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CHERRY WOOD GRANGE CARE HOME

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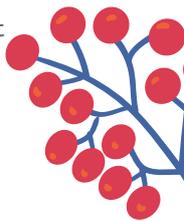
We have been enjoying the Christmas festivities and reflecting on the love, laughter and memories made over the year. We hope you enjoy our round up of the past few months.



A cosy autumn



October brought lots of fun to Cherry Wood Grange. Our lively Halloween celebrations kicked things off and we took our spooktacular Trick or Treat trolley round to every resident's room, so everyone could enjoy the goodies on offer. For the creatives amongst us, we spent the rest of the day making floral pumpkin displays. Instead of carving spooky faces, we used the pumpkins as flower vases for an autumnal creation to absolutely stunning effect! Then the seasonal celebrations continued a few days later when Bonfire Night rolled round. This time we snuggled under our blankets with hot chocolate to watch the fireworks outside. We do love to embrace this cosy time of year!



Remembrance Day



Armistice Day is always a particularly poignant time for Cherry Wood Grange as some of our residents served in World War II. To honour their service and those we lost, we created a vibrant poppy memorial where our residents gathered to salute our fallen heroes. One of our veterans, Ron, shared his experience of joining the army after losing his brother Billy in an air raid. He served for three years, progressing to rank of Corporal and was posted as far afield as Egypt. Yet, amidst the loss of war, he made friends for life to whom they later became Godparents to each others' children. Ron's fellow residents felt honoured to hear his story as they came together to watch the Remembrance Sunday ceremony live from The Cenotaph.





Animal therapy

Nothing beats a cuddle with our furry or feathered friends. So everyone was delighted when their favourite huggable dog made a visit this festive season. Oona visited each and every resident, going from room to room spreading the true spirit of Christmas as she went; that of meaningful connections with those you love. It never fails to touch our hearts when we see the reaction from residents during our animal therapy sessions. It brings such joy and happiness that we make sure we have regular visits. We've found it's a wonderful way to instantly raise a smile and spread laughter throughout our home.



Step into Christmas

Our residents embraced the festive season early this year with a trip to the local Christmas Market to enjoy bratwurst and mulled wine. Then once December arrived we transformed our home into a winter wonderland! Our Christmas spectacular was inspired by the Nutcracker, so up went the wreaths, garlands and glittering ballerinas while our residents sipped on sherry and shared memories of Christmases gone by. Over the month our Art Therapy tutor, Jenny, supported our residents to create our very own Christmas card based on the 12 Days of Christmas. It was a wonderful project that brought out everyone's creativity! Then amongst the live performances and Christmas celebrations, we enjoyed carol singing and screening everyone's favourite festive films. The perfect end to the year!



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our home to yours!

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

"I love these photos, they're a true testament to the care and love these residents are shown at Cherry Wood, thank you!" Kim

"What heartwarming and wonderful photos. Oona obviously brings boundless joy into the residents' lives." Susan

"Beautifully painted. They must be very pleased with their efforts!" Christine

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