News from CHERRY WOOD GRANGE CARE HOME

Dear friends

As a cosy new season approaches and our favourite autumnal activities begin once more, we have been reflecting on a glorious joy-filled summer at Cherry Wood Grange.



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Our residents made the most of every sunny day of which there were plenty this year! We have started our days with morning exercises in the garden gazebo, enjoyed painting in the shade of the trees, bowling on the green and cooled down with a dip in the paddling pool! There have been movie nights, karaoke sessions and live performances from local singers, we even hosted a special arts and crafts afternoon with our team member's grandchildren. Amidst all this fun we also made time to celebrate the 71st wedding anniversary of our wonderful residents Bea and Ron by taking afternoon tea in the sun!

Day trips

Over the last few months our residents and team members have set out on many lively minibus adventures. There have been day trips to Colne Valley Railway where we rode an old diesel locomotive, ate a picnic lunch in the historic waiting room, before visiting the miniature model railway. There have been trips to the Duxford Imperial War Museum, sight seeing tours of London landmarks, trips to country pubs for a pint, days out at the seaside for ice creams on the beach, and afternoons at Papermill Lock where we sipped tea whilst watching the boats on the canal. We are so lucky there is all manner of nature and entertainment right on our doorstep and, with our own minibus on hand, we are only a short ride away!



Celebrating our superheroes

Our residents together with their loved ones recently celebrated our team who together make such a difference to their lives every single day! We are always looking for fun and heartfelt ways to recognise and reward those who make our home joyous and our residents' days purposeful. So, we hosted a wonderful event that brought everyone together for a day of music, dancing, food and fun! Each team member was also presented with a personalised water bottle, a pin badge and thank you card with meaningful messages from residents and their families as to why they make life at Cherry Wood Grange extra special for us all!

Animal friends

Some of our resident's most touching moments are spent in the company of our affectionate animal friends! We are blessed to work with several wonderful pet therapy charities who like to visit regularly. However, in recent months, we have welcomed an adorable puppy to our Cherry Wood Grange family, the lovable cockapoo we have named Polly Pocket! Over the summer our residents have delighted in watching Polly grow as she plays in the garden and snoozes in the lounge. Polly loves nothing more than visiting everyone's rooms and curling up in our residents' laps for a cuddle - she is the perfect companion for our home and we love her to bits!

With love, Sue Smith Home Manager

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

"Lovely to see the residents enjoying themselves so much! These photos always put a smile on my face!" Lesley

"Polly [the puppy] is just adorable and it's so lovely to see her making the residents happy, lovely piccy's!" Del

"Beautiful photos, so nice seeing everyone having a fantastic time." Lynette

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