

Bramley Care News

Providers of bespoke, professional care for older people

November 2024

BRAMLEY HOUSE

Dates for your diary

Residents and family meeting
Wednesday 18 December 2.30pm

Events

Live music from Jeff Law
Wednesday 13 November 2.00pm

Live music from Tina Jay
Monday 25 November 2.00pm

Live music from Kelly
Friday 13 December 2.00pm

Live music from David Toone
Monday 16 December 2.30pm

Live music from Tina Jay
Wednesday 18 December 2.00pm

Live music from Jeff Law
Friday 27 December 2.00pm

Family and friends events at Bramley House

Christmas Service
inc. Shreen Harmony, followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Thursday 12 December 2.00pm

Holy Communion
Thursday 19 December 11.00am

New Years Eve buffet
Tuesday 31 December 5.00pm

Staff celebrations

August
Sheila celebrated 40yrs at Bramley House

Betty Mere Carnivals Super Gran

Betty from Bramley House was so proud to be nominated by the activities team at Bramley House to be this year's Mere Carnivals Super Gran. She was presented with her tiara and sash by the Mere Carnival Committee with her family there to support her.

Betty has recently taken part in the Mere carnival procession and had a wonderful day, cheered on by her fellow residents at Bramley House.



Meet the manager

Hi, My name is Debbie Parrett and I took over as the manager at Bramley House in September.



I am a Registered Nurse who has worked within the Health and Social Care Sector for the last 30 plus years. During my time specifically within Social Care, I have been a lecturer in Health and Social Care, worked as a Quality and Compliance Manager, Regional Support Manager and managed several Nursing and Residential Homes.

I am passionate about supporting our residents to continue to live meaningful lives in the way that they would wish to and providing good care to those people that need our support.

In my down time I love to spend time in nature, observing the changing seasons. I never fail to find or see something new. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends, having fun and making memories.

Thank you to crafty Dawn

We would like to say a huge thank you to Dawn. Who presented Bramley House with some beautifully crochet twiddle muffs and small blankets for them to use in Garden View, our new wing for people who are living with advancing dementia.



Companion kitten

Bramley Care would like to thank Dementia Friendly Gillingham for presenting the residents of Bramley House with a robotic companion kitten during a recent Dementia Friendly 'Sing a Song of Praise' Session held at Bramley House.

The presentation was made in memory of Anne May and was made possible by the kind patrons of The Phoenix Inn in Gillingham, who raised the money to buy the kitten.

Anne was a well-known Gillingham lady, who sadly passed away during her time with us here at Bramley House.



We would like to thank everyone who attended the 'Sing a Song of Praise' session and joined in with the singing and dancing.

Meet the manager

Hi, my name is Carol Mayers and I took over as the manager at Millbrook House in July.

I have worked in the Care Sector most of my working life as a support worker, homeless officer, domestic violence project worker, learning disabilities and then moved into management.

Over the last 25 years I have managed care homes/nursing homes and care in the community in Hampshire, Berkshire, Surrey and Dorset.



I have a wonderful family that I love spending time with. I moved to Dorset a couple of years ago and bought a beautiful cottage with a large garden, so I spend a lot of time constantly adding to my garden and enjoying spending my time there relaxing.

I have two dogs that keep me very busy, we walk miles together over the glorious Dorset countryside the beauty of which never ceases to amaze me.

Army veterans act of kindness

Freddie a resident at Millbrook House, has a passion for the aircraft, pilots, and squadrons of WW2.

But when Freddie was gifted a model aircraft kit of a Spitfire, he felt it was too difficult a challenge to manage alone. Enter our saviour Patricia, one of the care staff at Millbrook House, whose cousin Kevin a former army veteran, hobby is making model aircraft and other militaria. Patricia asked Kevin if he would be willing to help Freddie and of course he wanted to help!

Not only did he make up Freddie's model for him, but he gave him another two models of the spitfire aircraft, and a tank as well!



Freddie was so very grateful to Kevin for his kindness, that he wanted to acknowledge him with an article in our newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us at Bramley Care as a volunteer and make a meaningful impact on the lives of our residents living in Bramley House (Mere), Millbrook House (Child Okeford) or The Old Rectory (Stalbridge). For more information visit bramleycare.co.uk/volunteering



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

OR homecare.co.uk to review our Home Care services.



Staff celebrations



August

Congratulations to Janeth who celebrated 20 years of service at Millbrook House.

Dates for your diary

Residents and family meeting
Thursday 21 November

Events

Live music from Justin Daish
Wednesday 11 December

Family and friends events at Millbrook House

Christmas Party

inc. The Shroton Ukelele Band performing Christmas carols

Thursday 12 December 12.30pm

Dates for your diary

Family and friends events at The Old Rectory

Christmas party

Friday 20 December
2.00pm - 5.00pm

New Years Day buffet party

Wednesday 1 January
3.00pm - 5.00pm

Residents and family meeting

Thursday 5 December 11.00am

Tea and cake with the manager

Monday 9 December
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Music therapy



Music therapy sessions at The Old Rectory are always a popular activity with the residents.

