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GHYLL ROYD CARE HOME

Ghyll Royd Care Home Rediscovering Aireborough Roots Ahead of Local History Visit (Continued)

...remains. Nunroyd Beck still flows beneath the modern retail units, leading back to Nunroyd Park, a location that remains a favourite spot for the residents of Ghyll Royd Care Home today.

The investigation into the site's heritage also highlighted the architectural legacy of the Peate family. The Edwardian villas on the neighbouring street, also named Ghyll Royd, were originally commissioned by the Peates specifically for the senior workpeople of the mill, creating a dedicated community directly opposite.

The research further explored the poetic origins of the "Ghyll Royd" name. In local terminology, "Ghyll" refers to a narrow, steep-sided ravine or stream, and, "Royd", is a traditional Yorkshire term for a forest clearing.

The home believes that the word "Royd" in its name likely refers to a clearing in nearby Esholt Woods, which may have historically linked directly to the land at Nunroyd Park.

The transition from a private family estate to a care home reached a significant milestone in 2001, when the home was acquired by Tony Spellman. As the second home to be operated by the Spellman family, the acquisition of Ghyll Royd continues to represent a key chapter in Spellman Care's 35-year legacy.

"We are incredibly proud to be part of a location with such a rich industrial and family heritage," said the management team. "It is wonderful to see that the same sense of community established by the Peates all those years ago continues to thrive within our walls today. We are very much looking forward to the visit from the Aireborough Historical Society in March to learn even more about our roots."

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RESIDENTS EMBARK ON CULINARY JOURNEY

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Residents at Ghyll Royd Care Home were whisked away to the vibrant streets of India last week as part of the home's new monthly 'Taste of the World' culinary series. The event marked the second stop on a global gastronomic tour, following a successful Italian-themed afternoon... (Continued on Page 2)

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...in January.

The home's conservatory was transformed for the occasion, vibrantly decorated with traditional Indian decor to set the scene. To complement the atmosphere, residents enjoyed breathtaking video footage of India showcased on the home's 'Tiny Tablet' - a large, TV-sized

Android touchscreen device that brought the sights of the country to life alongside the flavours.

The dining room was filled with incredible aromas as the home's kitchen team prepared a spectacular themed feast. The extensive menu featured a range of traditional mains, including Keema Bhuna, Cod Tikka Masala, and a fragrant Lentil and Aubergine dish, alongside favourites such as Rogan Josh and Saag Aloo. To ensure an authentic experience, the meal was accompanied by a vast array of sides, including Samosas, Onion Bhajis, Vegetable Pakoras, and fresh Mango Lassi.

The 'Taste of the World' initiative was launched following valuable feedback gathered from the Resident and Relative Survey conducted towards the end of 2025. These surveys are completed on a quarterly basis, reflecting Ghyll Royd and Spellman Care's firm belief that there is always room for improvement and a commitment to introducing fresh, engaging experiences for those in their care.

Robee Gelido, Home Manager at Ghyll Royd Care Home, commented: "We are absolutely delighted with"... (Continued on Page 3)

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Spellman Care Celebrates Nomination for Independent Business of the Year at the 2026 Yorkshire Choice Awards
...independent provider. Being recognised by this nomination at the Yorkshire Choice Awards is a testament to our dedicated team, who live and breathe our commitment to excellence every single day."

The Yorkshire Choice Awards are determined entirely by a public vote. As a local, independent care provider, Spellman Care is calling on the support of the community, residents, and families to help them achieve this honour.



Ghyll Royd Care Home Rediscovering Aireborough Roots Ahead of Local History Visit

Ghyll Royd Care Home has been delving into its local heritage as it prepares to welcome the Aireborough Historical Society this March. The home has been exploring its fascinating origins, uncovering a rich tapestry of industrial and family history that connects the modern care home to the very foundations of the

Guisseley community.

The home stands on the site of the original Ghyll Royd House, once the grand residence of the Peate family. As the owners of the prominent Nunroyd Mill, historically situated directly opposite the home, the Peates, including Noel Peate, were instrumental in shaping the local economy and social landscape of the Edwardian era.

