



## **DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to your monthly newsletter

Katherine House and Griffiths House were both full of festivities during December.

Father Jones and the Activities Team put on an afternoon of Christmas Carols and some fun entertainment. It was great to see Pat's (Katherine House Resident) daughters attend, especially as they have great singing voices. Thank you to our special guests on the day Charles Griffiths (Master of the Merchants) and Caroline Duckworth (Merchant Venturer's Treasurer). Charles was a very good sport and joined in with our action song the 12 days of Christmas at the end of the service, which involved coming to the front and joining in with everyone, these created a lot of a laughs and giggles from all.

Thank you to Ian Purslow (Katherine House Resident) for asking Bob from the Lockleaze Singers to get in touch with us and arrange an evening performance. We had a big turn out of residents and we lit up the upstairs lounge with fairy lights and had lots of fantastic singing voices – there were so many singers it was marvellous – thank you! We would love to have you back again in the New Year.

Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime was great, thank you to the staff that stayed to support this. We then had our annual Christmas raffle and congratulations to everyone who won. We raised £202 towards our activities funds. Well done everybody.

The Hens have started laying eggs – Yippee!!! Well one Hen has started laying eggs. We will be selling fresh eggs as soon as the others get going, with all money raised going back into the upkeep of looking after them. Bedding, Food etc – well done girls – keep laying. We are looking for empty egg boxes, so please if you have any spare bring them.



Thank you to Ian Brown's (Katherine House Resident) family and friends for all coming in on Christmas Eve to provide us with Christmas Carols. This was a very special and magical occasion and enjoyed by all. All the residents who came along said how nice this was especially on Christmas Eve. It felt very heart warming and you all stayed on after to talk with all the residents and share your stories – thank you Felicity and gang for arranging this.



Christmas Mini Bus Booze cruise around Bristol was very popular; we had a tour around Bristol and ended up at The Mall – Cribbs Causeway to look at the Fairy Castle and the ice-skaters. We done this over two evenings as we had so many residents who wanted to go. Whilst on the bus, we also had a Christmas Quiz and of course the obligatory Baileys & Sherry to help us get in the Christmas spirits. Thank you Alan for driving the bus.



Griffith House held their own Carol morning followed by warm mince pies/tea's & coffees. We all had specially made collars on to make us all look like a choir. This was a fun morning with lots of friends from Katherine House attending. Thank you to everyone who came along.



Griffiths House were busy making a Christmas cake, this created a lot of baking skills and luckily Irene & Pat were available to help Fiona (Staff) otherwise goodness knows what could of happened.



We had an afternoon with Students from Bristol Free School who came in to 'Pimp up your frames' for Christmas.



All residents and students really enjoyed this activity as it was so much fun and then you all enjoyed showing off your decorative frames with either Reindeers, Tinsel or Fairy Lights on.

The Activities Team would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and are all looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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Activities Team

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