



Welcome to the  
**TAMAHERE VISTA**  
December 2019



I can hardly believe that almost another year has gone by with Christmas and a new year just around the corner. How different our village is looking with a hospital and new apartments almost completed. Life certainly doesn't stand still.

Last month I spoke about the possibility of getting a car washing service going here for residents who can't or don't want to clean their cars themselves. I am really pleased to say that we are now in business!

I have already given the information to the people who contacted me showing interest



in this service and they have the details. Our "car cleaner" is available on most Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 pm and he will be able to clean two cars (both inside and out) during this time. All you need to do is to contact him to book your car in and he will come and pick it up and return it when completed, all

for a donation of \$25.00. Please contact me on 856 9269 if you would like more information.

At our last Residents' Committee meeting the subject of confidentiality was discussed and, in particular, the inclusion of telephone numbers in this newsletter. If you submit material for inclusion in the **Vista** which has your name and/or contact details shown and you are concerned about this, would you please let me know and I will ensure that it is addressed.

Personally, I do not believe that "scammers" are going to read through this newsletter on the Tamahere Eventide web site and extract names and phone numbers to target, especially in the light of the recent talk given to us by the Community Police Constable, who explained just how big "scamming" is across the world. However, I do respect that others may feel differently.



What I can do is to only show your first name and your villa number, so that if other residents want to contact you, they can look up your phone number from the contact list they have.

I will be taking bookings for the Christmas Day lunch here in the village. As in previous years, the cost will be added to your monthly account. Please let me know by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December whether you would like to be part of this and the number of people you are booking for.

Jean Robertson, Editor

**PS:** I have just had my car returned from being cleaned and I don't think it has been so shiny since it was new. Jean

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### **NEWS FROM THE RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE**

Hello again to you all, and a warm welcome to the new residents to our village.



The end of each year may appear to some of us that it seems to gather even more speed as we try to find spaces in our diaries. I realise that this is not what happens for everyone. I hope that you are aware of your neighbours, especially any who rarely venture out - a smile and a wave often is all that is needed to bring a smile in return and then perhaps a chat.



As a committee we are delighted that Karen is back and so full of ideas for activities and outings. Jean and I meet with Karen frequently as we look at the different suggestions and ideas which we hope will catch your imagination and interest. The Inter-Village Quiz held here recently was a great opportunity to "showcase" Tamahere.

I have recently discovered that the new apartments, which are above the hospital wing, are to have "open days" to encourage possible interested people to come and have a "look-see". I hope that there will be a lot of interest from people who, in turn, will become residents along with us.

### **Specific occasions that are well advanced with planning:**

- Wesley Chapel Service on Christmas day will be held at 11.00 am. This is the time that has been chosen for all mid-week services. I will be leading that.
- Christmas Day Lunch for residents, who enjoy company rather than sitting alone in their villas.

#### Details:

The cost of the meal will be \$27.00, and this will be charged to your monthly account. Bookings need to be made through Jean (856 9269).

Residents may invite family members.

The menu will be as provided in the Rest Home and to those who have it delivered to their villas. It is not possible to offer alternatives.

The meal has been requested for 12.30 pm.

Water will be provided but those attending are welcome to bring their own preferences.

#### And, most importantly, the menu is:

Roast Turkey with cranberry stuffing

Gravy and cranberry jelly

Roast Loin of Pork

Minted new potatoes

Baby carrots, kumara and parsnip bake

Melon and Prosciutto salad, followed by .....

Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce



- Bus Outing to Raglan has been arranged for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. We will be using the same company as last year - Go Bus - which has comfortable seats and plenty of space for walking frames. There will be no cost for the trip but a deposit will be requested to ensure that interested residents make a commitment. I am going to Raglan soon so that I can make plans for local interesting places to visit and to arrange for a fish and chip lunch! I will get more information to you before Christmas when everything seems to STOP!



I wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

**Mary West, Chairperson**

**FROM KAREN, OUR ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR**

Here is a breakdown of some of the activities planned for December. If other things come up in the meantime, we will let you know separately.



<u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec:</u>	Choir Concert at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. Operatunity "Christmas at the Proms" leaving at 10.00.
<u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec:</u>	Christmas Lunch at 12.00 pm.
<u>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:</u>	Choir Concert at 1.30 pm at Assisi. Murray's Mobile Shoes in the Community Centre between 10.00 am-2.00 pm.
<u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:</u>	Barbara Durrant Jewellery at 10.30 am
<u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:</u>	Trip to Donovan's Chocolate at 10.00 am.
<u>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:</u>	Trip to Cambridge Christmas Festival at 10.00 am. Flute Group in Community Centre at 2.30 pm.
<u>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:</u>	Cambridge Ear Clinic here from 8.40 am for ear cleaning. please make appointments through Lynne or Sandy in reception. The cost is \$55.00.
<u>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:</u>	Happy Hour at 3.30 pm.

