



Sai Care Homes

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The Hatfield

EXPRESS



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Paw-sitive Vibes

This month, Hatfield Lodge was host to some fluffy, squeaky visitors... the guinea pigs from Cuddly Cavies!

Residents had the chance to help serve the guinea pigs their lunch, offering them fresh salad leaves which were happily munched away. The room was filled with laughter & chatter as residents cuddled with their furry friends!

Everyone can't wait for their next visit!





A Tea-riffic Afternoon

Our communal area was full of chatter and smiles this month as everyone came together for a lovely afternoon tea. There were plenty of cuppas, tasty sandwiches, and more than enough cake to go round!

It was a simple but special afternoon - good food, good company, and plenty of laughter shared across the tables.

We can't wait to do it again!

Autumnal Crafts



We repurposed leaves from around the home's grounds, reducing the risk of autumnal falls!

Autumnal creativity was flowing in the communal area as residents took part in a seasonal art and craft session. Embracing the vibrant colours of the season, everyone enjoyed creating beautiful leaf paintings using sponges and paint.

With brushes set aside, sponges became our tool of choice as the colourful leaves come to life on our canvases — each one unique, just like the season itself. The final pieces are now proudly displayed in the lounge, bringing a warm, autumn glow to our home.

Diwali at Hatfield

On the 17th of October, residents, relatives & staff gathered for a huge Diwali celebration!

Residents were treated to a variety show from staff, with everything from Bollywood dancing to an acoustic guitar set. The festivities featured a delicious Indian spread, lovingly prepared by our dedicated staff along with the team from the Hilton Tapestry Collection Dover Marina Hotel & Spa. The celebration was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, capturing the spirit of togetherness and joy that Diwali represents.



Mark, the cook, joining in on the festivities!



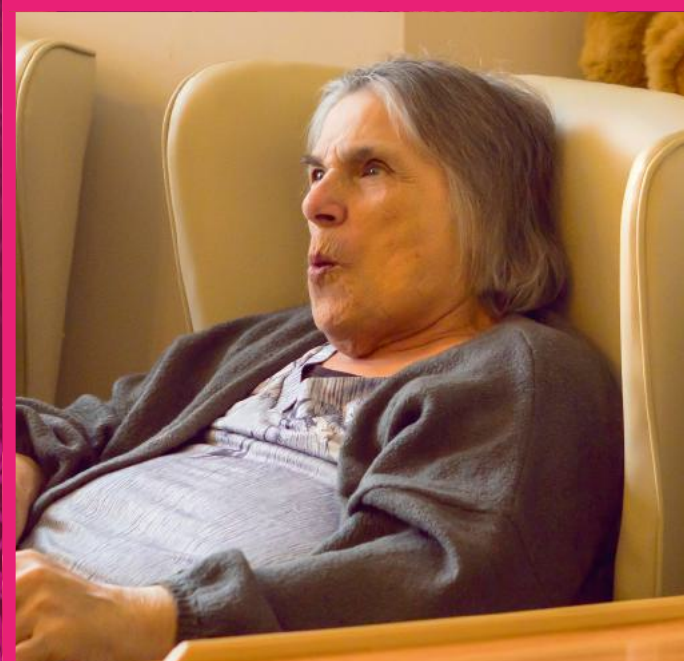
A delightful spread of food from both our staff and the Dover Marina Hotel & Spa.



Attendees were treated to a plethora of performances, from laid-back acoustic singing to energetic dancing - there was something for everyone!



Bonus Photos



Communal Area Highlights

At Hatfield Lodge, our communal area's been more lively than ever before. Residents have enjoyed all sorts of activities to suit different interests and abilities – from jigsaws and ring toss for those who like a relaxed game, to lively arts and crafts sessions that get everyone chatting and creating.

Colouring, painting, and sewing have been real favourites, offering both a calm way to unwind and a chance to keep hands and minds active. Small group sessions and one-to-one activities mean everyone gets involved in a way that suits them!



THE HATFIELD HALLOWEEN PARTY

Even with the lift deciding not to co-operate on the big day, we didn't let that stop us from throwing the best Halloween party possible!

Our lounge was transformed with frightful activities, devilish decorations, and a few sweet treats.

Team Hatfield even donned their Halloween regalia. If you couldn't find any pumpkin ornaments in the shops, we might've been the reason!



Our dining area, fully decked out for a Halloween feast. We took inspiration from our Christmas parties when coming up with the decor!



Simon, our maintenance man, well and truly in the Halloween spirit!



Our residents had great fun painting their own mini pumpkins.



Our residents thoroughly enjoyed trying on all of the Halloween headpieces!



A Big Farewell!

Our residents and staff at Hatfield Lodge paid a massive, rather teary farewell to Mary this month as she made the move into nursing care.

All of us at Hatfield Lodge wish her the very best for the future - and the door's always open if she fancies a visit!



Gouda Times!

Our residents had a simply brie-lliant afternoon at our cheese and wine party! From mature cheddar to a cheeky bit of blue, there was no whey the participants went hungry!

Everyone agreed it was feta than expected - and we're already planning the next grate get-together!

A Progress Update

Over the past couple of months, we've been working hard to make real improvements across the home following our last CQC visit. We've upgraded our technology to make sure care and medication records are accurate, up to date, and easy to access. We've also been developing more easy-read and symbolised documents, helping residents feel confident and informed about the things that matter most to them. Recently, we welcomed Kent County Council into the home to see the progress we've made and to share their feedback, which we're using to keep driving positive change.

We've invested in more activities to make life in the home as fun and fulfilling as possible, and we're taking steps to make sure we have the right staff in the right places to deliver consistent, high-quality care. We've also refreshed our staff and friends-and-family surveys, giving everyone a stronger voice in shaping the home's future.

Meanwhile, our maintenance team has been busy making the home feel more welcoming, and less clinical - from little touches around the building to brand-new personalised door signs for residents' rooms, adding warmth and individuality to every space.

There's still more to do, but we're proud of how far we've come and excited about what's ahead. A heartfelt thank you to our residents, families, and staff for your ongoing support, patience, and positivity - it truly makes all the difference as we move forward together.



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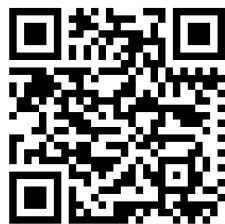
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