

What we've been up to in

# March



If you've been wondering what we've been up to...the short answer is **EVERYTHING!**

March has been a whirlwind of fun from heartfelt Mother's Day moments to a very green and lively St Patrick's Day! There's been crafts, walks, singers, dancers and plenty of "what are we doing next?" moments...just the way we like it!



# Resident Dedication



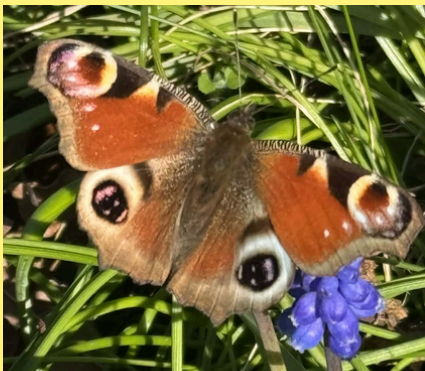
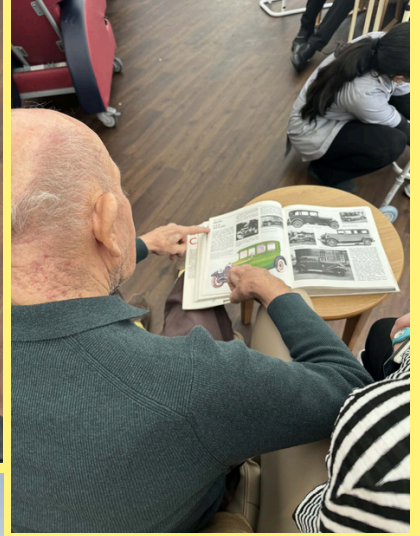
Hello there, I'm William but prefer to go by Bill. I have been devoted husband of 62 years. As a proud father of 3, they have also cherished me with 4 beautiful grandchildren who bring so much joy to my life.

Do you remember the Flaxmill in Shrewsbury? Well I was the Head Maltster there for 35 years and only left when it closed. I was the only person who recognised the importance of this building and showed people around it from all over the world. I have also been a magistrate for 30 years.

I have loved travelling, mostly in and around Shropshire but occasionally travelled over the English Channel to France and Italy but don't try and convince me to eat pasta of any form! Retirement led me to take up some hobbies so I worked for a small company that specialised in renovating furniture, working as a specialist on clocks and antiques from all over the country. Some of the furniture I restored are now on display in National Trust homes and English Heritage houses across the country.

I am a lover of classical music from Emile Waldteufels Les Patineurs, The Skaters to Samuel Barbers Adagio for Strings. This long time love of classical music encouraged me to become a long standing member of Singing for the Brain at Gains Park.

# Blink And You'll Miss It!



From furry friends to fresh air, we've been making the most of the little things that bring the biggest smiles!

We've loved spending time with our visiting furry companion Finn who always brings plenty of cuddles and wagging tails. The sunshine is finally making an appearance (we were starting to wonder if it had forgotten us!) we've been out enjoying gentle morning walks, soaking up the fresh air and admiring all the signs of spring.

Flower inspecting and enjoying some quiet time catching up on our reading. It really is the little moments that make the biggest difference and we've been soaking up every single one.





# St Patrick's Day



St Patrick's Day at the Vicarage was nothing short of shamrocking! The fabulous Ella Brown, who had us all completely mesmerised with her Irish dancing. Hands clapping, feet tapping and a few of us were this close to joining in...(strictly from our chairs, of course. Health & safety and all that)

To top it all off, our amazing Anna served up a hearty Irish stew that had everyone feeling warm & full. We finished the celebrations with a lively game of bingo and let's just say, luck was definitely in the air! All in all, it was a day full of laughter, great food and plenty of Irish cheer.



## Bake It 'Til You Make It



We've been getting stuck into making Rice Krispie cakes (with plenty of "taste testing" along the way) and whipping up some beautiful festive shamrock shortbread. The room was filled with chatter, creativity and the unmistakable smell of something delicious baking.



