

BRACKENLEY NEWS!

Christmas 2019 Edition!



Our Home

Manager says...



Jan Wright

Well Christmas is nearly upon us again and we've had a very busy year with holidays to Liverpool, Paris, Blackpool and Hornsea.

We have 3 new members of staff, Jan, Jamie and Carol who we have welcomed to the Brackenley team.

We are looking forward to a new year full of adventures, we have many holiday destinations lined up already and we're all excited for Christmas.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

Jan Wright

Konrad's move to Brairdene!

In January Konrad will be leaving Brackenley to take up the lovely ground floor room at our sister home Briardene.

Konrad has said he will miss the residents and staff at Brackenley and he is looking forward to his last Brackenley Christmas.

Konrad also said he is looking forward to moving into his new home and meeting some new people and to also see his friends that live at Briardene already. We know that he will be very happy at Briardene and he is welcome to come and visit us anytime!



Excellence in Care!

In September we won the Assessment Services award for defining delivering and improving care.

HS4LC is committed to continual sustained improvement in our care provision and client experience, so in January Brackenley will be undertaking it's 3 year Re-Assessment alongside its sister home Briardene against the Excellence in Care Framework.

We are looking forward to setting more benchmarks for further developments in 2020.



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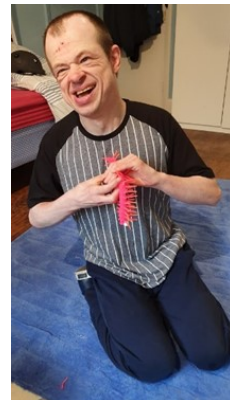
THE HIGHLIGHTS.....

Adrian's Sensory Ball Pool and Sensory Games

Adrian has been using his ball pool a lot, he likes throwing the balls out and laughing.

Adrian also has some flashing balls that he enjoys looking at.

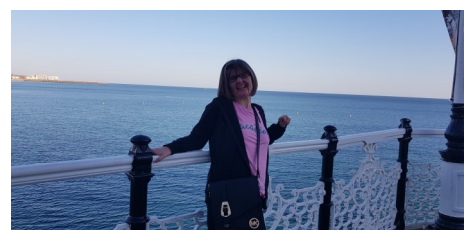
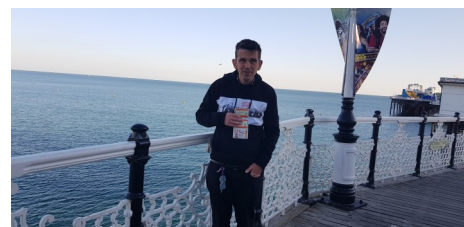
We are happy to support Adrian to develop his sensory observing and building on the things we see him enjoy.



Adam and Paula's trip to Brighton

Paula and Adam travelled to Brighton on the train. Adam was very excited to be travelling on the train. While in Brighton Adam and Paula visited the museum and pavillion, played games in the arcade on the pier and explored all the little shops and the market.

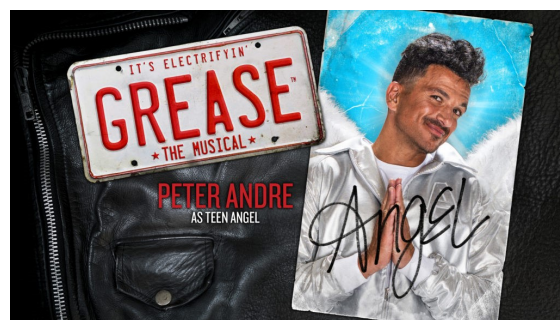
Paula's favourite part of the holiday was shopping in the market and finding some wool and playing on the 2p machines in the arcade. Adam enjoyed visiting the pubs and Ancient Egypt exhibit at the museum.



Grease the musical with Peter Andre

Dianne went to The Leeds Grand Theatre with her keyworker to watch Grease the Musical.

Dianne thoroughly enjoyed the show as she enjoyed singing to the songs and enjoyed seeing her relative PETER ANDRE!



Chrissie's trip to Alton Towers

Chrissie loved Alton Towers with her keyworker June, especially on the big rollercoasters. Chrissie stayed in a hotel overnight.

Chrissie said "Wicker man was my favourite ride but I liked going on all the rides. It was really good and I am going back next year!"



Fun at the HS4LC annual BBQ

We hosted the annual HS4LC BBQ! Everyone enjoyed the day, especially the food! We had a band called 'Let Luce' play live music in the Brackenley garden and a lot of people got up to dance throughout the afternoon.

We were lucky to have nice weather for most of the afternoon too. We had a small awards ceremony, a huge game of bingo and a fabulous raffle with lots of great raffle prizes, donated by local businesses!

The food went down a treat and the families and friends that came to the event have given great feedback. We are looking forward to next years BBQ already!



Adrian and The Angel

In the Summer Adrian enjoyed a grand day out to visit The Angel of the North with our staff member Joe.

The skies clear but it was a chilly day. Adrian smiled and enjoyed the whole journey.



DISCO Dave!

In September our staff member Dave transformed the living room into our very own disco!

After collecting everyone's music preferences including Paula's favourite "Mamma Mia" a jolly good dance off happened.

Fuelled on pop, snacks and some special treats, everyone had a great time and we even had a spot of karaoke. Dianne, Peter WW, Chrissie, Peter W, Paula, Rosie, Konrad and Philipa all joined in with the Brackenley disco!



