

News from LXXV Bridge House CARE HOME

Dear Friends

As we welcome in a new year and all the hope and anticipation it brings, we wanted to share with you the happy times we enjoyed in the final months of 2020.



A touching tribute to our heroes

In November our residents marked Armistice Day by hosting a poppy themed Afternoon Tea in aid of the British Legion. After creating a poignant display of old photographs and written messages in our home paying tribute to the fallen heroes, our residents took great comfort in sharing personal memories and having a sing-a-long of wartime songs. This meant a great deal to all of us, as we have a number of veterans living with us, for whom it was important to honour their comrades. We were also delighted to get involved in local community project The Abingdon Poppy Trail which connected our home with local families and their children in a safe and socially distanced outdoor event.

Indulging in festive foods

Over recent months, our Baking Club have been cooking up all manner of seasonal delights! From Octoberfest where we enjoyed Bratwurst Strudel Pretzels with German beer and music, of course, right through to the December festivities where our residents made a batch of gingerbread men and decorated them too! And there has been ample time in between to whip up our favourites including shortbread biscuits and savoury pastries. We find baking such a comforting activity for all our residents as it's something everyone can get involved in and it invokes so many happy memories. Then there's that wonderful moment when our residents get to proudly share their creations with the rest of the home for the big taste test - they always go down a treat!



Arts and Crafts through the seasons

As the seasons have changed, our residents have been enjoying indulging their creativity. We got crafty as the Autumn days set in and everyone made colourful flower arrangements and wreaths to display in their rooms, bringing some brightness to the darker evenings. Halloween gave us the opportunity to take part in our community Pumpkin Hunt during half-term, and November brought all manner of colour to our home as our residents made sparkling tea light holders to celebrate Diwali. Then when the festive season came round it was a wonderful chance to share a hot cup of cocoa with our friends whilst making beautiful, bespoke, handcrafted cards to gift to family.



With love,
Lucy Porter, Home Manager

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We always love reading your comments on Facebook!
Here are a few recent ones:

"Bridge House, you have done it again and never fail to surprise. You are amazing and work so hard to make your residents happy." Margaret

"How lovely...bringing such joy to all the residents." Karen

"Every one has worked so hard to capture the spirit of joy this Christmas at Bridge House. Thank you!" Anne

"Everyone looks so happy" Ruthie



A hundred rainbows for Christmas

Christmas was a time for taking stock and showing gratitude for those who impact our lives. So this year we came up with a wonderful way for our much loved residents to thank the community for their unwavering support over the past 12 months. In December, our residents got busy decorating 100 miniature rainbow Christmas ornaments to send to local supporters who have been a lifeline to them, in a fun project that has brought everyone together and channelled their creativity! Each piece of artwork was presented with a message of thanks for the generosity these businesses and individuals have had on our happy home.

