

Bramley Care News

February 2024

BRAMLEY HOUSE

Birthdays

RESIDENTS

Joyce will be 100yrs on 29 February 2024 (yes, she is a Leap Year baby, so in fact she should only be 25!)

Katherine will be 101yrs on 24 March 2024

STAFF

23 November 2023

Michael our Senior Carer celebrated his 50th Birthday

Hannah our Kitchen Assistant celebrated her 18th Birthday

Dates for your diary

Family and Friends events at Bramley House

Wednesday 14 February
Valentine Day lunch 12.30pm

Friday 1 March
A very Welsh Afternoon Tea 3.00pm

Friday 29 March
Good Friday lunch 2.30pm

Monday 1 April
Afternoon Tea and Easter egg hunt 3.00pm

Residents Meetings

Wednesday 7 February 2.00pm

Tea and Cake with the Manager

Drop-in-sessions
Thursday 14 March 3.00pm

OTHER STAFF CELEBRATIONS

at Bramley House
Mijanur got married
23 November 2023



Resident stories

Gerda

Gerda a resident at Bramley House loves to entertain her fellow residents by playing the violin accompanied by a visiting pianist (every Monday).

Gerda was born in Holland and came to England when she was just 15yrs of age to study. She studied at The Royal Academy of Music, whilst living with her uncle and aunt.

After her studies Gerda became a violin teacher, teaching at Green Street Primary School, as well as privately, which she continued to do well into her 60s.

Gerda also enjoys a game of scrabble and relaxing with a good book. In the evenings, she likes to catch up with the news on the television in the lounge. Gerda always likes to come out on trips to the garden centre, shopping and to the beach. She enjoys walks with her friends and walking her friends dog.



Home improvements

We have been very busy updating and refurbishing Bramley House internally over the last six months.

The entrance hall, lobby area and green room have all been redecorated throughout, new carpets have been fitted and new furniture added.

Redecoration has also taken place in the main lounge area, middle lounge and orangery and new furniture installed.

The orangery has also had new chandeliers fitted, which look amazing!

The furniture in the top lounge has also been replaced and several bedrooms redecorated as part of our ongoing programme of refurbishment.



Chandeliers at Bramley House.

Christmas in New York



Jim's son usually comes over from New York a couple of times a year to see his dad, but this year Jim was collected by his son and taken to New York to spend Christmas with his family. Everyone had an amazing time creating memories they will all cherish.



Home grown pumpkins

The residents and grounds staff at Millbrook House decided to grow their own pumpkins this year for Halloween, and not only did everyone enjoy growing them, they also had great fun creating spooky carvings for their Halloween display. The catering team also created some scrumptious pumpkin inspired treats for the residents to enjoy.



The new art club is proving a big hit with the residents of Millbrook House.

The club hosted by Liz, currently runs once a month, and has definitely brought out the artistic side of the residents.

All residents are welcome to come along to the club, no matter whether you are an experienced artist, a complete beginner, or just enjoy drawing and painting.



Big birthday

Kenneth will be **100yrs** old on 8 February 2024



Watch this space

Full fibre connection at Millbrook House coming soon!

After many years of muddling through with our own DIY internet over a slow copper BT telephone line, we have (after a long wait) been informed by Wessex Internet that they will be able to supply a fast fibre connection to Millbrook House by the spring. We have instructed our IT service contractor, Sentinel, to start installing the necessary equipment to enable us, (when we get full fibre access), we can immediately start to offer reliable and fast internet access from all our rooms at Millbrook House

Dates for your diary

Family and Friends events at Millbrook House

Monday 1 April
Afternoon Tea Easter bonnets and Easter egg hunt 3.00pm

Residents Meetings
Monday 12 February 2.00pm
Tea and Cake with the Manager
Drop-in-sessions
Wednesday 6 March 2.00pm





Congratulations

to India from The Old Rectory who completed her Care Certificate in November.

