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CARE HOME



INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Welcome to our Autumn Quarterly Newsletter from The Hazelwell Care Home. We've had another busy and enjoyable few months, with residents making the most of a lovely variety of outings, activities and celebrations. From our visits to Water World in Neston and to the seaside at New Brighton to our Halloween celebrations and fundraising for Breast Cancer Awareness, there has been plenty happening both in and around the home.

We've also enjoyed welcoming the 2nd Irby Brownies, getting involved in a community litter pick at West Kirby beach and spending time together baking fresh bread using herbs from our own garden. It's been particularly lovely to see residents enjoying opportunities to get out into the local community while continuing to take part in their favourite activities at home. Thank you to our families, friends, staff and everyone who has supported our events and activities over the past few months.

We hope you enjoy catching up on some of our recent news.

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Best wishes,

Joanna

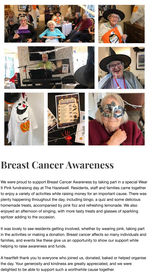
Joanna Hunt
Registered Home Manager

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

A Visit to Water World

Our residents enjoyed a lovely trip to Water World in Neston, where there was plenty to see as we explored the surroundings and spent time admiring the animals. The beautiful outdoor ponds were home to some stunning koi carp, which residents enjoyed watching as they swam through the water, while the colourful budgies also attracted plenty of attention. One of the highlights of the visit was spotting a mother duck with her ducklings, which delighted everyone and gave us plenty to talk about.

Outings like these are a great opportunity for residents to enjoy a change of scenery, spend time outdoors and connect with nature. Watching animals and enjoying peaceful surroundings can be particularly relaxing, while also encouraging conversation and bringing back memories of pets, gardens and days out over the years. It was a thoroughly enjoyable visit.



Halloween Celebrations

We had a fantastic time celebrating Halloween at The Hazelwell, with plenty of spooky fun, delicious goodies and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. Residents enjoyed a Halloween Bingo session, followed by a tasty afternoon tea filled with laughter and seasonal celebrations. A special thank you goes to Gordon, who provided the entertainment and helped make the afternoon such an enjoyable one.

His performance was a real highlight, giving residents the opportunity to sing along, join in and enjoy a time where a little fun together, however spooky, was the perfect excuse to do something a bit different, and our residents certainly made the most of the occasion. Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations and joined in the celebrations.

We hope you all had a suitably spooky time!



Breast Cancer Awareness

We were proud to support Breast Cancer Awareness by taking part in a special 'Wear It Pink' fundraising day. Residents, staff and visitors all came together to wear pink to enjoy a variety of activities while raising money for an important cause. There was plenty happening throughout the day, including bingo, a quiz and some delicious homemade treats, accompanied by pink fizz and refreshing lemonade. We also enjoyed an afternoon of singing, with more tasty treats and glasses of sparkling lychee adding to the occasion.

It was lovely to see residents getting involved, whether by wearing pink, taking part in the activities or making a donation. Breast cancer affects so many individuals and families, and events like these give us an opportunity to show our support while helping to raise awareness and funds.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us, donated, baked or helped organise the day. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated, and we were delighted to be able to support such a worthwhile cause together.



2nd Irby Brownies Visit

We were delighted to welcome the 2nd Irby Brownies to The Hazelwell for a lovely evening of arts, crafts and conversation. Our residents thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the girls as everyone got creative together, sharing ideas and helping one another with their projects. It was also a special moment when the Brownies shared their Promise with us, giving residents an opportunity to remember, or learn about, what being a Brownie means, and the values they follow.

Intergenerational activities are always particularly enjoyable, bringing people of different ages together and encouraging conversation, teamwork and friendship. Our residents love having younger visitors in the home, and the Brownies brought plenty of enthusiasm and energy to the evening.

A huge thank you to the girls and their leaders for taking the time to visit us. We thoroughly enjoyed your company and hope to welcome you back again soon.



A Day Out in New Brighton

Our residents had a fantastic day out in New Brighton, enjoying a trip to the seaside with a visit to the amusement arcades. There was plenty of excitement as everyone tried their luck on the different games, collecting tickets and enjoying a little friendly competition along the way. Some residents were particularly determined to see how many tickets they could win, while others were happy to join in and enjoy the atmosphere.

The visit also brought back lots of memories of seaside holidays and family days out over the years, with residents sharing stories of places they had visited and the games they remembered playing. Trips to the seaside are always popular, and New Brighton gave us a lovely opportunity to enjoy some familiar attractions while making new memories together.

It was a great day out, with plenty of conversation and laughter to keep us entertained.



Caring for Our Coastline

Our residents recently took part in a litter-picking outing at West Kirby beach, doing their bit to help look after our local environment. Armed with a determination to make a difference, we spent time helping to keep the coastline clean while enjoying the beautiful surroundings and views across to Wales and Hilbre Island.

We're very fortunate to have such lovely coastal areas nearby, and it was a good opportunity to appreciate them while contributing something positive to the community. Activities like litter picking can provide a real sense of purpose, allowing residents to spend time outdoors in a meaningful while enjoying fresh air, gentle exercise and time together outdoors. It also encouraged some interesting conversations about the environment and the importance of protecting our natural surroundings for future generations.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time at West Kirby and were pleased to be able to do our little bit to help keep the beach looking its best.

Freshly Baked Bread

Our residents enjoyed a lovely afternoon of bread making, using a simple recipe with natural ingredients, including flour and Greek yoghurt. To give our bread an extra touch of flavour, we headed into our garden to pick some fresh rosemary, which was used to garnish the finished loaves. There's something particularly satisfying about using ingredients grown in our own garden, and the fresh rosemary made a lovely addition to our baking.

Everyone enjoyed getting involved in the different stages of preparation, from mixing the ingredients and working with the dough to seeing the finished bread ready to eat.

Baking together is a great activity for encouraging coordination, concentration and the use of familiar skills, while the different textures, aromas and flavours provide a lovely sensory experience. It can also bring back memories of family kitchens and favourite recipes, often leading to interesting conversations as everyone works.

Of course, the best part was tasting our freshly baked bread afterwards, and we all agreed that it was absolutely delicious!

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move further towards the winter months, we have plenty more to look forward to at The Hazelwell. Our regular activities will continue alongside arts and crafts, music, entertainment, baking and opportunities to get out and about in the local community.

We'll also be marking Remembrance Day and enjoying seasonal activities as we begin preparing for Christmas and the celebrations that come with it.

Our connections with local groups and organisations remain an important part of life at The Hazelwell, and we look forward to welcoming more visitors and sharing activities with friends in the community.

Thank you once again to our residents, families, friends and staff for your continued kindness and support. We look forward to sharing more of our news and activities with you in our next quarterly newsletter.

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