

Briardene News

Autumn 2021

Summer fun and days out in the HS4LC Bus.

Being able to get out in our WAV continues to be invaluable and we've found lots of opportunities for country drives to quiet places like Emsley and Bolton Abbey, it's been lovely to enjoy more freedoms especially by being outside in the sun. We will continue to hire the bus for a few more months but will be starting fund raising in earnest to purchase our own vehicle soon!





Back to Day services!

In May we were finally able to safely return to Day Services, our groups are smaller and much more spread out, we're getting used to PPE and sanitising ... but it's worth it to be out doing what we like best. Here's some snapshots of us in animation, baking and craft groups.





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!







Hatching our very own moths!

In June we had a fascinating 2 weeks watching caterpillars go through the mesmerizing stages of cocoon to Moth. It was so interesting to see the moths hatch close up and we took great pride in managing to keep them alive through this tricky process.





HARROGATE SKILLS 4 LIVING BRIARDENE

A message from Paulsimon ... "It's been a much more familiar and productive period for everyone at Briardene since the last newsletter, mainly down to the weather. Although not as much sunshine as we would have wanted, the milder weather has meant that we all can get out and about more, albeit safely.

Although we've not been able to enjoy set holidays away, we have been enjoying lots of time in the garden, trips out on the bus and there have been several opportunities for walks out and more importantly refreshments at the new Harrogate Skills for Living café! If you haven't tried it yet, we suggest you do. The residents have really enjoyed it, and the staff at the café have been extremely welcoming and accommodating.

As we begin to reintroduce things safely we are all focusing on doing more of what we've must most. Everybody is very positive here and we are focusing on and are certain that even better times are coming for us all"







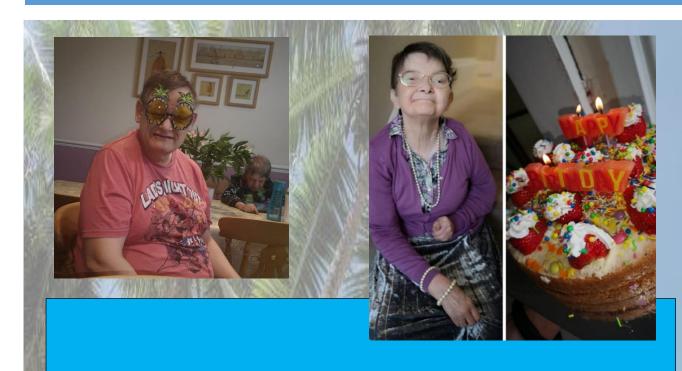
Alex returns to Briardene!

It was wonderful to greet Alex back to
Harrogate and Briardene ready for the new
term at our Day Service .The Briardene family
feels complete again. Alex states" I love being
back at Briardene with all my staff! ...I've
really missed everyone "

A message from Julia....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! Paulsimon and the team should be deservedly proud — well done!



Julia Moor. Quality & Compliance Manager HS4LC.



All things Hawaiian for Pats Birthday!

Pat enjoyed a themed Birthday Extravaganza in July with cocktails, palm trees and even a blast of British Sunshine ...and just look at that cake!!



Goodbye Summer Hello Autumn ...

We had soooo much fun in our garden space this Summer from Cocktail afternoons to Seaside themed parties, Games days, Birthday parties and Afternoon Teas and a virtual trip to Mars!. We were so eager to see our Harrogate Chocolate Factory café open that we turned the Briardene cabin into a temporary coffee shop to put us on!









