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Welcome to our February newsletter!

New reception area now complete

Our new entrance and reception area are now complete, and we have put in some new rooms on the second floor; these will be ready for new residents shortly.

We have recently welcomed two new carers to Parkside; **Claire** and **Pemela**. **Sam** has also joined us to assist **Simon** with the maintenance at Parkside.

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The news went round that Jesus was at home (*Mark 2:1 N.E.B.*)

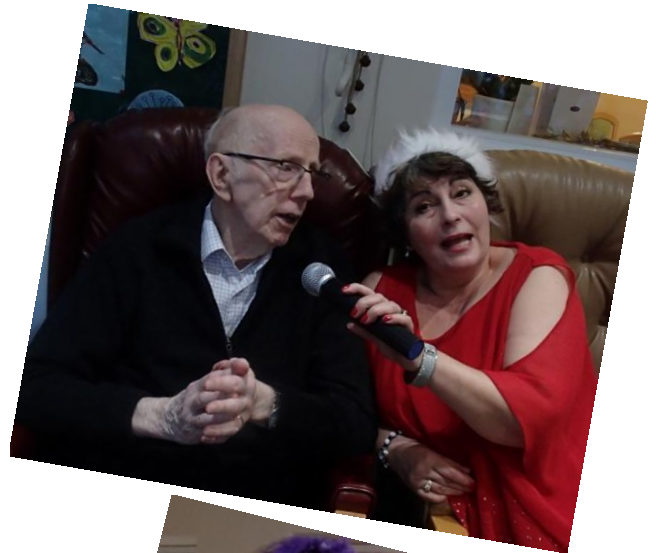
Autumn activities

In November some of the residents enjoyed going to see a show featuring the songs “that won the war”. Eve said what a wonderful time she had, and Brian said he enjoyed the dancing and singing.

Also in November **Robert**, one of our favourite singers, entertained us for the afternoon. The residents said that his singing was lovely.

Later in the month we had a “good old knees-up” with a local **Pearly Queen and King**, and enjoyed pie and mash for lunch.

We had an evening with the local scouts; they made paper chains and sang some camp fire songs for us. They also presented us with a lovely hamper!





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Christmas activities

In December we had a visit from the **Tickled Pink Christmas Musical**. Eve was cheering, Joy was singing, and others were shaking their musical instruments. They all said it was wonderful.

Residents loved the Christmas Dinner at **Romford Baptist Church**, singing and raising their hands to the music, and asked when the next one was!

We were invited to a nativity play at **St Edwards Primary School**, and enjoyed tea and cake with the Mayor, headmistress and staff. Our residents said how welcome they made them feel.

Jayne Jay came to sing Christmas songs with our residents.



We went to **Marshalls Park School** again for their Christmas play. Joy said how lovely it was and she was pleased that they catered for her special diet. The school also kindly presented us with some gifts for the home.

Christmas day was an eventful day. Some of our residents' relatives joined us for a lovely dinner and then a party in the afternoon; we all enjoyed



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More activities

A group of musicians from the **Royal Albert Hall** came to entertain us. We invited residents from **Royal Jubilee Court** and other visitors to join us for the concert, which was followed by afternoon tea and cakes.

In December, **Lylie** celebrated her 102nd birthday and had a visit from the Mayor.

We had another visit from **Wild Science!**

At the beginning of 2017, some of our residents went to see **Cinderella** at the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch. The residents enjoyed the pantomime, and also their ice cream and drinks in the interval.

A group of us went to see **Jack and the Beanstalk** at All Saints' Church in Ardleigh Green on Saturday, 21st January. This was another very enjoyable outing!



Forthcoming events

On Monday, 13th February, Charlotte is coming to Parkside to sing some war time songs from the 1940's. The Newberries Variety Group is coming to entertain the residents in April, and in May some of us are going to the Queen's Theatre for The Magic of Dean Martin.

The next meeting for relatives and friends of residents at Parkside will be held on **Tuesday, 13th June.**