There will be an evening trip to see the Christmas lights and you will be advised of the date when this is confirmed.

The last of our regular shopping trips for the year will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December to Chartwell and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to New World. However, I will be taking the van to New World on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December for a final shopping trip before Christmas and then again on the 30<sup>th</sup> December.

Many thanks to all the residents who have filled their bags and returned their contributions for the Foodbank Christmas donations.

I wish you all a safe, happy and wonderful Christmas and New Year. I also thank everybody for the support they have given me.

**Karen Bridewell**



### FROM THE CHAPLAINS' DESK



As we very quickly come to the end of 2019 - what a year it has been. So much has happened in the world and here at Tamahere Eventide Home and Retirement Village. We give thanks to God for all good things.

I offer you the following thoughts for you to contemplate as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Christmas is coming: Keep watch for all the parents, caregivers, grandparents already afraid of Christmas; afraid the money won't last; afraid the children will be disappointed; afraid of family rows; afraid of being tired; afraid of it all being too much.

Christmas is coming: Keep watch with the young people. Already in overdrive. Planning parties; buying luxury presents for those who don't need them; filling time. Christmas exposes emptiness. Let us look out for those who are lonely and scared.

Christmas is coming: Keep watch with the elderly. Already fearful. It can be such a lonely time. And it goes on so long. Christmas Eve, and excited families gather at home, but who will the elderly be with this night? TV and a cup of Milo! Christmas Day, and will they be fetched for lunch, but are the elderly really wanted out of love or duty?

Christmas night: memories and regrets and feeling of being alone.

Lord, may Christmas be good news for millions of your anxious and tired people this year. May the angels sing for them. May Christ be born in them. May your love be shared among all nations.

**Carol**

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### VILLAGE BIRTHDAYS TO BE CELEBRATED IN DECEMBER 2019

Our best wishes go to the following people as they enjoy birthdays this month:

Eileen M	V20	Noel	V9	Jeanette	V39
Colleen P	V97	Colleen S	V48	Mary	V82
Beatrice	V63	Betty	V43	Eileen B	V3
Gladys B	V81	Isa	V73		

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun had posted a note on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching". Moving along the lunch line at the other end of the table was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote on a note "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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## VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN



### Quote of the Month:

"Yesterday is not ours to recover but tomorrow is ours to win or lose"  
(LB Johnson)

### Villas:

Sold - 35	Margaret & Barney Boreham moved in during November
Still for sale	51, 72 and 80
Apartment 7	Michael Anderson moving in (above hospital)

We have been running open days in the village for prospective purchasers of the apartments and the villas. Our radio advertising is continuing, supplemented by a newspaper article in the Grey Power magazine and the free community newspapers.

I appreciate that bringing large numbers of people into the village impacts on your quiet enjoyment of our facilities, but these are our potential neighbours. Thank you for the way you continue to greet new people into our community.

There will be an opportunity in December for residents of the village to see through our hospital and apartment complex and we will advertise that in due course. An official opening will be held in the new year.



We are experiencing vehicles moving at a high speed through the village since we have opened up the service road. We do not want to put vehicle restrictions such as speed humps on this piece of road as heavier vehicles will be using it long term. Could you please stick to the speed limit and ask your visitors to do the same, as we do have a number of people with mobility restrictions walking on these roads.

Just a reminder to village residents that the café closes on public holidays. The main reason for this is that the cost of staff that we are required to pay penal rates for on these days would mean that we would need to increase our prices. Our main concern is to try and keep food prices at a reasonable level to allow access for everyone who requires a meal.

**David McGeorge**

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## BOWLS REPORT



We were happy to welcome Barney Boreham, who has joined us for bowls. He's an experienced player and we know he will enjoy his time with us.

The last day for organised bowls in 2019 will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. People wanting to play after that day can organise a game for themselves. Organised bowls will recommence on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. See you at 8:50 to enter your name in for the day's competition.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas.



**Helen Periam**

## Laura's Hippeastrums

When Laura Bennett took up residence in her new unit in 2010, she brought with her from the north a few of her treasured bulbs and pot plants. But none attracted the degree of attention as her collection of potted hippeastrums. Each spring they would raise their colourful heads above the low brick wall of her Villa 51 deck to welcome those who drove in to Eventide from the Cherry Lane entrance. The blooms were always huge – in vibrant reds, and whites, and striped variations.