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Reduce inequalities,
overcome barriers
and help people lead
fulfilled lives.

HOLIDAYS

Konrad's Holiday to The Isle of Man

Konrad took a lovely holiday to The Isle of Man in June. He stayed in a sea view apartment in Castletown. Konrad visited Port Erin whilst on his holiday and also Peel and Douglas. Konrad enjoyed these journeys by car and loved seeing the fantastic scenery and eating out at different public houses.

Chrissie's holiday to Blackpool

Chrissie took a holiday to Blackpool in June, when Chrissie arrived she had a fish and chips at The Band Hotel.

Chrissie had a full English breakfast most mornings on her holiday as a treat.

Chrissie enjoyed singing and dancing to karaoke. Chrissie also enjoyed a day shopping at the market and she enjoyed another evening in the bar.



Rosie's Holiday to Hornsea

On arrival at Hornsea we emptied the car and put away Rosie's clothes. We then went for a walk down to the seafront. After our walk we went back to the cottage and ordered a takeaway.

We also visited Bridlington for the day. We looked around all the shops then went to a café for lunch, Rosie had omelette and chips with salad. We then went to the market and Rosie bought some new shoes and sweets.



Keith's Holiday in Liverpool

Keith stayed in the centre of The Liverpool Docks. Keith spent his time visiting The Beatles museum which he enjoyed a lot and he also visited a few of the local bars (where he got a bit tipsy on blue WKD) including The Carven Club where he watched a fabulous Beatles tribute band. Keith had such a great time he wants to go back again next year!



OUR TRIP TO DISNEYLAND!

Pippa, Peter W and Peter WW took a trip to Disneyland in We travelled on the train to York and then to London. When we got to London we then got the Eurostar to Paris. When we all arrived in Paris, we got a taxi to the apartment we were staying in. When we arrive at the apartment, we were all very tired. So we went to the shops and bought some food to have for dinner. We then chose our rooms to stay in and we all then went to bed for the night.

On our second day we all got up and dressed and had a lovely breakfast. We then got a train to the Disneyland Parks. When we were at the parks, we walked around spotting things we would like to do and watch. We then had our lunch and dinner in the parks. We stayed to watch the illumination show at the castle, it really was magical! The parades were fabulous and we bought lots of souvenirs to bring home!



OUR SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN!



This year we did a lot of activities on the run up to Halloween.

Paula, Chrissie, Dianne, Peter and Di made Halloween sweet boxes for the party! Di, Paula, Rosie, Phillippa and Konrad made gingerbread Halloween biscuits and also a gingerbread haunted house! It looked super scary! Patrick was great at guessing some obscure songs on the playlist.

The living room was decorated with all Halloween themed decorations and on Halloween we had a buffet style meal, hotdogs and Halloween sweet treats. We also dressed up and danced to some of our favourite Halloween songs.



STAFF NEWS

Jade will be leaving to start her maternity leave in the middle of January. We wish you the best of luck Jade and can't wait to meet her little bundle of joy!

Rosie will be returning from maternity leave in January—we can't wait for you to be back Rosie!

Huge congratulations to Dawn who had a baby boy called Arthur.

We also want to give a warm welcome to three new starters who have joined the Brackenley team, Carol, Jan and Jamie.

THE HS4LC ALLOTMENT GROUP!

The HS4LC allotment group have been very busy making lots of mince pies this month, made with our very own home-grown red-currents and apples, they tasted delicious!

Konrad, Pippa, Dianne, Rosie and Peter all took part in making the mince pies with Becky and some residents from our sister home Briardene.





THE ANNUAL HS4LC CHRISTMAS PARTY!



On Wednesday 4th December HS4LC held their annual student and residents Christmas party at the Manhattan Snooker Club in Harrogate.

We had an amazing time! We enjoyed lots of dancing and party games including bingo. We had a lovely lunch with great food and then we had a raffle where we won some fantastic prizes and then we finished the afternoon off with a visit from the guest of honour...Santa!



OUR QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER SAYS...

Christmas Greetings to all our wonderful HS4LC families and friends as another year comes to a close we are already making preparations for exciting new developments.

Those of you with a keen ear will have heard Stray FM announcing our plans to develop a café at the site of the Red Bike Shop next to the Odeon and the excavation of our cellar space at North Park Road to develop into a Chocolate Making Enterprise.

These new opportunities continue to move us upwards and onwards with the range and quality of services we can offer to adults with learning disabilities across the Harrogate Region and the facilities and opportunities we can offer our own residents from Brackenley who are already making full use of our new 2019 program.



Julia Moor

WHAT 2020 HAS TO BRING...



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Chrissie wants to go on another holiday.

Dianne P wants to go to yellow/orange kitchen again.

Peter WW wants to go on holiday again.

Peter W want to go the the railway museum.

Keith wants to go back to Liverpool.

Adrian wants to go on holiday in his car.

Rosie wants to go on holiday with her keywork—Marcia.

Patrick wants to go on a shopping trip.

Di doesn't know what she wants to do yet.

Paula wants to go to the Caribbean or California on holiday.

Adam wants to go back to London.

Pippa wants to go see the Lion King.

• WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS! •



MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO WISH YOU A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR FROM ALL THE STAFF AND
RESIDENTS AT BRACKENLEY!