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Welcome Note

Hello everyone,

I would like to thank everyone for respecting the regulations that have been put in place as we go in and out of the different levels of lockdown. It is not an easy time for most people but our residents are doing very well overall. The activities programme continues and is keeping many engaged and distracted from the COVID-19 challenges that now seem to be part of our everyday life. Our staff are also reassuring those who may be a little bit anxious and utilising the various devices to keep communication channels open. The lovely restful views we have are also of benefit.

**Weekly art group—
residents creating master-
pieces with petals**



Activities and Celebrations

Our activities team is doing a fantastic job bringing in new and varied activities to the programme. Our art group has been particularly successful and the results of its labours can be seen on some of the noticeboards in the lounges.

The residents experiment with different mediums and watch tutorials that give guidance and help them enhance their skills.

Projects are given to those of varying abilities and we have seen excellent results, not only in the art but from the engagement with others in the group.

We have recently held our Mini-Olympics with residents winning prizes in various games that were held. We had a themed menu and also had the pleasure of the company of students from Red Beach Primary School. The residents particularly enjoy seeing the school children and we will be organising more events where they are involved.

We have been lucky to have a musician with a scholarship come to entertain. He came with a great array of amplifiers and other equipment so was well heard by all.

We also had a violinist visit recently and give us the benefit of his skill.

Our van trips are temporarily on hold, but will resume once lockdown restrictions ease.

**Bubbles with her winning
certificate at our winter
Mini - Olympics**



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Joyce and Joan enjoying our pop-up Op-Shop



Improvements and Initiatives

Our new pop-up op-shop has proved very successful. We have been very lucky to have engaged the services of a volunteer, Carol, who sourced many of the goodies for the shop and made it a lovely experience for all involved.

Residents were forging a track to the fitting room trying on the various wares and it was great to hear the laughter as they tried on the flattering and not-so-flattering. Aside from clothes, there were books, toys and other odds and ends.

We will be doing this again once lockdown restrictions ease.

Resident Stories

This lovely photo was taken of two of our residents 74 years ago in 1946. Doreen is first on the left and Noreen is third from the left.

The photo was taken at lunch time at the J. Samuel White Shipyard opposite West Cowes Isle of Wight.

Doreen and Noreen came together again as residents in Halldene and are now in neighbouring rooms.

Great to see such history and their coming together again in later life.

Doreen and Noreen - life long acquaintances coming together again



We look forward to seeing you all as our current situation with COVID-19 allows. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries.

Stay well. Stay safe.

Best Wishes
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