But Laura needed to bid farewell to her villa and most of her possessions earlier this year – and move to the Rimu wing of the rest home. The twenty pots of hippeastrums just had to go! All except a few!

She kept just five pots – and from these more than a dozen heads began appearing during October. Although in poor health, Laura began each day by investigating the state of her beloved hippeastrums. What colours would they be? How many blooms would each stem produce this year? Would they open in time for my birthday?



And the day after her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday just three weeks ago, the first of the blooms opened. And they were probably the largest and strongest and most vividly coloured they had ever been. As well as adding an extra dash of colour to the northern outlook of the Rimu wing, the hippeastrums have provided a special time of joy to a very special resident.

*(Kindly provided by Gary Bennett, Laura's son)*

I first met O'Reilly when I was in St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, England. He was in the same ward as me and was lying, quite still, in the bed next to me when I awoke early on that Friday morning.

I was taken aback because he was swathed in bandages from head to toe, with just two little slits for his eyes and this made it difficult to engage him in conversation. However, later that same day, his best friend, Dermot Callaghan, came to visit him and their conversation went as follows:

"What happened to you?" asked Callaghan.

"I staggered out of the pub and a lorry hit me a glancing blow and knocked me through the Co-op's plate glass window," mumbled O'Reilly.

"Begorrah" exclaimed Callaghan in his broad Munster accent,

"It's a good job you were wearing all those bandages or you'd have been cut to ribbons!"

## CHOIR REPORT

Our Christmas concerts take place on:

Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Chapel

Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.00 pm in the Café

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm at Assisi



The Choir Practice on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December will be in the Café to set up for the Tuesday concert and get the feel of the different acoustics.

The Choir will go into recession following the concert at Assisi, but members will be asked to join the scooter group to sing carols around the village at a date to be organised by Colin.

Next year's programme will get underway in January 2020 – probably about Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. Members will receive an email, note or phone call closer to the time. Meantime enjoy your break.

May Christmas bring you blessings of love, hope and peace.

**Ann Bunney**



Following their winning of the World Cup recently, it was a great privilege to have the Captain of the Kiwi Ferns Rugby League 9's Women's Team (Honey Hireme) visit our village on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

As you can see from the photos many of us had the opportunity of holding the cup.

**Congratulations Honey!**



I experienced the WORST customer service today at a shop. I don't want to mention the name of the shop because I'm not sure how I'm going to proceed.

I bought something from this shop. I paid cash for it. I took it home and found out that it didn't work.

So today, less than 24 hours later, I took it back and asked if I could get a refund. The girl in the shop said "NO", even though I still had the receipt. I asked if I could get a replacement instead. Again, she said "NO". I asked to speak to a manager, as I was really annoyed.

I explained that I had just bought the item, had got it home and it didn't work. The manager just smiled and told me to my face that I was "OUT OF LUCK". No refund, NO FREE REPLACEMENT.

I'll tell you what ..... I am NEVER buying another Lotto Ticket from there again!



## ATAWHAI ASSISI CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION

The past month has been a time for reflecting and remembering, and also celebrating and looking forward with joy. Our annual Remembrance Service was held in the Chapel with people from both Atawhai Assisi and Tamahere Eventide present and participating. Staff, family and friends remembered and celebrated the lives of residents who died over the previous eighteen months.

The liturgy included poems and other readings, reflections by a staff member and an invitation to place flowers into a bowl of water surrounded by candle-light. It was a very special occasion and those who gathered appreciated the beautiful supper and the opportunity to reconnect with one another.



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November we gathered to celebrate the fulfilment of a dream and vision, and the many gifts and talents which led to a beautiful new aviary, built by our Maintenance Manager Andrew Mainey. David McGeorge thanked Murray Powell for his donation to and involvement with the aviary and the efforts which had made the project possible. Murray thanked all those who have played a significant role in the creation of this new facility and officially opened it by cutting the ribbon. Blessings flowed, including rain from the skies, confirming our sense of God's presence and activity in our community and in the creation around us.

The new aviary, aptly named



The ribbon was cut by Murray



Murray and friend



### THE BLESSING

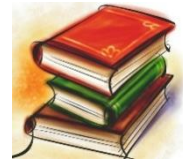
May this haven shelter the life entrusted within.  
May nothing life-taking ever cross the threshold.  
May it be a place of safety and tranquillity, filled with peace.  
May the peace within become gift to all who find their way here.  
May the beauty of colours, song and movement  
lift the spirits of those within and those without.  
May no visitor ever leave without a gift  
and no guest ever leave without offering a blessing  
for all they have received  
that will continue to feed their souls as they journey on  
Amen.



