

Newsletter highlighting news and activities at
The Croft, Finchfield, Wolverhampton

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Activities

Residents getting ready for the exercise activity to start.

Making table decorations for Christmas.
Practicing on the organ

One of our residents has taken over tending for the Peace Lily after we nearly lost it earlier in the year and look how healthy it now is.



Puppet man

This was a different type of entertainer where puppets were brought to life and interacted with our residents an enjoyable afternoon with an invitation to come back in the future

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Naomi and Her Majestic Harp

Naomi came to entertain our residents with her harp music this is the second time we have offered this kind of music which residents loved. Following the session residents had the opportunity of having a closer look at the harp

Uplands School

Our joint working with our local junior school has continued with great success.



Carolyn the craft teacher has been providing craft sessions at The Croft. Firstly, by continuing the felting session that was started at the school and then by working with residents to create poppies to be displayed in the garden to commemorate Armistice Day.

In addition to this the Pen pal Scheme where residents wrote to year eleven pupils is continuing with letters going to the new pupils of year 11.

Carolyn also introduced us to the Postcards of Kindness project. The Croft was registered on the site and has been the recipient of many postcards from around the world. Our residents look forward to receiving these cards and enjoy reading and discussing them in our social interaction activity sessions.



A picture of a selection of the postcards received was posted on the Postcards of Kindness Facebook page with a Christmas Message to show our appreciation.

A lovely surprise was received from staff and students at the school in the week before Christmas, a hamper full of goodies for all staff who were working over the Christmas period.

Pets as Therapy still remains a very popular session.

Residents enjoy the interaction with Ellie the therapy dog along with making friends with her owner Elaine.



Alz Café and Tea Dance

Residents regularly continue to go out to these venues, where over time they have forged valuable friendships with individuals from both other residential homes and the local community.

The residents at The Croft also received invitations from The Alz café to other events with residents enjoying a trip out to The Lodge for a carvery lunch followed by



entertainment by Maggie O'Hara and an afternoon at the Grand avvaTheatre for the Pantomime.

Christmas

Our celebrations started when the home was decorated for Christmas with one resident giving a helping hand decorating the tree.



This was followed by kind invitations to The Kings and St Edmunds Schools for Christmas Lunch and entertainment.

Starting in the week prior to Christmas we again received a visit from Santa who gave out gifts to all of our residents.

Following the gifts our residents were entertained by Tom Luxton who is always popular and comes throughout the year.

At the end of that week we held the residents Christmas party where families and friends were invited to join us.

Christmas games were played followed by entertainment by Tanya.

A Christmas buffet with wine was later served complimented by the drawing of the Christmas raffle.



Memory Café

Residents continue to go to The Grand Theatre once a month for the Memory Café,

where they enjoy tea and cake complimented by entertainment from Julie Patton and Ian Adams. We have now been lucky to increase our tickets taking us up to July.

