

Dear friends

As we begin a new year, we've been reflecting on all the fun we've had over the last few months with our friends and family at Honey Lane.

Meaningful days

Our residents got well and truly into the seasonal activities of autumn this year. We kicked things off with a fun-filled Halloween party where we danced in fancy dress to the Monster Mash. Then on Bonfire Night, we wrapped up warm to enjoy sparklers and fireworks in the garden! It was incredibly reminiscent, bringing back wonderful childhood memories as we discussed everyone's favourite treats (toffee apples and treacle toffee!) But the fun didn't stop there and over the weeks we hosted some lovely pet therapy visits including adorable baby piglets!



We always like to create unique and memorable experiences for our residents, and so when the Jail Break Café opened up nearby, we knew we had to make a special visit! Set in the old Hoddesdon Police Station, it was a hit from the start with our residents enjoying a cream tea in a jail cell! We even got to have our mugshots taken. We have enjoyed lots of glorious days out in recent weeks. There have been bracing trips to the seaside with walks along the pier, and afternoon tea at North Weald Airfield to watch the planes take off!

A time to remember

For Remembrance Day our residents created a wonderful poppy mural for our home. As we crafted everyone shared stories, experiences, and memories of the war, it was a heartfelt and mindful moment. On November 11th we held a poignant two minutes silence as we remembered those we lost. Then it was time to pay homage to the era as we welcomed a wonderful local singer who had everyone up and dancing to all the classic wartime songs. She created a lovely atmosphere, there were so many smiles and an abundance of laughter, as always at Honey Lane!



A festive season of fun

When December came around, we decided to launch our celebrations in style by inviting Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shane Yerrell to officially switch on our Christmas lights in the company of our friends and family! Later we were joined by the U3A choir who serenaded us in true festive fashion. Not that the fun ended there, from that moment on, we enjoyed a wonderful month of fun-filled parties, Christmas Grottos, carol singing, cosy nights in and entertaining days out! All surrounded by our nearest and dearest – just the way it should be!





With love, **Angie Sacks** Home Manager

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We always love reading your comments on Facebook! Here are a few recent ones:

"So wonderful to see our dear Mum out with you all looking so happy. It means the world x" Sally

"Looks like Mum and her friends are enjoying the day out. Thank you." Teresa

"Thank you all. Mum looks so happy, we are all so grateful! x Fae



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