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Christmas Fundraiser



Spellman Care Celebrates Milestone Fifth Year of Christmas Giving with Record-Breaking Donations (continued)

...delivery of presents aboard the group's popular minibus, bringing a season of hope to local children.

Reflecting Spellman Care's core values of Kindness, Dignity, and Compassion, the appeal has become a cornerstone of the

group's commitment to the community. For half a decade, the homes have acted as hubs of generosity, but this year reached new heights of engagement.

In a first for the group, Spellman Care invited the local community to vote for the beneficiary of this year's collection. With a significant 36-point lead, 'The Secret Santa Appeal' was chosen as the winning cause, following a shortlist that included the Memory Lane Trust CIC, The Fairy Giftmother (Airedale Hospital), Skipton Food Bank, and Family Action.

Collection points were established across all four Spellman Care homes: Craven Nursing Home (Skipton), Ghyll Royd Care Home (Guiseley), Springbank Care Home (Silsden), and Steeton Court Nursing Home (Steeton).

The response was staggering. A vast and vibrant variety of gifts were donated by residents, their relatives, staff, and the wider public. The collection included everything from Hot Wheels cars, dolls, and teddy bears to board games, cosmetics, and LEGO, ensuring that children aged 0-16 will have a gift to open this Christmas.

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'Santa' handing out presents at Craven Nursing Home

HOW SHARED TRADITIONS AND LOCAL TALENT BROUGHT SPELLMAN CARE'S 35TH CHRISTMAS TO LIFE

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As the festive season draws to a close, residents and teams at Spellman Care's four homes — Craven Nursing Home, Ghyll Royd Care Home, Springbank Care Home, and Steeton Court Nursing Home — are reflecting on a Christmas defined by community... (continued on page 2)

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...spirit and a busy calendar of local entertainment. For the family-run group, which marked its 35th anniversary this year, the Christmas period has been a wonderful opportunity to foster a “home from home” atmosphere while ensuring residents remain at the heart of local life.

The run-up to Christmas saw the homes transformed into vibrant hubs for local talent. Residents enjoyed a varied programme of music, ranging from the youthful energy of school choirs and dance troupes to much-loved professional entertainers. Among these were the renowned vocal trio The Bluebirds, whose nostalgic style is a firm favourite across the country, from performances on Saga Cruises to various Armed Forces gatherings, having previously performed at various Spellman Care events, their return during the Christmas season was much anticipated.

The group also continued its commitment to supporting up-and-coming talent by welcoming rising singer Molly Imogen, alongside popular performances from Louis Devere and Craig Carlisle. By seeking out both established touring groups and talented local stars, the homes ensure that residents have access to high-quality entertainment that reflects their diverse interests.

Beyond the music, the arrival of KL Pony Therapy provided a unique therapeutic experience. The miniature ponies, who are now expert navigators of the homes' lifts, visited residents in their rooms and lounges, sparking conversations and offering a gentle, tactile connection that proved to be a highlight of the season... (continued on page 3)

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...“ resident in attendance could participate in the tasting and judging thanks to this dedication. We extend a massive thank you to every single person who made the day possible—from our incredible chefs and the hosting kitchen team at Steeton Court, to our Activity Coordinators,



Housekeeping Team, and the Minibus and WAV drivers who ensured our residents could attend safely. These wonderful events simply wouldn't be possible without the support and dedication of every member of the Spellman Care community.”

The Spellman Care Christmas Cake Competition not only celebrates the culinary talents within the group but also reinforces the strong community bond and the commitment to resident engagement and inclusive dining across all homes.

Spellman Care Celebrates Milestone Fifth Year of Christmas Giving with Record-Breaking Donations

Spellman Care, a family-run group of nursing and residential homes, has marked a significant milestone this month, concluding its fifth annual Christmas Appeal. The 2025 initiative culminated in a festive... (continued on page 8)



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...with a separate gluten and dairy-free alternative. Ghyl Royd showcased a deeply poignant 'Tranquillity in Hostility' cake, inspired by the WWI Christmas truce, accompanied by an impressive IDDSI Level 3 (moderately thick/liquidised) gingerbread

man alternative.

The residents, serving as the official judges, thoroughly enjoyed the difficult task of selecting the winner. Craven Nursing Home secured the Runner-Up spot with their magnificent, detailed gingerbread village and an accompanying vegan alternative. A huge congratulations to Trevor, Jake, and the entire Craven Nursing Home kitchen team!

Steeton Court Nursing Home were 'chuffed' to take home the trophy with their incredible, highly festive 'Spellman Express' steam train cake. The winning display was a true testament to baking skill and inclusivity, as it also featured a perfect, high-quality IDDSI Level 5 (minced and moist) alternative.

