YARNLEY HOUSE
CARE HOME

INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Yarnley House has been filled with creativity, connection and meaningful moments. From purposeful craft activities and community fundraising to animal therapy visits, festive celebrations and fresh air walks, residents have been actively engaged in experiences that support wellbeing, self-expression and togetherness.

It has been a joy to see residents working side by side, supporting important causes, welcoming visitors and creating memories that truly reflect the warmth, spirit and community at the heart of our home.

If you know someone who would like to receive our email newsletters/updates just let us know, or forward them the newsletter sign up link below:

Newsletter Sign-Up

Best wishes,

Chelle Daly
Participate Home Manager

SAVE THE DATES

1st Feb - Senior Pastor Stefan Poulsen Baptist Church
3rd Feb 2pm - Tunbridge Pantomime
4th Feb 2.30pm - Resolutions Meeting
10th Feb 2.30pm - Valentine's Bingo Afternoon
18th Feb 2.30pm - Salvation Army
21st Feb - Rugby & Nations Showing
24th Feb - Pancake Day Afternoon Activity
27th Feb 10am - Tyler James Vocalist
28th Feb 2.3pm - Memory Box Reminiscence

5th April - Easter Egg Hunt
5th August - Summer Fayre

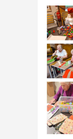
RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

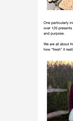
Creativity, Purposeful Tasks, Group Engagement & Fresh Air!

Throughout the season, residents participated in a wide range of creative and purposeful activities. These activities allowed residents to design beautiful pieces while supporting dexterity focus and self-expression.

Residents were busy painting glass bottles, placing their fears, hopes and wishes inside and hanging them on our walking tree. A thoughtful, creative activity that encouraged reflection, conversation, and hope as we look ahead to the year to come.

Craft sessions also included decoupage, painting, and creating decorative items such as candle holders from recycled wine bottles. These were prepared for sale at the Christmas Fayre, with proceeds going to Make-A-Wish UK, giving residents a sense of pride in supporting an important cause.





One particularly inspiring moment came from three of our residents who wrapped over 100 presents for Santa's grotto! A true moment of connectivity, togetherness and purpose.

We are all about fresh invigorating walks this year! This year did not disappoint on how "fresh" it really was!

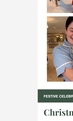
PET THERAPY

Animal Therapy and Special Visitors

Residents benefited greatly from several animal visits, which brought both wellbeing and excitement into the home. Therapy dog sessions offered comfort, companionship and calming interaction.

We also welcomed alpacas, with residents enjoying fresh air both indoors and outdoors. Claire, who brought them, shared an informative talk and answered many questions, making the visit both educational and uplifting.

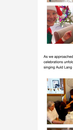
A miniature pony therapy visit brought instant smiles and laughter, reminding us how quickly a joyful moment can lift spirits. Emma Family Farm also visited with piglets, goats and a pony — an energetic and entertaining experience enjoyed by residents and staff alike.



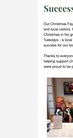
FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS

Christmas Day and New Year Togetherness

Christmas Day was filled with warmth and celebration. Santa's elf delivered presents, followed by a delicious Christmas dinner, wine, music, laughter and a joyful sing-along. Many residents chose to dressing up in festive costumes, ensuring the day felt special for everyone.



As we approached the New Year, residents enjoyed prosecco and watched celebrations unfold across the world throughout the afternoon, raising a toast and singing Auld Lang Syne together.



Finally, Epiphany provided a calm moment of closure, as decorations were carefully wrapped away with teamwork. Over tea and cake, residents shared wartime reminiscence and reflected on the season together.

Christmas Fayre and Fundraising Success

Our Christmas Fayre was a fantastic community event, welcoming residents' families and local visitors. Festive stalls, mince pies, mulled wine, raffles and Father Christmas in his grotto created a truly magical atmosphere. We sang with 'The Tuesdays', a local singing group and met so many lovely people. A resounding success for our local community and the residents of Yarnley House!

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised more than £300 for Make-A-Wish UK, supporting a meaningful cause that brings joy to children and their families. Residents were proud to be part of such a successful fundraising effort.

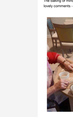
DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Baking, Musical Entertainment & Community Involvement

December was filled with festive cheer across the home. Residents enjoyed seasonal baking, including Christmas cake and mince pies, with the aroma of freshly baked goods alongside coffee and delicious Christmas cake prepared by our chef.

We were delighted to welcome back The Pipkins' Ukes, whose lively music sessions had residents joining in with instruments and singing along. Ticket Fire Productions also performed a wonderful Christmas Spectacular full of song and dance.

Intergenerational connections remained a highlight, with visits from Pioneer Junior School and Tunbridge Wells Grammar School bringing joy and singing trees. Residents were proud to be part of such a successful fundraising effort.



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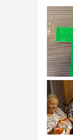

LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance & Reflection

November began with a deeply meaningful period of remembrance. Residents took part in creating artwork and decorating remembrance crosses, kindly provided by the Royal British Legion. These crosses were later laid at the War Memorial Garden in Ringwood on behalf of Yarnley House, allowing residents to feel connected to the wider community commemorations.

We also displayed resident artwork at the front of the home, including a beautiful contribution from the wife of one of our residents. These activities encouraged reflection, conversation and shared memories, particularly among those with wartime experiences.

Residents also enjoyed a small fireworks display with a glass of wine, providing a warm and social evening as the darker nights drew in.

EXTERNAL LINKS

Social Media

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