Rev Sandy Neal TSSF



## THE BOOK GROUP



### **Queen of the Desert by Georgina Howell:** (From Beatrice Hughes)

The story of Gertrude Bell, an amazing woman who overcame all obstacles with great fortitude. She was born into a life of privilege in 1868 but forsook it for her passion for the Arab people. She travelled the length of Turkey and Iraq riding a camel and learned to speak Arabic fluently. She endured hostility, atrocious conditions and weather with little help. Dying in 1926, she left a benevolent and effective Iraq government.

### **Ivory Moon by Sally Henderson:** (From Colleen Potter)

Getting lost and found among the desert elephants of Namibia, a fascinating story of a couple who volunteer to run a remote safari camp in the parched Namib Desert, catering with local staff for wealthy eco tourists. All food and water were provided from sources many hours travel away.

### **Eleanor Oliphant is completely Fine by Gail Honeyman:** (From Nina Curran)

Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She wears the same type of clothes to work each day, eats the same meal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend. One simple act of kindness shatters the walls she has built around herself. Now she has to learn to navigate the world around herself and to relate to people while searching for courage to face the dark corners she has avoided all her life. Change can be good, change can be bad, but surely any change is better than - fine?

### **All Happy Families - A Memoir by Jeanne McCulloch:** (From Gladys Button)

This true story opens with the preparation for the wedding of the author and gives the background of all involved, including her wealthy alcoholic father, who suffers a massive stroke the following day. Repercussions follow with both her own and her new husband's family for many years.

For various reasons we were a small group this month. We would greatly welcome anyone who would like to join us at 3.00 pm on the third Thursday of the month.

**Nina Curran, 856 4446**

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## VISION IMPAIRED GROUP NOTES



Our final coffee morning for this year was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> in the café.

Our meetings and coffee mornings will resume in January 2020 (see January's Vista dates). Anyone is welcome to join us at our get-togethers.



**Jill Wilson (Group Supporter)**

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## CHERRY LANE ENTRANCE GARDEN

### NEWS FROM TREVOR HORNBY - DAHLIAS

Our dahlias have been consolidated in four distinct areas to simplify maintenance and, in particular, to make watering easier, an essential and regular task during summer.

The most visible area now, due to the changes in vehicle circulation, is the corner bed leading to the gully gate. There are now 60 dahlia clusters replanted in this area after division, with compost ("Pig-n-shit" from Amber Nursery) and blood and bone meal added.

There is another large area, opposite villa 37, with 43 clusters. This is a mix of new divided plants and roughly reduced clusters of tubers, no compost added. Next year this area will be lifted, divided and replanted with compost and blood and bone meal.

The long narrow bed along the east-west boundary path remains, with additional planting and a total of 43 plants. This area has been treated the same as adjacent larger area opposite villa 37.

The fourth and smallest area next to the garden bench near the control gate has not been altered and has 18 clusters.

The grand total is 164 clusters. Next year these plants will be removed and used in the other dahlia areas to replace excess flower types /colours and to increase low numbers of particular flower types. Completion of naming the dahlias and effective labelling will facilitate this. The goal is to have three dahlia areas with at least three of each flower type/colour.

### **CHERRY TREE**

A weeping, flowering cherry tree is to replace the recently removed old cherry tree near the control gate.



### **IRIS RYZZOME REQUEST**



Please talk to Trevor Hornby if you are willing to donate a few of your iris rhizomes when they have finished flowering. A multi-coloured display on the corner of the dahlia bed next to the large rocks would add another seasonal display.

The sunshine is there for the asking,  
Inviting me out to be basking,  
And at the same time  
I can conjure a rhyme  
And indulge in my own multitasking



Thank you  
Len  
for all your  
wonderful  
contributions



### **NOW - HERE'S A QUESTION FOR YOU!**

Whereabouts in our beautiful village would you find the place where this cat is helping him/herself to a drink?

The first resident to ring me with the correct answer will receive a "magnificent gift"!!

Ring me on 856 9269 to claim your prize.

The Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank - based in Hillcrest - desperately needs more volunteers to help prepare food parcels. If you would like more information please phone Ruth (the manager) on 8562521.

### **JUST JOKING AROUND**

Murphy says to Paddy, "What's ya talkin into an envelope for?"

Paddy replies, "I'm sending a voice mail you damn fool!"

[wassupblog.com](http://wassupblog.com)



### **Irish Joke**

An American tourist asks an Irishman, "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats."

