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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR
SUMMER 2024

Quarterly Newsletter

Manager's Introduction

As we transition into the warmer months, we have plenty of exciting activities and events planned for our residents and there's something for everyone to look forward to. Read on to stay updated with all the latest news and happenings in our care home...

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Best wishes,

Ben Co

Home Manager

Staff Celebrations

Good Times

#GladtoCare week was celebrated from the 20th-24th June, where staff were appreciated and acknowledged, with treats offered the whole week to say thank you.

Motivation Monday
This saw each staff member receiving a personalised gift pack including sweets and motivational items.

Tasty Tuesday
Everyone was offered an amazing array of tasty treats at the barbecue in the garden, with lots of music and fun.

Wellness Wednesday
Staff were offered a choice of relaxing massages by a professional massage therapist, while residents were treated to hand massages and foot soaks from the mobile spa at Longbridge Deverill.

Thankful Thursday
Staff and residents wrote onto leaves things they were thankful for and stuck them onto a “thankful tree".

Feelgood Friday
Everyone received a delicious ice cream from the local ice cream van that parked on the drive, while some people chose a quiet meditation session by the lovely Sarah, who also had given massages.

International Nurses’ Day was also celebrated by acknowledging and thanking our wonderful nurses at Longbridge Deverill Care Home, who continue to stay dedicated and provide person centred care to our residents.

Entertainment & Activities

Singing & Dancing

Residents here at Longbridge Deverill have enjoyed two professional pantomimes visiting and performing at the home. “Best of Broadway” was a bright and cheerful extravaganza of music, songs and colourful costumes, which brought many smiles to residents’ faces and some singing along too! “Swell Party” was also greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all who chose to attend their pantomime.

At Longbridge Deverill we value the priority of keeping healthy and active minds and bodies, with regular “music and movement” activities, as well as puzzles, games, and quizzes of relevant themes. Other regular activities include the Arts and Crafts Club, with residents enjoying the sense of inclusion, such as when they engaged in creating upcycled glass jars and decoupaged for the summer fete to be held in July. Baking and cooking activities are always well received too.

A lovely sensory experience enjoyed by residents was the sensory shell experience, where residents held the shells to their ears and listened to the sound of the ocean! We also chatted about the shapes, colours and textures of these beautiful shells.

We have a monthly visit from the mobile library, where residents can choose their own books to read. This is always welcomed by our residents.

The immersive destination areas on the dementia units continue to be of interest to many of our residents. During this quarter, we were delighted to hold the opening ceremony of our Nursery and Soft Touch therapy area. Many residents continue to enjoy the reminiscent and therapeutic experience of holding the life-like dolls and listening to children's rhymes. It is always a calming and comforting time for all who choose to embrace these therapeutic activities.

Themed Celebrations

Celebration Time

Some patriotic celebrations were held here at Longbridge Deverill Care Home. This has included St George's Day, V.E. Day and the Coronation Anniversary party. For St George's Day, many residents enjoyed hearing the story of Saint George.

Some people enjoyed playfully slaying the dragon and dressing in wartime hats, while other residents reminisced about their days in the Forces or their memories of family members' stories of wartimes for V.E. Day.

The party was held in our lovely rooftop terrace and included singing along to nostalgic British songs, performed by the lovely Mike and Muriel, some gentle dance, with families, residents and staff enjoying the day immensely.

Special Visitors

Furry Friends

At Longbridge Deverill we recognise the tremendous value that animal visits bring to the lives of our residents. Our residents have recently had various opportunities to interact with a variety of animals, including goats, chickens, lambs, and dogs. By incorporating animal visits to our care home, we strive to create a warm, nurturing, and enriching environment for all.

For “Baby Day” the activities team arranged for twin babies to visit, offering happiness, love, and warmth to our residents. Their innocence and pure joy uplifted the sprits of everyone and sparked conversations and reminiscing about their own experiences as parents and grandparents. The visiting babies had a natural ability to promote comfort and emotional support to many of our residents.

Enjoying the Outdoors

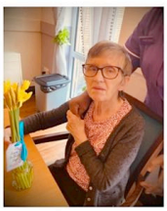
Out & About

On the topic of cheerfulness, with the weather becoming warmer and brighter, residents have been enjoying time in the gardens, visiting places of interest and generally welcoming more outdoor activities. Residents have enjoyed walks around Shearwater Lake, Stourhead Gardens, the garden centres and walking in our own lovely gardens.

Celebrating Mother's Day

Happy Times!

Mother's Day is always a special occasion to honour and celebrate the incredible mothers and motherly bonds. Love and gratitude were expressed with each resident receiving a delightful, personalised bunch of daffodils and many families visiting too.



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