For older people and especially those with dementia, listening to or engaging in music whether that is by singing, dancing or playing instruments can help older people develop and maintain relationships with others and improve their wellbeing.

It can help them to express their feelings and ideas, verbally and non-verbally, act as a prompt for reminiscing, help them to 'tell their story' and share their personal history, encourage social interaction, reduce isolation, and help to engage people in group activities.

Music can also help a person with dementia to connect with the past by evoking memories, feelings and emotions that they might otherwise find hard to express.

Meet the manager

Hi, my name is Mandy Woon and I have been the manager at The Old Rectory since February 2023.



I started in care with work experience in a care home in Bournemouth when I was still in senior school, this would have been around 1985. I then studied elderly care and working with children.

I have always worked in care for the older person in either care homes, private care or home care. I have been in senior management roles within the care sector for over 10 years and I have worked my way up completing my Diplomas, 2, 3, and 5 in Health and Social Care along the way. I also worked with children in a hospice for around 8 years.

I am very passionate about caring and I have very good people skills.

I have been involved in several fundraising events from parachute jumping and army assault courses to riding on lawn mowers around a course at high speeds (but had to give this up when I was in my late 40s due to racing too fast and crashing) as I do like to do things that are risky!

I like to spend my free time with family and grandchildren. My family and I have always enjoyed camping, but now I prefer a little more luxury and we now go caravanning most years instead. I also love dogs and cats.

My perfect Friday evenings are spent catching up with family and friends for a drink.

Out and about

The residents of The Old Rectory enjoy nothing more than a trip out in their very own minibus. Just a few of their favourite places to visit are the Mindful Café in Gillingham which runs fortnightly activities for everyone to enjoy, from music, to animals and everything in between! Madjeston Dairy Farm, where the residents like to take a trip around the farm to see the animals and enjoy a coffee and Pageant Gardens a beautiful two acre garden in central Sherborne.



Staff celebrations - July



Danni a member of our kitchen team at The Old Rectory and Jamie a member of our maintenance team welcomed baby Eevee into the world. Congratulations Jamie and Danni, Eevee is absolutely gorgeous!



Congratulations to Amy who completed her Care Certificate

Dementia support tea/coffee morning

You're invited

Caring for a loved one who is beginning to show signs of dementia or memory loss can be a challenging and often overwhelming experience. It can raise many questions: What should you do? What should you avoid? How can you best communicate? Where can you find help and support?

We understand the experience you're going through, and we want to offer a space where you can connect with others in our local community who are encountering similar challenges. That's why we're hosting a free tea/coffee morning once a month, specifically for those caring for someone living with memory loss or dementia.



Whether you're looking for advice, support, or just a friendly chat, come along and have a cup of tea/coffee with someone who understands and wants to help.

We look forward to seeing you at **Bramley Care Unit 24B, Wincombe Business Park Shaftesbury SP7 9QJ**

Gold Standards Framework Accreditation

Bramley Home Care has been awarded a national Gold Standards Framework Quality Hallmark Award in recognition of the excellent end of life care they provide. Gold Standards Framework provides end of life care training and accreditation for frontline staff in health and social care.

Bramley Home Care was one of five domiciliary care agencies from across the country receiving the award at the Gold Standards Framework annual conference and awards ceremony on Friday 27 September at BMA House in London.

Rob Blackman, Registered Manager of Bramley Home Care said: "This highly prestigious award demonstrates our commitment to delivering the very highest standards of end-of-life care."



Virtual Dementia Tour Bus Experience

This week Bramley Care Training Centre had the privilege of hosting the transformative Virtual Dementia Tour Bus Experience. This innovative virtual dementia simulator provides a scientifically and medically validated way for individuals with healthy brains to experience the challenges of living with dementia. Participants have the opportunity to step into

the world of those affected by dementia, gaining insights into how simple adjustments in their practices and environments can significantly enhance the quality of life for individuals with this condition.

Carers from the Shaftesbury area were invited to attend this impactful training session, led by Tony from Experience Training Ltd.



Bramley Home Care Advisory Committee

The first meeting of the Bramley Home Care Advisory Committee has now been held. During the meeting discussions took place on progress so far and what the advisory committee might want us to look at in the future.

One area of interest is delegated powers, this is where Registered Nurses delegate their powers to Bramley Home Care staff who are then able to carry out tasks such as wound dressings and injection. This would mean our clients would not have to wait around for visits from a nurse and would enrich the roles of our carers. Of course, training and support would be provided to all carers undertaking these tasks.

If you would like to be involved in the advisory committee, it's only a commitment of around 12 hours a year, then please call us.

Next meeting
Tuesday 3 December 1.00pm

