

What we've been up to in November



Welcome to this month's Activities Newsletter!

As the seasons change, we're delighted to share the moments of joy, connection, and creativity happening throughout our home.

Every activity we plan is designed with purpose, supporting familiar routines, sparking memories, and encouraging meaningful engagement for each and every resident.



THANKFUL TREE



This month, we've been asking our residents what they are thankful for, and many of their responses have been truly heart-warming. We've printed them all and displayed them on our Thankful Tree in the main reception area. We invite you to stop by and have a read during your next visit.

AUTUMNAL WALKS

Despite the chilly weather, several of our residents have wrapped up and enjoyed a refreshing walk around the common. The green has been especially beautiful this season, with its brisk air and colorful autumn scenery. Everyone who joined us had a wonderful time taking in the sights and getting a bit of fresh air.





Remembrance Day



This month the staff, residents, and relatives came together to honour and remember those who gave so much.

Our residents enjoyed a special morning with a hot drink and a selection of homemade cakes, while sharing memories surrounded by beautiful displays of poppies and flags.

We reflected on stories, looked through treasured photographs, and spent time together in gratitude and friendship.

Lest We Forget.



Art & Craft

Our residents have been getting crafty!

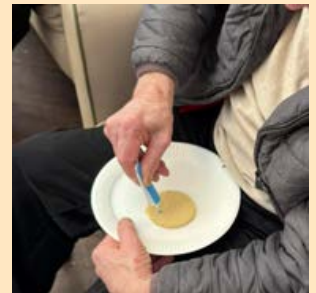


They've designed and sealed their very own coasters, now taking pride of place on their side tables to hold their favourite hot drinks. Creative activities like this aren't just fun they also help keep minds active, boost memory, and support fine motor skills. A perfect blend of art, expression, and wellbeing!



Biscuit Decorating

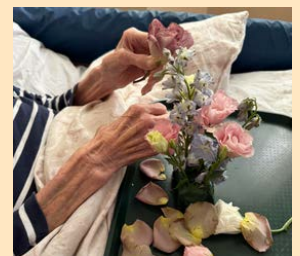
Residents enjoyed a lovely afternoon decorating biscuits with colourful icing and plenty of creativity. There were smiles, laughter, and a few tasty samples along the way! It was a simple, sweet activity that brought everyone together for some festive fun.



Blooming Creativity at Our Care Home

Residents have enjoyed arranging some beautiful fresh flowers this month, this is more than just a craft, it encourages mindfulness, boosts fine motor skills, and brings back cherished memories of gardens and nature.

Most importantly, it gives our residents a joyful way to express themselves!



MOVIE NIGHT

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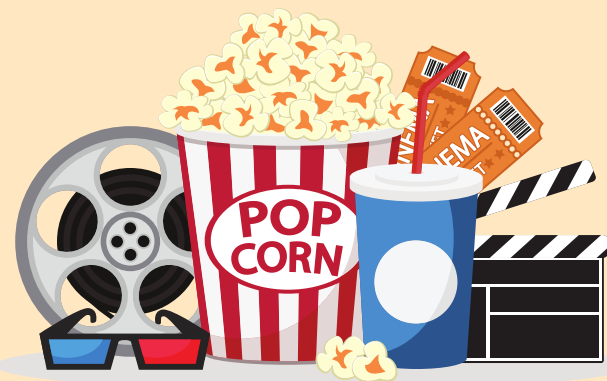
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This month, we hosted our very first movie night, and it was a wonderful success! Our residents had a fantastic time enjoying the film together, and we look forward to many more cozy movie nights ahead.

We enjoyed the classic film Dirty Dancing while tucking into a traditional cinema treat of hot dogs and chips, kindly prepared by our wonderful kitchen team. Residents also had a tasty selection of snacks to choose from, including marshmallows, popcorn, and a savoury option of crisps. It made for a truly enjoyable evening!

Keep your eyes peeled for our next movie night, we'd love for you to join us and share in the fun!



IT'S BEGINING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS AT THE VICARAGE

Mariah Carey called & the Vicarage answered

This year, we're spreading a little extra joy by creating handmade Christmas cards! Grab some pens, glitter, stickers, whatever you like and fill a card with kindness. A simple message can mean the world to someone.



The residents can't wait to hand these out at our upcoming Christmas events! Stay tuned



Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

This morning at the home, our residents got creative by giving old jigsaw pieces a brand-new purpose – transforming them into charming handmade snowflakes! It's inspiring to see how a little imagination can turn everyday items into something truly special.



Artificial Twinkly Light Craft

Our residents have beautifully brightened the entrance porch with their handmade "twinkly lights."

