisps and drinks provided for the children and people supported - each child also got to take a pumpkin home. Well done Cranmer Court for your '5' rosette winning pumpkin and 'Well Done' Ferndale Lodge for hosting and organising the event.



Congratulations also to Langley Lodge and Windsor Court whose 'green fingers' were exercised by growing sunflowers for the 'Sunflower Competition'. The winning certificate was awarded to Windsor Court, who's flower grew just that little bit taller than the opposition to a 'whopping' 3.45 metres. The gardening gloves will be back on for next year, we are sure!!

## Social enterprise update...

The people we support across the seven Horizon Homes have been coming together to combine their gifts and talents to create a community enterprise - and work together to sell some of their projects. Initially the goal was to work on the mosaics people we support make at each of the services but this has now developed into making greeting cards, Christmas cards and baubles and new ideas are being added all the time.

Look out for the 'Crafty Stars' catalogues at each home which will give information on the bespoke items on offer - feel free to share these with friends.



'This is going to be great. It is going to give my life meaning and I'm really excited.'  
'It has made me so happy and given me something to work towards.'

