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# The Hatfield Express

## Welcome to our April 2025 edition

As summer fast approaches, our residents have been having great fun at Hatfield Lodge - whether it be singing and clapping along to our guest performers, getting messy doing arts & crafts or tucking into their Easter chocolate, everyone's been up to something!



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Song & Dance,  
Fun on The Leas,  
Brilliant Baking,  
...and Simon modelling a bin?





# A Hoppy Easter!

Shares in Cadbury increased tenfold as everyone at Hatfield gathered to celebrate the Easter weekend!

Plenty of easter eggs and cups of tea were handed out to our residents, as well as a full Easter spread over the big weekend!

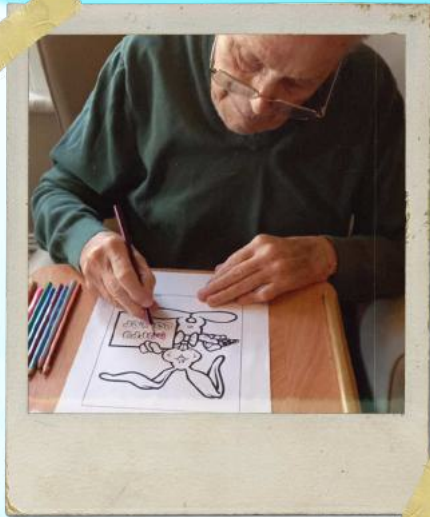
Thank you to everyone who popped in to help make the occasion as special as it was.

We'd also like to thank our three Health & Social Care work experience students from Folkestone College, who have been ever so great with our clients over the past couple of months!





# Easter at Hatfield!







# The Smiling Sessions Visit Hatfield!

We had a real treat recently when the lovely team from Smiling Sessions popped by to fill our lounge with music and cheer. They brought guitars, cheerful voices, and a fantastic selection of songs that had everyone tapping their feet. It wasn't long before residents and staff alike were singing along, clapping, and enjoying the wonderfully lively atmosphere they created.

It was more than just a performance; it felt like a proper get-together, full of laughter and shared enjoyment. We can't wait to have the crew back in our home again!





# Hitting the High Notes...

## with Folkestone Prayer Group!

We also had a wonderful visit recently from members of the Folkestone Prayer Group, who are connected with the local Rainbow Centre. They kindly stopped by to treat residents to a lovely selection of hymns and songs. Their voices the lounge with beautiful harmonies, creating a really warm and welcoming sound for our residents.

It was clear the performance was thoroughly enjoyed, sparking smiles all around. Many residents recognised the well-known tunes, and quite a few joined in enthusiastically with the singing, especially for the old favourites! It made for a very engaging and uplifting afternoon.





# CARE DINE WITH ME

If anything's been begging for a break at Hatfield, it's probably our kitchen equipment - our residents have been busy making & baking all sorts of sweet treats over the past few months, from delectable scones packed full of fruit, to the most moreish birthday cakes, to delightfully decorated biscuits!





# Doll Therapy at Hatfield!

At Hatfield Lodge, we pride ourselves on giving all of our residents personalised care that works for them - and that extends to what therapies they like.

Take Catherine, for example - she's grown to be a big fan of doll therapy, opting not just for one doll but two of them!

As highlighted by Dementia UK, doll therapy can offer a wealth of benefits. For individuals like Catherine, the simple act of holding and interacting with a doll can provide significant comfort and reassurance. It can help reduce feelings of anxiety and agitation, offering a soothing presence for her.





# We're going green

At Hatfield Lodge, we're not just caring for your relatives - we're caring for the planet too!

New recycling rules have been brought in for all care homes, and we're embracing them to make Hatfield Lodge even more environmentally friendly.

We've brought in bins for separating things like paper, plastic, and food waste. This helps the environment by reducing landfill and saving resources – a win for everyone!







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