

Brackenley News

AUTUMN 2021

And so the Summer came.....



Hurrah, finally Summer arrived and our garden was buzzing with butterfly, bee and insect life in our Sensory Beds. We had Pool Days, BBQ days, Outdoor Sports Days, Cocktail Afternoons, Creepy Crawley afternoons, Outdoor Crafts and Disco Golf! and lots of fun!



Still getting out and about ..

Being able to get out in our WAV continues to be invaluable and we've found lots of opportunities for country drives to quiet seaside places like Saltburn and Redcar, it's been lovely to breath fresh sea air and of course indulge in our favourite fish & Chips !





THE HS4LC HARROGATE CHOCOLATE FACTORY CAFÉ IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!

Our residents have been loving make full use of trips to our very own café with its range of hot and cold lunches and hand baked cakes. Do drop in to support us and enjoy the secret garden at the back of the café on a sunny day!



A message from Jan

Hello, here we are again with our latest newsletter. I think you can see from the photographs that the wheelchair assessable vehicle has been put to very good use throughout the summer, we have also had a lot of varied group activities in the house. Our clients are enjoying the new café which opened at the beginning of summer 'The chocolate café' lives up to it's name the food is delicious and it has very quickly become a firm favourite with the clients. We are slowly supporting our clients to access the community as safely as we can and they are attending their usual daytime activities again. Sadly one of our lovely clients passed away this summer, he was a gentle man with an amazing sense of humour and he is sorely missed.

I would like to thank all of you again for being so patient, understanding and supportive throughout this difficult time

Jan Wright ,

Brackenley Home Manager.



Garden Craft sessions for clients and families.



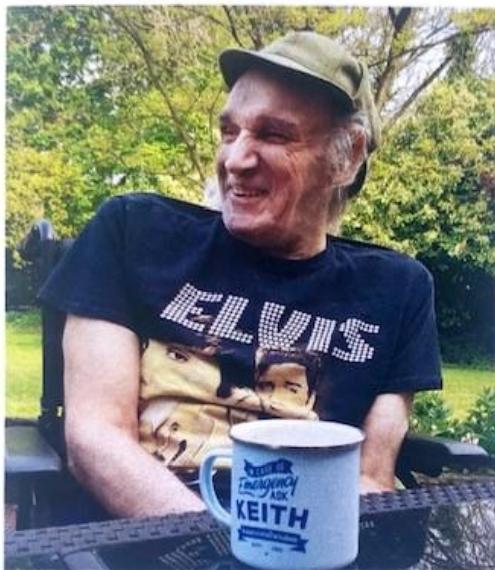
In June, one of our clients families asked us if there would be any opportunity to join in with a craft session...something that we used to offer a couple of years ago (pre-C19!), this got us thinking and we decided to put on a garden crafts activity on alternating Wednesday afternoons with our Day Centre Staff member Julia Wade. By working in the garden we can keep the activities as safe as possible in the fresh air but be protected from the elements under the gazebo. We intend to continue with these sessions through the Autumn on Alternating Weds 1-3pm. Our crafts have a garden related theme and this month we will be potting up bulbs in the beautiful hand decoupage terracotta pots made last month by the group. If you would like to join a session (no commitment to come every time) please give the house a call to check which Weds is running. If you have any bulbs/ pots/plants to donate please contact Julia on skills@hs4lc.org.uk



We say a poignant goodbye to Keith ...

In July our beloved Keith peacefully passed away at Harrogate District Hospital after a few days admission. Our dedicated team supported Keith to remain at Brackenley (something he passionately felt about) for the last 18 months rather than move to nursing care, during this time and despite a pandemic, Keith managed a holiday away and several lovely days out, including a visit to our Chocolate Factory Café the week before he passed. The Team supported a week of tributes to Keith to honour and remember a funny, interesting, brave and fabulous gentleman.

In memory of Keith the residents made bird boxes to decorate the Magnolia tree and to remind us to do what Keith did; to watch, listen to and feed the birds.



**In Loving Memory
of
Keith Stockburn**

6th April 1944 - 25th July 2021



PETER WHITE COMES HOME!

It was great to finally welcome Peter White back to Brackenley at the start of Summer (after nearly a year isolating with Mum & Dad). Peter wasted no time getting to know Dylan with a game of backgammon - of course! And helping support our boys in the Euro's.

Dylan has moved on now from his year at Brackenley but the backgammon set is ready for anyone else wishing to challenge Peter to a game!

Adam finally gets out for a Pint!

It's been a long wait to get back to
doing some of the
things we used to enjoy that have
been affected by
Covid.

We're finding quiet times/ open
spaces and safe ways
to visit our favourite places.

Adam's smile says it all!





A Snap shot of the many Summer activities we've enjoyed this year, from Mexican day complete with Coronavirus Piñata to balloon modelling, and outdoor fun and games.



Three of our ladies recently enjoyed a great day out at Harlow Carr gardens to view the sculpture by Philip Hass.



A message from Julia Moor

As nights start to get a little shorter and life outside seems to get a bit more normal we are also enjoying easing some of the restrictions that have kept our residents out of shops and cafes and indoor spaces. Our team and clients keep sensible and have adjusted to the regular testing and risk assessments for the activities we used to take for granted. In August Assessment Services inspected our Home's Leadership and Governance and awarded us accreditation with Excellence in care for another 18 months. - no minor achievement in the context of the challenges thrown at us since we were last assessed! Jan and the team should be deservedly proud - well done!