The Great Christmas Old Rectory Bake Off



The residents of The Old Rectory love nothing more than rolling up their sleeves and baking. This Christmas they made delicious Christmas Cakes, Christmas Tree themed fairy cakes and of course gingerbread houses. Scrumptious treats that were all later enjoyed by everyone with afternoon tea.



Entertainment Spotlight

Grace MacDonald, is a regular entertainer at Bramley House, Millbrook House and The Old Rectory. She entertains the residents with songs and music from the musicals.

This is what Grace had to say....

I have always loved performing and have been involved in amateur dramatics from a young age, acting in productions ranging from musicals like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and The Sound of Music to more serious drama including Lord of the flies and The Tempest. I thoroughly enjoy all three disciplines of acting, singing and dancing which are the basis of my musical theatre course to date.

I am very much looking forward to completing my studies this summer when I will be ready to fully



commit to a career in the world of professional performing arts, where I would love the opportunity to be involved in TV and film as well as the theatre.

I love to sing at care homes in my free time as it is wonderful to see the residents engage in my music and remind them of positive times from their past.

Remembrance Day at The Old Rectory

Remembrance Day is a very important day for everyone at The Old Rectory, and a day to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. This year the gentlemen of the arts and crafts club wanted to create their own special display to commemorate this.



A curious new resident at The Old Rectory

Poppy at the ripe old age of 17yrs has joined us at The Old Rectory. Poppy's owner could not bear the thought of being separated from her beloved Poppy when she moved in with us, so of course, we invited her to join us to!

Dates for your diary

Family and Friends events at The Old Rectory

Wednesday 14 February	
Valentines Day lunch	12.30pm
Wednesday 6 March	
Cheese and Wine Evening	5.00pm
Friday 29 March	
Afternoon Tea and Easter bonnet parade	3.00pm
Sunday 31 March	
Easter Egg hunt	11.00am

Residents Meetings	
Tuesday 6 February	11.00am
Tea and Cake with the Manager	
Drop-in-sessions	
Thursday 4 April	2.00pm

Recognising staff excellence

I'm sure you will agree that our carers do a fantastic job but sometimes someone does something that goes beyond the normal. So, we've created the 'Peanut Award' where the carer who gets the greatest number of compliments from clients or relatives will, every quarter, be given an award. Please contact us if you would like to tell us your story and nominate someone.

Why the peanut award?
Because peanuts are often complimentary!

The winners of our first Peanut awards are, Mandy,

Kasia and Leah who have been presented with their award and gift tokens at our recent staff meeting.

Please don't stop letting us know when someone performs excellently as any submissions will now count towards the next quarters awards!



Linda and Zivai tuck into a meal they cooked! Zivai's even licking her lips!

Cooking Courses

To ensure that all our home care staff are confident in food preparation, we put together a basic cooking course which was hosted by our talented chef Camilla at Bramley House. It was a great success, and a lot of fun was had by all!

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Bramley Home Care Advisory Committee

We are looking for clients or relatives to join our Bramley Home Care Advisory Committee. We would like your input to ensure that we continue to do the things that you want us to do, and to join us on interview panels for new staff recruitment. If you are interested, please contact the Home Care Office.

Bramley Training Centre

Our goal to provide you with excellent carers will be further strengthened by our new very own 'Bramley Training Centre'.

We have recently acquired office space to specifically turn into a training room with practical and theoretical education offered to all carers across the group so that they can develop their knowledge and skills, share experiences, and progress their careers. This has been proven to improve job satisfaction and retention of staff.



Bramley Home Care are joining the Gold Standards Framework for Domiciliary Care Programme.



This is an invitation for you to tell us what's important to you to ensure that other people know your wishes for the future. It's about helping you to live well, right to the end of your life. I know for some that's an unpalatable thought but thinking ahead and writing things down means your wishes will be known and respected even if you become unwell or can no longer speak for yourself. If you would like a leaflet, please let us know.

Leave us a review

Your reviews are important to us at Bramley Care and those looking to use Bramley Care in the future, so please visit:

carehome.co.uk to leave a review of our Care Homes.
 Bramley House, Mere | Millbrook House, Child Okeford | The Old Rectory, Stalbridge

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