The Irishman replies, "They have to fall backwards. If they fell forwards they'd still be in the boat!"



Mujibar was trying to get a job in India. The Personnel Manager said, 'Mujibar, you have passed all the tests, except one. Unless you pass it, you cannot qualify for this job.' Mujibar said, 'I am ready.'

The manager said, 'Make a sentence using the words **Yellow**, **Pink**, and **Green**.'

Mujibar said, 'The telephone goes **green**, **green**, and I **pink** it up, and say, **Yellow**, this is Mujibar.'

Mujibar now works at a call centre. You've probably spoken to him. I know I have.

**May the blessings of Christmas be with you all**



## Tamahere Retirement Village – Calendar of Events for December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <a href="#">SUNDAY ROAST</a>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Dr Susan Thompson	<b>2</b> 9.15 Balance Class/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Kevin McNeil/Chapel 2.50 Choir Practice/CC	<b>3</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Operatunity 10.30 Chartwell 10.30 Exercises/Gym 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW 1.30 Eastside Singers/C 2.00 Choir Concert/CC	<b>4</b> 9.15 Strength Excs/CC 10.30 New World 10.30 Saint Stephens children/C 12.00 Xmas Lunch/CC 7.00 Snooker	<b>5</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Swimming 1.30 RJ's Music/C 1.30 Bingo/cc	<b>6</b> 9.15 Back Strgth/CC 10.00 Knit & Natter/cc 10-2 Murray Shoes/CC 10.30 L'il Pumpkins/C 11.00 Catholic Mass/C 1.30 Vocal Duo/C 1.30 Choir at Assisi	<b>7</b> 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>8</b> <a href="#">SUNDAY ROAST</a>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Metui Tafuna	<b>9</b> 9.15 Balance Class/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.10 Louise Henry/C	<b>10</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 Chartwell 10.30 Jewellery Stall 10.30 Exercises/Gym 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW 1.30 Glen Carley/C	<b>11</b> 9.15 Strength Excs/CC 10.30 New World 10.30 C&CwC/cc 1.30 Two's Company/C 5.30 Evening Meal/CC 7.00 Snooker	<b>12</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Swimming 10.00 Donovans Choc	<b>13</b> <a href="#">PODIATRIST HERE</a>  9.15 Back Strength/CC 10.00 Knit & Natter/cc 1.30 Geoff Walker/C 2.30 Flute Group/CC	<b>14</b> 11.00 Catholic Commun/C 2.00 Scooter Club  6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>15</b> <a href="#">SUNDAY ROAST</a>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Gillian Woodward	<b>16</b> 8.40 Ear Clinic/cc 9.15 Balance Class/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Big John/C	<b>17</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 Chartwell 10.30 Exercises/Gym 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW 1.30 Carol/Glenda/Bev/C	<b>18</b> 9.15 Strength Excs/CC 10.30 New World 11.00 Holy Commn/C 1.30 Lorene Elliot/C 5.30 Evening Meal/CC 7.00 Snooker	<b>19</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Swimming 1.30 Margaret Love/C 3.00 Book Club/cc	<b>20</b> 9.15 Back Strength/CC 10.00 Knit & Natter/cc 10.30 Peter King/C 3.30 Happy Hour/CC	<b>21</b> 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>22</b> <a href="#">SUNDAY ROAST</a>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Carol Hancock	<b>23</b> 9.15 Balance Class/CC 10.30 I-Pad Class/cc 10.30 New World 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Laurie & Piri/C	<b>24</b> 10.30 Exercises/Gym 1.30 Danny Savage/C 11.00 Assisi Carol & Communion Service	<b>25</b> <a href="#">CHRISTMAS DAY</a>  11.00 Service/Mary West 12.30 Christmas Lunch (must be booked in advance) - see page 1	<b>26</b> <a href="#">BOXING DAY</a>  CAFÉ CLOSED  <a href="#">Statutory Holiday</a>	<b>27</b> 10.00 Knit & Natter/cc	<b>28</b> 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
<b>29</b> <a href="#">SUNDAY ROAST</a>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Joan Myles	<b>30</b> 9.15 Balance Class/CC 10.30 New World 1.00 Games etc/CC	<b>31</b> <a href="#">NEW YEAR'S EVE</a> 10.30 Exercises/Gym	C=Chapel, CC=Community Centre, cc=Small Lounge in CC, SW=Susanna Wesley Room, ACR=Activities Room, AC=Assisi Chapel, CwC=Coffee & chat with Chaplains, MC&C= Men's Coffee & Chat. All activities shown in green are arranged by the Rest Home and Village residents are welcome to attend.			