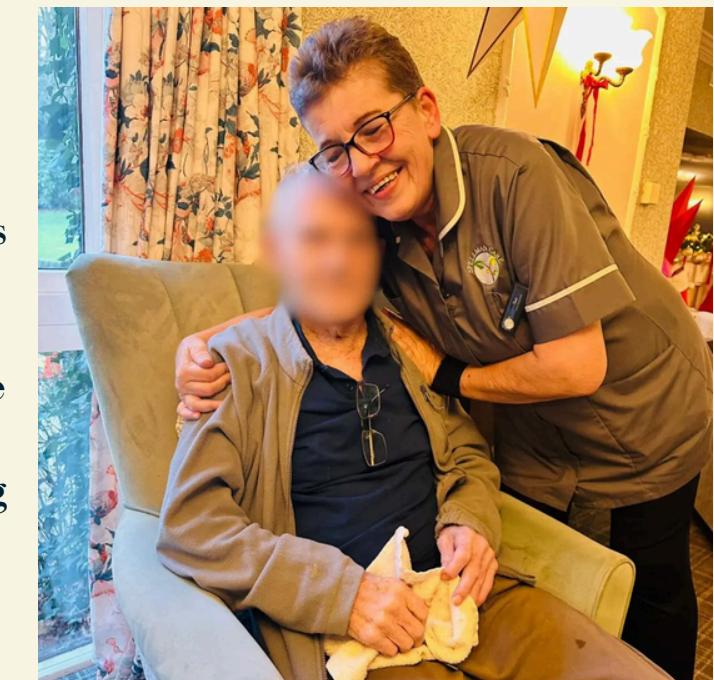
Philippa Young, Spellman Care's Operations Manager, commented, "What a fantastic day and what a way to kick off the festive season! This event truly embodies the heart of our community. The commitment shown by our chefs to the modified bakes was outstanding. It is hugely important to us that every single resident feels involved and is able to enjoy the festive fun safely, regardless of dietary requirements or texture needs. We were thrilled that every" ... (continued on page 7)

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...At the core of these celebrations is a deeply rooted family ethos. Since Mick and Tony Spellman founded Steeton Court thirty-five years ago, the group has remained family-run, maintaining a focus on high-quality, personal care. This sense of family was particularly



evident throughout December, with lounges across all four homes filled with relatives and friends sharing in the traditions that make the season special.

From the annual Christmas Cake Competition—won this year by Steeton Court's "Spellman Express" bake—to the simple joy of a shared afternoon tea, the focus has remained on inclusive community activities.

Steven Spellman, Director of Spellman Care, said: "For thirty-five years, our family has focused on creating an environment that doesn't just provide care, but provides a community. Having so many families visit us over Christmas is what truly makes our homes feel complete. These festivities are about much more than a busy calendar; they are about preventing the social isolation that can be so common in winter by keeping our residents connected to their loved ones and the wider world. It is that sense of belonging that turns a care home into a true family."

Christmas Day itself was simply magical across the group, centred entirely around family and togetherness. Residents at all four homes enjoyed the pure joy of opening gifts from loved ones and the Spellman Care teams, followed by spectacular... (continued on page 4)

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... traditional Christmas dinners. At Craven Nursing Home, the day was made even more special as they welcomed back Santa Claus for his much-anticipated annual visit, bringing smiles and gifts to the whole home community.

The energy continued into Boxing Day, which remained just as busy with Fascinating Rhythm performing at Springbank and high-stakes Bingo sessions held at Ghyll Royd. At Steeton Court, a lively game of Bingo even led to the discovery of a resident who is a real-life explorer, having visited Disney an incredible sixteen times. These moments of laughter and personal connection have ensured that this 35th anniversary Christmas was one of the group's most memorable yet.

All Aboard the Spellman Express! Steeton Court Clinches Victory in Annual Spellman Care Christmas Cake Competition

The spirit of festive competition and culinary excellence was on full display as Spellman Care successfully hosted its highly anticipated Annual Christmas Cake Competition for 2025. This cherished yearly event brought... (continued on page 5)



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...together the talented chefs from all four Spellman Care homes, with the judging panel composed entirely of the group's discerning residents.

This year's competition was proudly hosted at Steeton Court Nursing Home, and the residents

'votes have officially crowned a new champion.

The event was formally opened by Spellman Care Director Steven Spellman, setting a festive tone for the day. Singer Craig Carlisle hosted the proceedings, ensuring a lively and entertaining atmosphere, while the awards were announced later in the afternoon by Operations Manager Philippa Young.

The day was a resounding success, filled with community spirit and magnificent baking displays. Crucially, the competition placed a significant emphasis on inclusivity and adaptability, reflecting Spellman Care's commitment to ensuring every resident is involved and catered for. The chefs were tasked with not only creating a showstopper cake but also providing high-quality, delicious alternatives that met various dietary, allergy, and texture-modified requirements. This focus ensured that all residents, regardless of their specific needs, could participate fully in the tasting and judging process, highlighting how important it is to the organisation that everyone be involved. The creativity and dedication to these modified aspects were clear across the board: Springbank presented a beautiful Poinsettia-themed cake, complete... (continued on page 6)

