

# Friends and Family

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Our monthly newsletter  
for relatives about life at

**THE  
FED**

Heathlands  
Village



## THE LIGHT OF CHANUKAH SHINES THROUGH THE VILLAGE

The week prior to and during Chanukah saw staff and volunteers at Heathlands Village working at full throttle to ensure our Villagers could prepare for and celebrate as fully as possible.

A whole host of wonderful activities and parties were held and the Village was full of the spirit of Chanukah, bedecked with cards and decorations sent in from local organisations and made by residents.

There were concerts, doughnut-making and other festive-themed activities, with a communal Menorah lighting every night.



## UNITED GENERATIONS

Also in December Villagers were delighted to welcome the UJIA (United Jewish Israel Appeal) Israeli Northern UK Shlichot (emissaries) who came to run a Chanukah themed craft activity - a really uplifting cross-generational experience. The two young representatives spent the afternoon getting to know residents and helping them create Chanukah artwork.



## DIAMOND DUO

Resident, Vivian Noyek, and her husband Aubrey who is a very familiar face at Heathlands Village, celebrated their Diamond Wedding on December 10th. They marked their incredible milestone with a lovely party in the Activity Centre on the ground floor of our main building.

Mazel tov again from all their friends amongst the staff at Heathlands Village and The Fed!



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Employee of the Month award for November 2021 was presented to Tom Edge a member of The Fed's Catering department.

Among Tom's nominations was one which read: "Tom is always on hand to help out no matter what is going on. He helps us get on Workplace and with logging on to our wages app." Congratulations Tom!



Again this year with the help of our music therapist, David Robinson, from national charity, Nordoff Robbins, several residents produced a delightful Chanukah medley video which we shared far and wide. If you haven't had chance to see it yet you can still view it on our YouTube channel - The Fed Manchester.

And to learn more about David's priceless work with Heathlands Village residents, especially those living with advanced dementia who are often the hardest people to communicate with, please have a listen to the latest episode of The Fed's podcast series - *Humans of The Fed*.

Tune in on whichever podcast platform you usually use. And



while you're there you can also enjoy other equally fascinating chats with other wonderful human beings who are connected one way or another to The Fed. Relatives may particularly like to hear the episodes with Senior Team Leader, Ashleigh Duffy, talking about managing care during lockdown and nurse Sonia Fahey who works on Oakwood, speaking about her desire to be a nun and working in Saudi Arabia.



**Nose-only LFTs don't pick up Omicron!**

**Use a nose AND throat test to keep everyone safe.**

Recent studies have shown that the LFTs which require only a nose swab are not accurately picking up the Omicron variant, and are giving incorrect negative results. To keep yourselves, your loved ones and our staff as safe as possible, we encourage everyone to stick to the nose AND throat tests for an accurate reading.

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