We've had an absolute blast and we're already counting down to the next batch of treats, we can't wait to see what's baking next!



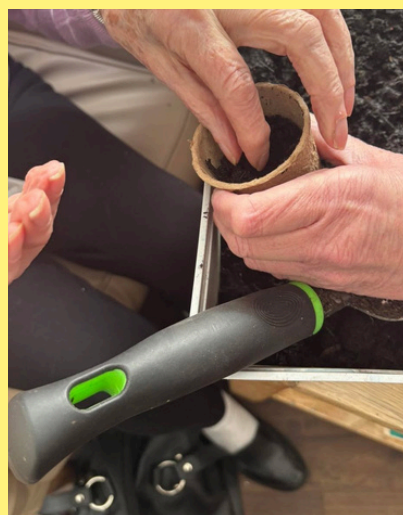
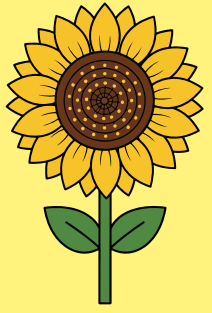
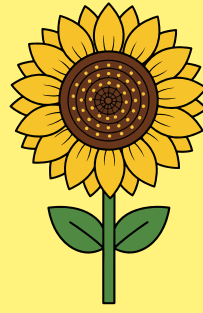
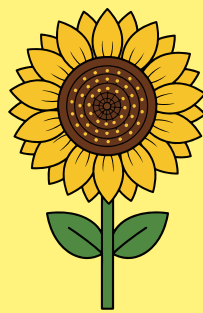


# Ready, Set...GROW!



Our great sunflower race is officially underway, with residents rolling up their sleeves, getting stuck in and potting their very own sunflowers.

We didn't stop there! Alongside our superstar sunflowers, we've also been busy potting cornflowers, tomatoes and broccoli. The competition is **BLOOMING** we can't wait to watch everything grow over the next few weeks and to crown our sunflower champion.





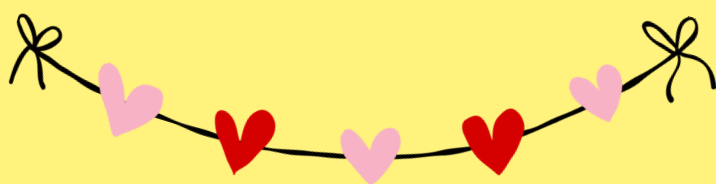
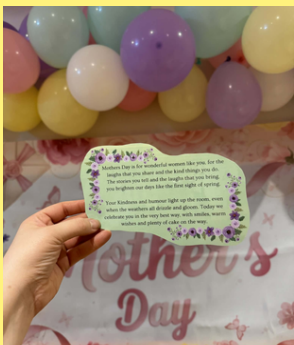
# Mum's The Word!



We've had such a beautiful Mother's Day here at the Vicarage, filled with love, laughter and the most gorgeous display of flowers.

A huge thank you to all the families and friends who sent in and dropped off bouquets, our home has been absolutely blooming! Every room has been brightened with colour and more importantly with the love that each bunch represents. It truly made the day feel extra special.

Today was about celebrating the incredible women we are lucky enough to have with us. The stories they share, the kindness they show, the laughter they bring, they make every single day brighter.



# Creative Hands at Work



It's been non stop creativity in our crafting club lately and we wouldn't have it any other way!

Relaxing paint by numbers to collage boards, we've been letting our imaginations run wild. We've also been getting hands on with some beautiful flower arranging and delicate flower pressing, bringing a little bit of the outdoors inside.

There's been plenty of laughter, a touch of mess and lots of proud moments as everyone admired their creations.

Safe to say, our craft table has been busy and we're loving every minute of it!



# 🎵 The Darby Singers 🎵



What an incredible afternoon we had with the fabulous Darby Singers, they truly blew our socks off!

