



# The Charity Chat

## May 2019

### An Arabian Adventure

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Guild House enjoyed an Arabian Adventure courtesy of Marie Gladstone, she brought in many ornate Arabian Robes and Head Dresses which she acquired while working in the Middle East. One of her jobs was as School Teacher; she was given a Bedouin Robe by Queen Noor of Jordan as a thank you for having Jordanian evacuees in her School during the Kuwait Arab War.

Marie lived there for 50 years with her husband, who was an Aviation Advisor.

The Robes were for different occasions and one of the Robes would have been worn by a Princess to a Wedding and was covered in stitches of beaten Gold. It was a really interesting afternoon and Marie brought the feel of the Middle East to residents and staff alike.



*Margaret*



## Magdalen House

### Easter Coffee Morning



We had an Easter coffee morning with some residents from St Margaret's and it was lovely to all get together and have a chat. We did a raffle and a guess the weight of the cake. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the morning, we have already spoken about the next one.



### Willow Trust Boat Trip



We went on the Willow Boat this month, it was a beautiful sunny day and it was enjoyed by all. We got to get off and

have a picnic on the river bank. Sailing along the river in the sun was a perfect day out.



## Sheltered Housing

### National Farm Animals' day

A huge thank you to St. James city Farm for bringing the country life to our residents to



enjoy. It was so lovely to see little Guinea-pigs, chicks, rabbits and cockerels. The residents loved having cuddles with them.



## Guild House

### Easter Bonnets worn with pride



Some of our Residents at Guild House had a lovely time making or decorating Easter Bonnets this year. They were worn with pride!



### Another Willow Trust Boat Trip

Despite grey skies, Guild House residents opened up the season for the Willow Trust Boat trips. The fully covered and heated boat cruised along the canal from Saul Junction to south of Purton.

It's a very gentle ride, and while watching the



world going by we saw some swans nesting. Joan and Brian had the chance to go to the top of the boat, from where they had the opportunity to steer the boat for a while.



The friendly staff made us very welcome and they served us hot and cold drinks. We had a packed lunch before the boat turned around to bring us back home. It was a wonderful day to remember for all of us.



## The Kimbrose Club

### The Hub Garden



The Hub garden was the chosen project for the Princes Trust Students. The Students spent a Week fund raising for the Garden and managed to raise just over £300, which they then used to buy plants and materials for the garden make over.



Unfortunately the weather was not on their side and heavy rain meant the plans they had for the garden had to change. However over the two weeks they still managed to make great progress, and the garden is looking much smarter. Our Hub members are looking forward to the warmer weather to be able to get outside and make use of this fantastic space.

### Terry's Records

We love music at Kimbrose so was delighted when club member Terry brought in his records to play. We enjoyed reminiscing about our favourite songs and had a good old bop at the same time!





## Sheltered Housing

### Slimbridge WWT



April 1<sup>st</sup>, a sunny day and we are off to Slimbridge. It's hard to realise its 73 years since Peter Scott's inception. We had a coffee and then moved off to see the various birds and otters. As it is involved in helping endangered species, there are



many areas that are being up-dated and maintained to a high standard. Also there are many 'behind the scenes' work that goes on too. We enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine and thought it was a thoroughly good way to spend a spring Monday.

*P. Day*



### Forge Mill Needle Museum



April 15<sup>th</sup>, and it was another fine, sunny Monday. Our trip was to include the Forge Mill Needle museum and Bordesley Abbey near Redditch.



The Mill shows the story of needle making and has original water powered machinery used in Victorian times. The scouring and polishing processes looked very arduous and came through vividly on the black and white DVD that was shown to us.

Just short walks from the mill are the medieval ruins of Bordesley Abbey, once a thriving Cistercian Abbey until its destruction by Henry VIII in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. It has been extensively excavated and many of the archaeological finds are now available to see in the Visitor Centre. For April, a hands on exhibition based on the wisdom of the ancients will be running, allowing visitors to try some of the principles e.g. how to build an aqueduct, and writing your name in hieroglyphics.

