

News from

WATERMILLHOUSE

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.

Remembrance Day

On the 11th of November our residents gathered outside to stage their own socially distanced Remembrance ceremony. This special day was headed up by our former military residents, Corporal Price and Lance Corporal Hacker, who wore their medals with pride as they were led by our guest, Colour Sergeant Forsythe. Together we placed flowers and held a two-minute silence alongside a radio report of the ceremony live from the Cenotaph. Inside, our residents paid a touching tribute to the fallen by creating some wonderfully poignant displays throughout our home. Residents chose to write special messages to those they had lost and shared some of their cherished memories from this time. It was a very moving day for all involved.

An artistic festive season

As the winter months rolled round it brought much inspiration to our incredibly talented residents. We've had lots of fun over recent weeks creating all kinds of festive crafts. We even ran a competition showcasing 16 Christmas cards made by former artist, and resident, David, asking everyone to vote on which one should be our official card! But not wanting to leave all the creativity to our residents, to round off the year our team members were set a Christmas Spectacular challenge; to create a magical winter scene indoors and out, that would bring fun and festive cheer to all our cherished residents. We are delighted to say our efforts exceeded expectations, filling our home with love, light, laughter, and endless entertainment for all!



Winter sport comes to Water Mill

Proving you're never too old to enjoy an Egg and Spoon Race, our youthful residents got very competitive recently when we held our very own Water Mill House indoor Sports Day! Yes, we don't let little things like the winter weather slow the pace down here! Residents gathered outside their rooms to cheer each other on as the competing teams made their way through the corridors, filling our home with fun and laughter all afternoon! It's no exaggeration to say we were incredibly impressed with the skill and agility of our energetic residents! We were delighted to see so many happy comments from relatives who were amazed at the lively photos we posted of their family members on Facebook.



A Hundred Rainbows for Christmas

Christmas is a time for taking stock and showing gratitude for those who touch 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 addition to their regular artistic pursuits, our residents decorated 100 miniature rainbow Christmas ornaments which were sent to local supporters who have been a lifeline to them, in a fun project that has brought everyone together! Each decoration was presented with a message of thanks for the generosity these businesses and individuals have had on our happy home.



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

"So many smiling happy faces." Richard

"Wonderful [Remembrance Day] tribute. Thank you to all the Water Mill Team, you are truly amazing xx" Helen

"Mum thoroughly enjoyed herself making pom poms. She said it was good fun and lovely chatting with everyone. It reminded her of making them for our bobble hats years ago and the Easter chicks she used to make. Brilliant!" Liz

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