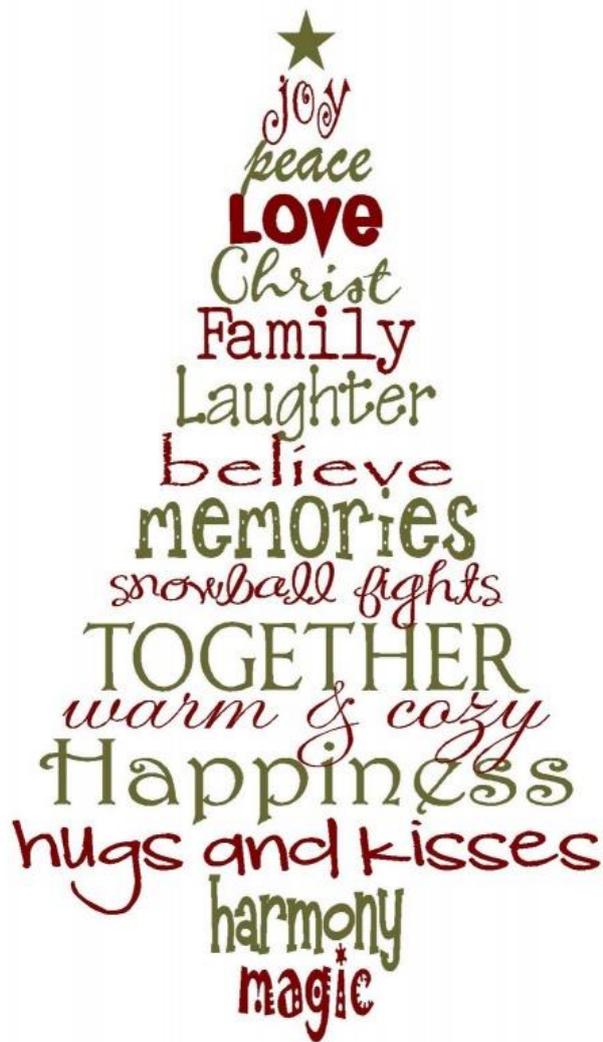


# CASTLE HOUSE NEWS

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**DECEMBER 2019**





Christmas is almost upon us. Very soon we will all be surrounded by twinkling lights and beautifully decorated trees.

The elves have been busy plotting and planning a wonderful December for us all to enjoy. Look out for them as they create mayhem around the Home.

We have lots of activities, visitors and special events to look forward to throughout the month, we will all be utterly exhausted by the 25th.

I hope that you will be able to join us in our festivities.

We will be starting our Christmas season by holding a Candlelit Memorial Service, on 8th

December at 3pm. We know how difficult the first Christmas without our loved ones can be and therefore, would like to hold this short service, as a pause, before we enter the busyness of Christmas. It is a chance to think about those whom we have loved and lost over the past twelve months, to gather memories up in our hearts and move forward into the festivities. If you would like to join us you would be really welcome.

LOU



What have we been getting up to over the past month.....

## Rural Life Museum Visit

Barbara C to write something





**BBC**

# Children in Need

We had a fabulous day raising money for Children in Need. The day started with a Where's Walley theme. Morning. Annette put her artistic skills to use and painted a super game. Lou got laminating and sent everyone on a Where's Walley hunt and we had a look through a few Where's Walley books. After we were 'Wallyed out' we moved onto the serious business of the Bake Off.

We were blown away by the number of entries for the Bake Off this year, Each category had a super display of delicious delights. Our panel of judges had the difficult job of choosing the winning baked goods.

Tray Bakes –Joint first

Emily and her chocolate cupcakes & Roo with her Pudsey Bear cupcakes.

Savoury—Sylvia Privett

Classic—Tina W with her Lemon Drizzle Cake

Showstopper—Liz and her basket of flowers

Our Annual Duck Race was won by Sally and her duck

# REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

James to write something



## **WHIST DRIVE**

We have started playing Whist, mostly on a Sunday afternoon. We would love to have a special afternoon and hold our own Whist Drive, would you join us?

