

Hinstock Manor



November 2020



Visiting Hinstock Manor During COVID-19 Pandemic

During this second lockdown the government announced that it was possible for families to visit their loved ones in care homes through closed windows, this is what we have endeavoured to do.

E-mails have been sent to relatives explaining the protocol for closed window visits, this has been moderately successful, but not ideal, as some residents get stressed and confused when they see their loved ones outside but they can't come into the building to visit, however we are all looking forward to the delivery of our new visitor Pod which we expect to be installed and ready for visitors during the first two weeks of December, once we have the delivery date we will let everyone know to enable relatives to arrange visits to see their loved ones in the indoor heated Pod.



Activities with Claire (activities co-ordinator)

Teddy Bears Picnic

For Vanessa's last day we wanted to make it special so a Teddy Bear's Picnic was organised. Albeit a sad occasion we tried to keep it light hearted and fun for the residents. Staff brought their favourite teddy from home, some very old well-worn teddies, some bright colourful new teddies, but all with special fond memories for their owners.

A delicious afternoon tea had been arranged with plenty to eat for residents including sandwiches, mini pies, sausage rolls, homemade cakes, doughnuts, biscuits, trifle, fruit and jelly. Residents made 'cut out teddies' coloured them in, clipped on the arms and legs attached a piece of string to pin up and decorate around the home, everyone enjoyed the day, especially the teddies!



Virtual Bonfire

The residents thoroughly enjoyed a Bonfire Night Virtual Firework Display on TV. With the curtains drawn and the lights dimmed, the sounds and colours of the fireworks really made it feel like bonfire night, but with the benefit of seeing it from the safety and warmth of their comfortable armchairs.

**Bonfire
Night**



A Visit from "Jesse"

Residents are now familiar with Jesse popping in to see them, everyone makes a fuss of him and he enjoys all the attention, paw shaking and little treats, I'm sure he loves the residents as much as they love him.





A Week of Remembrance

Our week of remembrance started with the residents making decoupage poppies to display on the residents notice board, poppy wreaths were also made by residents.

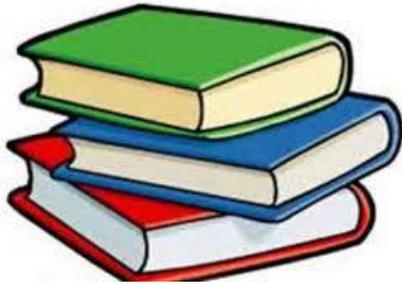
A reminiscence day revealed some very interesting stories from our residents of their childhood days in wartime.

On Armistice Day residents gathered around the TV watching the ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall and the Armistice day service at Westminster Abbey attended by Prince Charles.



Mobile Library

November has been a busy month with less time for reading, however the mobile library has continued to be of interest to some of our residents with a wide range of books for them to choose.



“Knit and Natter, Laugh and Chatter”



The small group of ladies continue to enjoy their knitting get together, they are making a blanket made out of knitted squares, it's lovely listening to their chatter as their knitting needles click and clatter which seems to inspire them to keep on chatting. Really lovely to see them happy chatting and busy.

Gifts and Donations

Thank you to the family of the late Fred Chell for their generous kind donation of four “Precious Petzzz”, two cats and two dogs.

These are special pets which are operated by battery and visibly ‘breathe’ whilst laying in their basket, they are specially designed for people with Alzhiemers and Dementia, our residents love them and seem relaxed and comforted when they sit and hold the pets. Special thanks to the family of Fred Chell from all of our residents.



Gifts and Donations – Cont/d . . .

Thank you very much for your kind gifts of chocolates, biscuits and sweets for all the staff, gratefully received and enjoyed by all and very much appreciated.

Also thank you to those who kindly donated gifts for our Christmas Raffle, we now have a good collection of prizes to be won. Additional donations of gifts for the raffle will also be appreciated.



Raffle Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 28th November, all proceeds will go towards our Residents Comfort Fund.





Preparing for Christmas

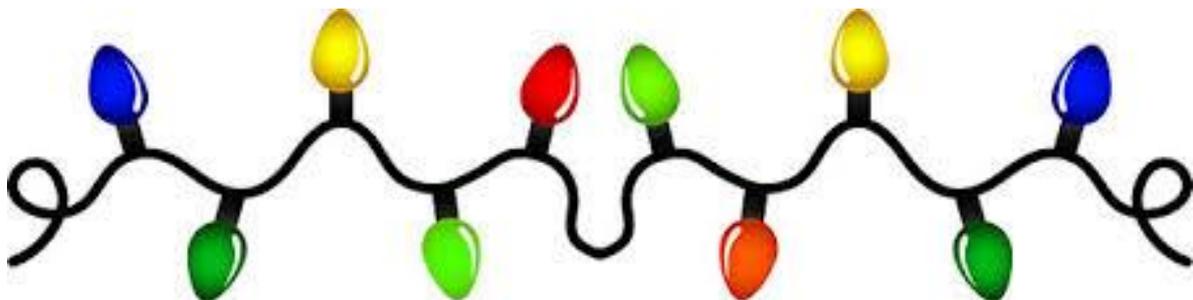
Claire has been very busy making plans for the whole of December, with the Christmas theme at the forefront of those plans.

Arts and Crafts are top of the agenda with lots of art materials available from our art room, there's plenty of scope for Claire's creative ideas.

In addition to arts and crafts, there will be baking days, staff dressing up days, Elf day is always very popular.

Films, music, panto, and singing around the piano if we can persuade our resident pianist to play for us.

Decorating the Christmas trees will be a fun day for everyone, we have had lots of christmas decorations donated to us so the Home will look very bright and cheerful throughout the festive season.



Happy Birthday

Two of our residents had birthdays this month, which were celebrated with lots of cards, presents, cakes and candles.



"Happy Birthday"

To our Two Lovely Birthday Ladies

