

Hinstock Manor

Newsletter



HINSTOCK MANOR – JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

With the help and cooperation of all our families, visitors and contractors, we are so far managing to keep all our residents safe and well and free from the aggressive Covid-19 virus.

Visitors i.e. nurses, doctors, have to wear full PPE on entering the building, these specific visits have been kept to a minimum. Only essential contractors have been allowed into the building, again having to wear full PPE before going direct to start any essential maintenance work.

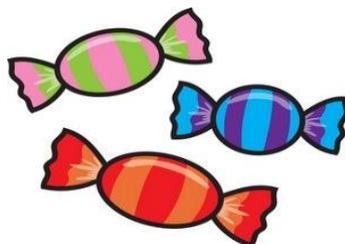
Families have been able to keep in touch with their loved ones via skype and facetime, although this is by no means as good as physical contact of hugs and kisses and holding hands, but it certainly helps our residents when they see their loved ones in person albeit on the video link up, it certainly puts a smile on their face and gives them a chance to talk to carers about their family long after their video chat has ended. Thank you to all families and friends for your continued support throughout our endeavours to prevent the risk of anyone contracting the virus. We will of course keep you updated through our newsletter regarding activities and any changes which may occur during each month.



During the sunny days of May and June, Vanessa, (activities co-ordinator), has been very busy assisting residents with a variety of things to do, including art and craft projects, baking, games and puzzles. Residents have also been encouraged to sit out in the garden during long sunny days of summer, sun hats, parasols, sun glasses and sun cream were very much in evidence as they enjoyed tea, cakes and chatting with staff out in the fresh air. The garden is looking particularly pretty with flowers in bloom and the delicate fragrance of herbs creating a relaxing atmosphere for residents to enjoy.



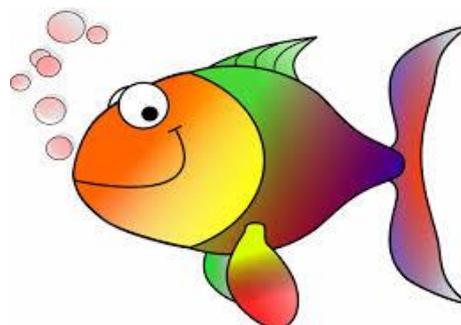
The local community have been extremely generous with a variety of kind donations which include sweets and chocolates, wonderful bright coloured face masks made by a kind sewing group of ladies from Newport. Flowers and garden plants have been donated by local community people. Useful boxes of craft materials were kindly donated by a local lady. A sturdy garden table, including chairs and a large parasol was donated by a local family which is perfect for the lovely warm sunny days of summer. All the kind donations are very much appreciated by all the staff and residents.



VE Day was celebrated with flags and bunting decorating inside and outside the Home, 40's music and a 40's film added to the theme. Tea and cakes were served to residents with staff dressed in land army girls 40's style clothes, the day was enjoyed by all.



There was a fish and chip supper for all staff and residents, a local fish and chips shop supplied delicious fish, chips and mushy peas, staff dined at tables with residents to enjoy their supper with sponge pudding and custard to follow, everyone had an enjoyable evening.



The scarecrow project took up quite a lot of time, with residents helping to stuff the arms, legs and bodies of the scarecrows, colouring hands and sticking on hair was also helped by residents. Scarecrows were finished just in time to be displayed on the front lawn for judging by the local scarecrow committee.



The scarecrows are finally finished and in place! Our residents had fun and lots of laughs completing these!

Huge thanks to Laura and Lois for completing their own staff scarecrows.

The theme of the Hinstock Village Scarecrow competition this year is “Lockdown Heroes” and we felt that our lovely residents and staff at Hinstock Manor are all heroes for getting this far through lockdown and are all still smiling! 😊

The scarecrows in the village are all on display now and there are a fabulous 42 entries this year, fingers crossed now! 🤞 ...



We have a new little mobile library!

We have sourced various books (reading with larger print and large pictures) and a variety of different magazines, for both our ladies and our gentlemen.

We have some People's Friend short stories, some lovely reference books, various Nature Themed, Royal Family, Antiques, Yesterday's Britain and RAF.

Magazines include local interest, Gardening, Crafts and Card making, Classic Vintage Vehicles, Football, Classic Bikes, Heavy Haulage, Flight magazines and Angling Books and Magazines. Something for Everyone!

The books are "loaned" for a week giving plenty of time to enjoy before returning the following week to choose something new!

One of our ladies has already re discovered her love of reading and is currently on her third book this week!

We would like to extend our library over the coming months to include 'books on tape' and books on CD which I think some of our residents with limited vision would really enjoy. If you have any that you no longer need and could keep them for us, we would put them to very good use!...