While the Westside Retail Park now stands where the mill once hummed with activity, the geographical history... (Continued on Page 8)

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YORKSHIRE CHOICE AWARDS



Spellman Care Celebrates Nomination for Independent Business of the Year at the 2026 Yorkshire Choice Awards
Spellman Care is delighted to announce that it has been nominated for the prestigious 'Independent Business of the Year' category at the 2026 Yorkshire Choice Awards. This recognition highlights the group's long-standing commitment to the Yorkshire community and its

dedication to providing high-quality, person-centred care.

Established in February 1990 with the opening of Steeton Court Nursing Home, Spellman Care has built a history of almost 36 years as a family-run provider. Throughout these decades, the group has remained proudly independent and run by the Spellman family, growing into a group of four homes, including Ghyll Royd Care Home, Craven Nursing Home, and Springbank Care Home. This independence allows the group to maintain a personal, "home from home" environment for all residents.

While the group has a long-standing presence in the region, the last five years have seen the business formalise its guiding pillars of Kindness, Dignity, and Compassion. These core values ensure that the high standards of care established over the decades continue to evolve to meet the needs of every resident.

Steven Spellman, Director of Spellman Care, commented: "We are incredibly proud to have been nominated for Independent Business of the Year. For almost 36 years, our mission has been to provide an outstanding quality of care as a family-run,"... (Continued on Page 7)

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...the success of our Indian Café. Seeing our residents explore new flavours and share stories over such a beautiful spread is exactly why we started this initiative. It is vital to us that we listen to our residents and their families, and these monthly events are a direct result of our commitment to acting on their feedback to enhance daily life at the home."



Luke, Head Chef at Ghyll Royd Care Home, added: "It has been a joy for the kitchen team to step outside our usual menu and delve into the rich spices and techniques of Indian cuisine. From the cardamom-infused Nankhatai to the saffron-infused Badam Barfi, we wanted to provide an authentic taste experience. Seeing the residents enjoy the food and seeing the dining rooms and conservatory so full of life and scent makes all the preparation worthwhile."



The event also served as a wonderful catalyst for reminiscence. Residents shared how delicious the food was and how lovely it felt to sample different cuisines. For many, the flavours brought back fond memories of eating out in years gone by; one couple specifically recalled the many happy evenings they had spent at their local Indian restaurant in the past.

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LONG SERVICE AWARDS



Steeon Court Nursing Home Celebrates Decades of Dedication with Long Service Awards
Residents and staff at Steeton Court Nursing Home recently gathered for a heartfelt celebration to honour the incredible commitment of several long-serving team members. The presentation, led by Home Manager Caroline Cowland, recognised the profound impact these individuals have made

through their hard work, kindness, and unwavering compassion.

The conservatory was filled to capacity with residents, relatives, and colleagues who came together to share in the milestone. To mark their achievements, each staff member was presented with a card, a commemorative certificate and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The celebratory atmosphere was made even more special with a delicious homemade cake, baked specifically for the occasion by the home's talented Chef, Craig, which was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

The ceremony highlighted a collective wealth of experience, with special recognition given to Shabana, who has reached an extraordinary milestone of 25 years with the home. The event also celebrated the 15-year anniversaries of Umma and Lindsay, while Khansa and Shamila were honoured for 10 years of service. Additionally, Nosheen and Claire were recognised for their five-year milestones at Steeton Court.

Reflecting on the achievement, Home Manager Caroline Cowland said: "It is an absolute privilege to lead such a dedicated and compassionate team. These awards are about more than"... (continued on page 5)

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...just years on a calendar; they represent thousands of hours of kindness, dignity, compassion, and the deep personal connections made with our residents every single day. Seeing our conservatory full of families and staff coming together to celebrate Shabana, Umma,



Lindsay, and the rest of the team shows just how much they mean to the Steeton Court family. They truly are the heart of this home."

These awards follow a historic milestone for the whole Spellman Care group. In 2025, Rachael Houldsworth, Steeton Court's Senior Administrator, became the first colleague in the group's history to achieve 35 years of service, having been part of the team since before the company's first home even opened its doors.

The long service awards at Steeton Court underscore a culture of stability and excellence within the home, ensuring that residents are supported by familiar faces who truly understand their needs.