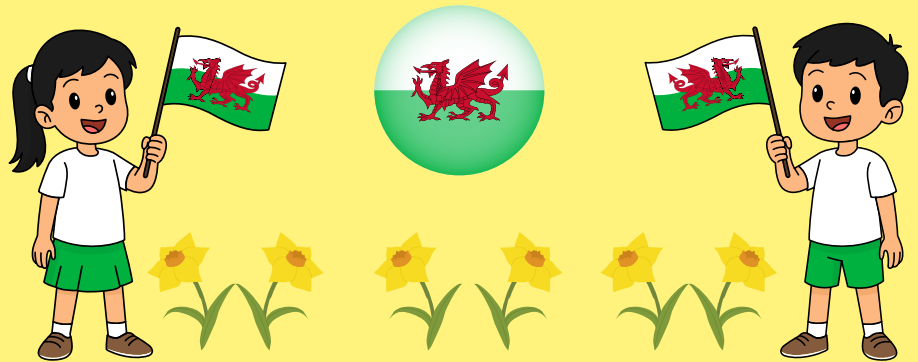
There were a few tears, lots of smiles and plenty of singing along as they treated us to some absolute classics from Dolly Parton, Elvis, Elton John & The Beach Boys. Safe to say, they had everyone tapping their feet and reminiscing

We were also lucky enough to be the first to hear their brand new set...and what a treat it was!

A huge thank you to the Darby Singers for such a special performance, we already can't wait to have them back!



## St David's Day



We came together to celebrate St David's Day a proud and joyful occasion honouring the patron saint of Wales. It was a time to embrace Welsh heritage, culture and community spirit. The home was filled with the aromas of freshly made Welsh cakes and fresh daffodils.

# Leaf-ing You Speechless



Another year at the Chelsea Flower Show...Oh wait never mind, its the Vicarage.

Thanks to a wonderful donation from Sainsbury's we had plenty of beautiful blooms to work with and we certinally put them to good use!

Our residents got stuck into creating over 10 stunning bouquets, each one carefully arranged and full of colour. The best part? These gorgeous creations were shared around the home, spreading smiles and a little bit of floral joy to everyone.

## Brains in Gear!



We were delighted to welcome Eden from Inclusive Health, who joined us for a really engaging and insightful session with the team.

Together, we explored ways to strengthen how we work along side each other, focusing on respect, awareness and inclusion. It was a great opportunity to reflect, share ideas and continue building a supportive and positive environment for both staff & residents.

Our Team recently enjoyed a lovely evening out at Umami in Telford. It was a perfect chance to step away from the day-to-day, relax and enjoy some well deserved time together. There was plenty of laughter, great conversation and of course...some absolutely delicious food!



# Staff Dedication



Hi, my name is Natalie.

If there's one way to my heart, It's an Indian takeaway - but don't get it twisted...It has to be a Korma (nothing too spicy over here, thank you very much!)

I'm definitely more of a sunset person, I'm never awake early enough to catch a sunrise anyway! And when I'm relaxing, you'll find me fully invested in some reality TV...Judging everyone from the comfort of my sofa like a true professional.

I grew up in the countryside in Longden-on-tern, and now live with my little family in Harmer Hill. I can honestly say this job happens to be my favourite which makes coming to work that little bit easier (even on days when the coffee goes cold before you get to drink it!)

I've been lucky enough to visit Sorrento in Italy, its truly breathtaking and I've got an exciting trip planned to Disneyland Paris this July to watch my daughter perform! Safe to say I'll be swapping work shoes for Mickey ears very soon!

What make's me laugh the most? Rhianna (and no..I didn't pay her to say that she said that all herself)

A perfect day for me is simply having the day to myself, no plans, no rushing around, just peace and quiet, and maybe a takeaway (Korma,obviously)

Music wise, you can't beat a bit of R&B classics! I'll be singing along whether I know all the words or not! and if I had to choose, its the seaside over the country side every time!

The best advice I could give, knowing what I know now? "Live every day as if its your last"

And finally...I'm a full time dance mum, which means life is busy, loud and always on the go! But I wouldn't have it any other way.