
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PREGNANCIES

Our residents, their families, and the teams at Spellamn Care have some wonderful news to celebrate. Kirstie Beard, Activity Coordinator at Steeton Court, and her fiancé Jason are delighted to share that they are expecting a baby!

Sharing her happy news with everyone, Kirstie said:

"A little secret to share with you all... Baby Kearton is due 3rd March. We've decided not to find out the gender, so we're keeping that part of the surprise until the big day. The first trimester has definitely had its moments, including me hiding in the toilet some mornings, trying to get through the sickness at work without anyone noticing!"

Our residents and everyone across Spellman Care send their warmest congratulations and best wishes to Kirstie and Jason as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. We all look forward to following along with updates as the big day approaches, and are delighted that Kirstie and Jason chose to share their news during our monthly 'Spellman Spotlight' activity.

Spellman Care

SPELLMAN SPOTLIGHT

7th September, 2026

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HOME APPEALS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR SUMMER FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

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Steeton Court Nursing Home is appealing to local businesses and community supporters for raffle prize donations ahead of its upcoming Alice in Wonderland Summer Fete on Saturday 12th September, from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

All proceeds raised from the raffle will go directly into the residents'.. (continued on page 2)

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SUMMER FETE

FINAL FETE OF THE SEASON

Home Appeals to Local Businesses for Summer Fete Raffle Prizes (continued)...

In addition to prize donations, residents and team members warmly invite the wider community to mark their calendars, spread the word, and join in for a magical afternoon. The event is completely open to all with free entry for everyone.

Generous donations have already begun pouring in from supportive local partners and businesses, with an exciting range of prizes up for grabs, including:

- Main Prize: A showstopper cake custom-designed and baked by the home's kitchen team
- A £100 voucher courtesy of Shepherd's Partnership
- A £50 Amazon voucher kindly donated by TC Bibby Clinical Waste
- A free 2-hour car valet from David Fishwicks
- 2 Flip Out Children's Trampoline Park Vouchers
- Various other local attraction tickets and prizes

“Our residents are at the heart of everything we do, and our annual summer fete is always a highlight of the year for them,” said event organisers Kirstie Beard and Sarah Oddy. “We are reaching out to local businesses and our wonderful community to ask for support with raffle prize donations. Every penny raised goes directly into our residents’ fund, enabling us to arrange extra trips out, live entertainment, and special experiences throughout the year. Whether you can donate a prize, help spread the word, or join us on the day, your support means the world to us all.”

Taking place from 1.30pm to 4.30pm on 12th September, the Alice in Wonderland-themed fete promises an afternoon filled with traditional summer fun and entertainment for all ages. Celebrations begin at 1.30pm with Charlotte's Dance Group performing an enchanting dance routine. From 2.00pm to 3.00pm, visitors can enjoy Diggle's Den White Rabbit Experience outside on the patio, while Alice's Afternoon Tea will be served directly to guests from 2.30pm onwards. (Continued on page 3)



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Skills Share Afternoon

Are you eager to learn or do you possess a skill you'd like to share?

In response to a suggestion from one of our members, we are thrilled to announce that our September gathering will feature a 'Skills Share' afternoon!

We invite you to come and discover something new, and perhaps even showcase a skill of your own!

Want to showcase your skills? Please reach out to us (contact details on the next page) prior to our event, so we can reserve a spot for you on the day. The more talents we can share, the better!

Skills we would love to feature: Crochet, Gardening, Upcycling, Knitting, Photography, Card Making, Jewellery Making, Smartphone Mastery, Cross Stitch, Decoupage, Online Safety, Patchwork Quilting, Strategy Games, Flower Arranging, Wood Carving, Origami, Garment Mending, Beginner Instruments

📍 SILSDEN METHODIST CHURCH

📅 TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026

🕒 2PM TO 4PM

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Home Appeals to Local Businesses for Summer Fete Raffle Prizes (continued)...

Ukulele Entertainment will keep the lively atmosphere going from 2.30pm to 4.30pm with feel-good songs and summer vibes, leading up to the grand Raffle Draw at 3.30pm. Throughout the afternoon, guests can also enjoy face painting, tombola, games, raffle stalls, and much more.

Raffle tickets are now on sale at Steeton Court, priced at £2 a strip; please speak to Activity

Coordinator Kirstie to purchase yours. Raffle prize donations can be dropped off directly at Steeton Court Nursing Home or arranged by contacting the team directly.

Residents and staff look forward to welcoming neighbours, friends, and families for a memorable community gathering.



Your Stories: 'B'

The following article was written by resident 'B' at Steeton Court.

'When Bingley College closed, we began building our own home in Todmorden. It had always been our dream, particularly my late husband's, to build a house right in front of the canal. So that is exactly what we did... (Continued on page 4)

YOUR STORIES

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Your Stories: 'B' (Continued)...

We obtained planning permission and brought together our surveyor and builder, explaining exactly the design we had dreamed of. We wanted our home to be special and to reflect the things we loved. The canal was behind us, and we were surrounded by acres of beautiful land. The river Calder was situated behind the canal which was an added bonus. There was

also a railway line nearby, the main line to Manchester, which was particularly meaningful to us as our family have always been very fond of trains and fascinated by railway history.

While our house was being built, we lived in a small caravan. It wasn't always easy, but we knew it would be worth it. Then, around two years later, when the house was finally finished, it felt as though we were walking into a mansion. It was everything we had pictured and dreamed about. The canal behind the house, the railway surrounding us, the river Calder and the acres of land made it feel truly unique. We had done it, we had turned our dream into reality & wow, did it feel incredible!

We spent many happy years together in that house. Looking back, I realise what an achievement it really was. It wasn't simply a house that we had built; it was a family home created from a shared dream, filled with memories, love, and many wonderful years together.

I will always treasure those memories. It was our dream, and together, we made it come true'.

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Your Stories: 'P'

The following article was written by resident 'P' at Steeton Court.

'You'll call me mad, but when I turned 60, I started running. It began slowly, just running around the estate, but before I knew it, I had gone from those first little runs to running marathons! I've always been very competitive, particularly when it came to my ex-husband, who had been running since he was a boy. I was determined to prove that I could keep up with him, and perhaps even beat him! Two of my biggest achievements, which I am still incredibly proud of to this day, were running the Honolulu Marathon in Hawaii and taking part in the Great North Run. I also took on the big challenge of climbing the slate at Snowdon, which was another experience I will never forget.



People often wonder why I can't sit still, even now at the home, you will see me marching up and down the corridors with my frame. I suppose the answer is simple: I have always been on the move. Whether I'm walking for miles, running marathons, or taking on a new challenge, I have always loved keeping active and pushing myself.

Turning 60 didn't slow me down, it opened the door to a whole new adventure. And looking back, I'm so glad I took that very first step'.