## On a lighter note.....

George to find five jokes



# *Birthday Wishes for December*

**Flora**      **2nd**  
**Diana**     **9th**  
**Audre**    **18th**  
**Bridget**   **31st**



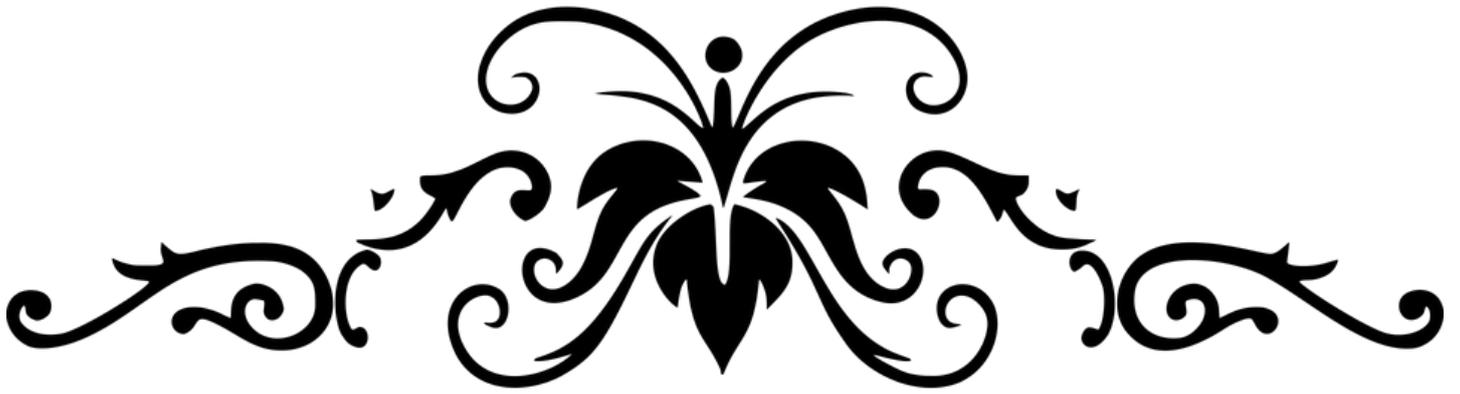
**Happy Birthday from all at Castle House!**

*The flower of the month for December is ...*



## **THE NARCISSUS (PAPERWHITE)**

Narcissus conveys that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are.



## CASTLE HOUSE WELCOMES

JOINING THE FAMILY AT CASTLE HOUSE THIS MONTH  
WE WELCOME;

### RESIDENTS

Audre, Flora, June and Stanley

### STAFF

Jane RN

Jonathan RN

# Dates to Remember

## December 2019



### Candlelight Memorial Service

8th December at 3pm

We will gather together with the families of those who we lost throughout the year to remember them as we enter the Christmas season.



### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

With Rev Jane Durham



### VISITS FROM OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

10am Carols with Keinton Village Primary School

2pm Lovington Primary School Nativity



**19th December at 12.30**

We are soooooo excited for this year's party!

# YOUR SAY...

Congratulations Bernadette who has passed her driving test!

We would like to use this page as a forum for you , the reader, to have your say. It can be anything from a word of encouragement to a gardening tip, all are welcome to contribute.

If you could leave your comments at reception in an envelope marked 'Newsletter' that would be wonderful .



Jo Oram—Freedom to Speak Champion



## **IT Club**

We are enjoying IT club!

We've been rather taken by Pinterest, it's amazing what we've found by simply clicking through it's pages. The conversations it has sparked off have been wonderful. Looking at different Christmas decorations and choosing our favourite colour schemes. Red and Gold is a firm favourite.

It has been wonderful to introduce some of residents to the idea of a Kindle. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to find large print books quickly enough to keep up with some of our resident's insatiable reading appetite. Being able to enlarge the font on the screen of a Kindle has been mind blowing for many of them. If you're stuck for a Christmas gift idea I would seriously consider one.

Jigsaw puzzle apps has also been a huge hit. Some of us struggle picking up pieces of a jigsaw puzzle so these apps are a wonderful alternative.





## ELVES HAVE ENTERED THE BUILDING!

We woke up on the 1st of December to discover two new residents with mischievous grins.

So far they have had a game of scrabble and Hide and Seek in the knitting bags.

Yesterday we found them climbing into our post box with a tiny envelope, I wonder who they could be writing to?

This morning they were caught making quite a mess, baking in the lounge.....whatever next!?!

Keep an eye out for them whenever you come to visit us throughout December, they could be anywhere!

