

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO IN

January

at the Vicarage



And just like that the first month of 2025 comes to an end. We've had a wonderful January finding our rhythm again after the festive period. This month has seen us have everything from farmyard animals visiting to some wonderful musical afternoons.

Our big plans for this year are focused on the garden, we are hoping to initially revamp the space surrounding the conservatory and then move onto the bigger garden space at the rear. Any donations of seeds, bulbs, gardening tools or a few hours of your time would be greatly appreciated.

Quilt Club Goes To Scotland!



This month our quilt club took a trip up north to our scots neighbours for inspiration. We brought together some beautiful fabrics to make a whole new set of blocks to go towards our first home quilt!

Textile Printing



We had a great session printing up some very cool tea towels using everyday veg and plants! This activity is such a simple idea but utilises so many skills from hand eye co-ordination to colour identification.



Farm on Wheels

A LITTLE SLICE OF THE FARM IN OUR HOME

Thanks to the money we raised over the festive period we were able to book the incredible Stella and her entourage of animals to come and spend an afternoon with our residents. We had the cutest guinea pig pair you've ever met who made there way around and got plenty of cuddles!

A gorgeous Rex rabbit had everyone wanting to take him home! Then there were the beautiful Bantam chickens, who knew you could have such a well behaved cockerel. Joining this little ensemble were a pair of very lovely fancy rats who loved running up and down Ami's arms and shoulders, but the absolute stars of the show were two little lambs called Tom and Jerry who won everyone over as they tried to figure out standing on our conservatory floor.

It was so special to see how much joy animals bring to our residents and definitely something we will be doing more of in the future. Thankyou to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket over christmas you helped this happen!



Accordion Sessions

We were lucky enough to have something a little bit different this month in the form of our local accordion club popping in to perform for us! What a beautiful instrument this is and it was such a joy to listen to. We got up and had a bit of a dance to the more lively numbers, a really enjoyable afternoon.



Gardening Club

It's never too early to get ahead of yourself! This month our gardening club got straight on to planting some of our first seeds for the garden! With our spring bulbs that we planted at the start of winter beginning to poke their heads up it looks like we will have a very bright beautiful garden this year!

Elevated Art Sessions

We've taken our painting sessions to a whole new level with our adjustable painting easels! These mean that all of our residents can access some wonderful painting afternoons. These can be done 1:1 and in groups. We enjoyed testing them out and can't wait to explore some new techniques and mediums over the next few months.

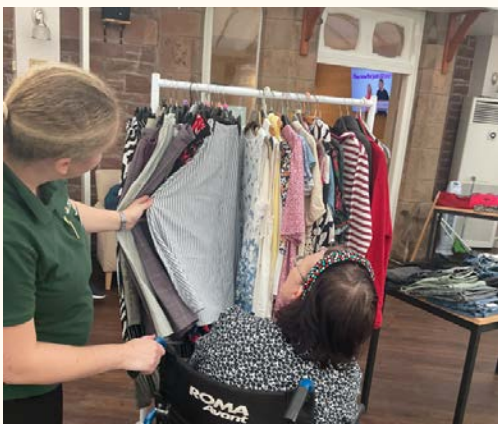


The wonderful Katriona and Grant came to us to kick off our week long scottish cultural celebrations leading up to burns night. With some fantastic scottish music we had a brilliant time dancing and singing along.

Burns Night Celebration



Market Day



We had a wonderful market day this month with so many lovely clothes for the residents to choose from. Everyone enjoyed having a good shop and picking out some new pieces for their wardrobes!

Lunar New Year



To celebrate the Lunar New Year a cultural celebration seen all across Asia we made prosperity gift boxes for each other, decorated paper lanterns and had an afternoon of traditional dumplings, jasmine tea and duck pancakes which everyone enjoyed!

Even More Activities

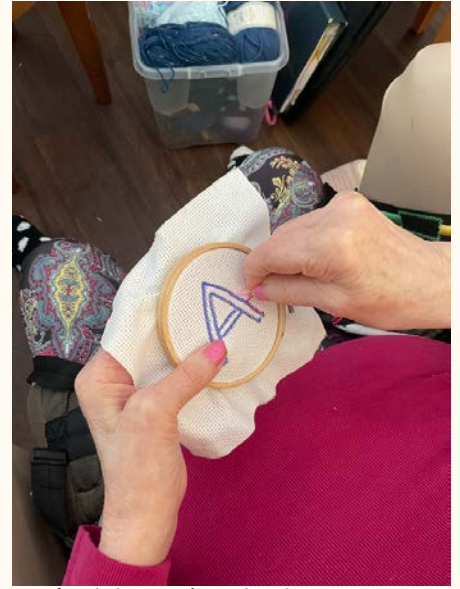
This newsletter is just a small peek into everything we do at the Vicarage. We've had our regular baking/food sessions all month following our theme of the week of course! some really wonderful art sessions, lots of pampering with massage & nail care and our classic games sessions with Bingo and regular quizzes.



A Pickling Workshop making some Asia inspired pickles!



Our Cabers, Mini Haggis and Tug'o'war ready for the mini highland games!



Craft Club Sessions had a go at some embroidery this month!



Having a go at making some war time inspired scones for our reminiscence week.

As always if you'd like to get involved in any of our activities or plan something special you know your loved one would enjoy please get in touch.



Reskilling our resident knitters with our knit and natter sessions!

Have Any Feedback For Us?

We are currently gathering feedback on our activity provision to help us evolve and shape the future of activities at the Vicarage. If you have time to fill out a short anonymous form it would be much appreciated.

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