Using colourful tissue paper, gentle support, and a laminator, everyone took part in creating these cheerful decorations. There was lots of cutting, shaping, and laughter along the way – and the result is a wonderfully welcoming, eye-catching display that everyone can enjoy.



Miniature bobble hats

This month, our residents enjoyed a creative and engaging activity: making miniature bobble hats from colorful wool. The process involved weaving the yarn around a cardboard circle, which not only sparked plenty of smiles but also provided an excellent way to support their reflexes and fine motor skills.

The finished hats are charming, cheerful, and each one will be filled with a small treat and will be available to purchase from our craft stall at the Christmas party, with all proceeds raised going straight back into the residents comfort fund.

We are incredibly proud of the wonderful creations our residents have produced and look forward to showcasing them.





CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING



It's that time of year when we begin fundraising for our Residents' Comfort Fund for 2026. First and foremost, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated items for our raffle. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to create some truly wonderful hampers. If you would still like to make a donation towards the raffle, we are happily still accepting prizes.



Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 per strip. If you would like to purchase tickets, these can be bought directly from me at Reception.



If you visit your loved one over the weekend, you can still purchase tickets by placing the money and your name in an envelope and handing it to the nurses. I will collect these on my return on Monday and allocate your tickets accordingly.



Guess the Name of the Pig

We have been very kindly donated the cutest hand-crocheted pig, who is in need of a lovely name and a new home! We've put together a selection of names for you to choose from, and entries are just £1 a go.



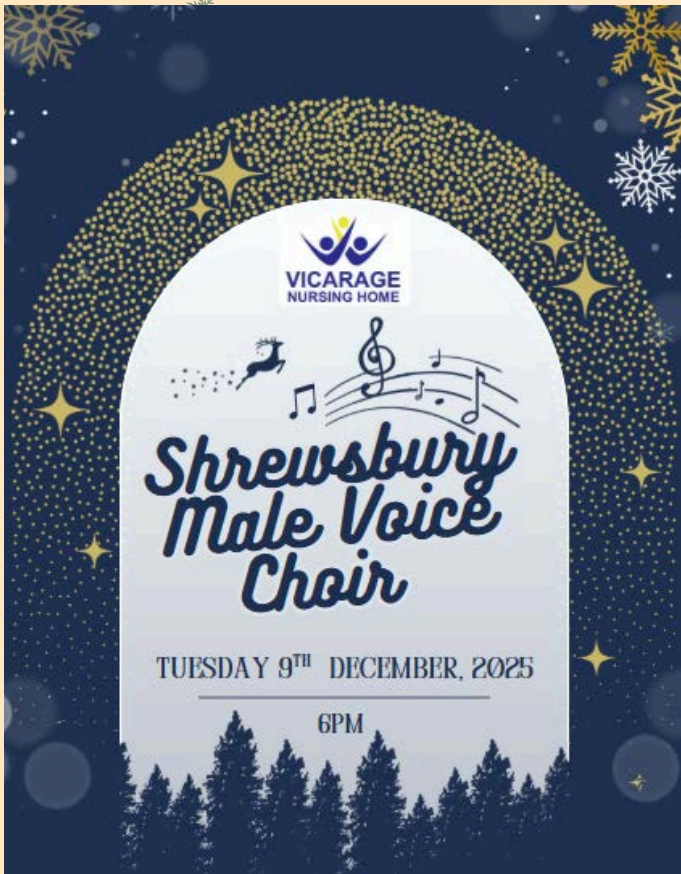
Guess How Many Sweets Are in the Jar

Who doesn't love a big jar of sweeties? For just £1, you can take a guess at how many sweets are inside the jar. The closest guess will win the jar – and the title of sweet-count champion!



All winners will be drawn on Friday, 19th December. Further information about this date will be provided closer to the time.

If you have any questions about our fundraising then please don't hesitate to get in contact.



We're delighted to announce that the **Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir** will be joining us on **Tuesday, 9th December** at **6pm** for a festive evening of Christmas carols!

Please come along and join your loved one to share in the joy of the season, sing along to your favourite carols, and enjoy a warm and cheerful evening together.

We look forward to seeing you there!



New Years Eve Party

🎉 Join Us for a Rockin' Good Time! 🎉

We're excited to invite our residents, families, and friends to our 1950s New Year's Eve Party!

Get ready to step back in time with classic tunes, retro fun, and great company as we celebrate the start of a brand-new year.

📅 Wednesday, 31st December

🍴 Buffet served at 12 PM

🎵 Music, dancing, and festive cheer all afternoon!

Feel free to dress in your best 1950s style (optional but encouraged!) and help us make this celebration unforgettable. 🎉 🕺 ✨