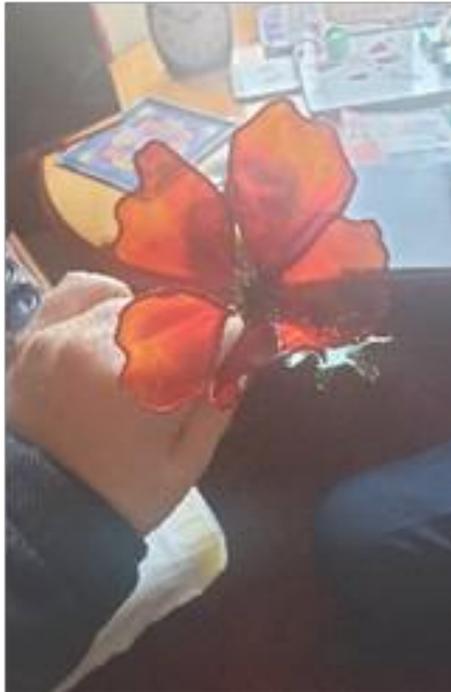


*P. Day*



## Sheltered Housing

### This month's Resident with a hidden talent



When John was at school during the war he was evacuated to Cornwall, during this time John had dyslexia but this difficulty was not known or understood. He used to draw all day in his books instead of writing and that is where he discovered his love and passion for artistry. John soon became a professional Artist eventually owning his own studios for more than sixty years. John learned in his



late 20's to read and write after understanding more about dyslexia.

John emigrated to America in the 1980's where he combined his artistic flair and newly learnt writing skills to become a play writer for dinner theatre for the next 30 years.

After John moved back to England and came to live at St. Bartholomew's, he started to volunteer with groups of adults who suffer with mental health issues to support them with art therapy to aid their recovery.



Although John does not continue to do this, he often will visit the groups and stays in touch with members which he enjoys very much.

John is now kindly supporting the Housing Team with running a crafts group or residents living at St. Bartholomew's.

Thank-you John!





## Word Search

### The Victorians

Drill  
 Trains  
 Electricity  
 Overlooker  
 Inventors  
 Pollution  
 Motorcar  
 Workhouse  
 Coalmines  
 Chalk  
 Dunce  
 Lace  
 Slate  
 Skipping  
 Hopscotch  
 Cane  
 Spinningtop  
 Strict  
 Privy  
 Trams

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### STMG Quiz Night

St. Margaret's had a great time for their second quiz night with The Housing Team. The winning team celebrated with their scrumptious chocolates and their very own certificates.





Subject to change

# May Activities 2019

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION / TIME
Wednesday 1st	Coffee Morning Knit and Natter	St Margaret's, 10.30 St Margaret's, 2.00
Thursday 2nd	Craft Club	St Bartholomew's, 2.00
Friday 3rd	Lunch Club & Activities	St Bartholomew's, 12.30
Monday 6th	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
Tuesday 7th	Lunch Club & Tesco Activities	St Bartholomew's, 12.30
Wednesday 8th	Social Morning Games Club	St Mark's, 10.30 St Margaret's, 2.00
Thursday 9th	Movie Afternoon with a Pudding	St Bartholomew's, 2.00
Friday 10th	Lunch Club & Activities	St Bartholomew's, 12.30
Monday 13th	Day Trip BINGO	Weston-Super-Mare, 9.30 St Philip's, 3.00
Wednesday 15th	Coffee Morning Book Club	St Bartholomew's, 10.30 St Margaret's, 2.00
Thursday 16th	Singing Group	St Margaret's, 2.00
Friday 17th	Lunch Club & Activities	St Bartholomew's, 12.30
Monday 20th	Shopping Fish and Chips	Sainsbury's, 9.30 St Bartholomew's, 5.00
Wednesday 22nd	Coffee Morning	St Philip's, 10.30
Thursday 23rd	Games Afternoon	St Philip's, 12.30
Friday 24th	Lunch Club & Activities	St Bartholomew's, 12.30
Monday 27th	<b>SPRING BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
Wednesday 29th	Movie Afternoon with a Pudding Fish and Chips	St Philip's, 2.00 St Margaret's (Kimbrose), 4.30
Thursday 30th	Games Afternoon Monthly Lunch Out	St Mark's, 2.00 TBC, 11.10
Friday 31st	Lunch Club & BINGO	St Bartholomew's, 12.30

Activities are open to all Residents on a 'first come first served' principle. If you require assistance a relative or friend should accompany you. A deposit will be required for trips. **TO BOOK MEAL DELIVERIES** (Tue - Wed - Thursday), **LUNCH CLUBS** (Monday - Friday), **SHOPPING** or **OUTINGS PLEASE CALL HEAD OFFICE on 01452 500429**. For further information about individual activities, please see posters on your notice boards or speak to a member of staff.

