# The Eden Times

**EDEN HOUSE CARE HOME** 

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Dear Residents, Relatives, and Friends.

Welcome to the November issue of the Eden House Care Home newsletter!

As the leaves have turned and the air grown crisp, we've embraced the spirit of autumn with a delightful array of activities that have brought joy and warmth to our home. This past month has been filled with moments to cherish, starting with halloween fun and also a spectacular Bonfire Night celebration that lit up our gardens, without even the need for a real fire or firework!

We were also graced by a heartwarming visit from some gentle friends from the donkey sanctuary, whose presence brought smiles to everyone.

Our Remembrance Day service by West Wight Churches was a poignant reminder of those who served, and our spirits were lifted by the talented singers who filled the air with nostalgic wartime songs on Remembrance Sunday.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue about the activities we have enjoyed throughout October and November and more in this month's edition. We will also be telling you about the fun activities we have lined up for the run up to Christmas.

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#### Activities Roundup from the past month





For Diwali festival we made lanterns during our coffee and craft morning. The residents enjoyed this activity a lot and asked for more coffee and crafting mornings in the dining room, which we will be adding more regularly. Everyone enjoyed making these lanterns and they brightened up the home for the festival of light.

Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness







For halloween we had a party buffet, thanks to our wonderful head chef Ian. We also decorated the house and dressed up in fun costumes. We enjoyed the halloween quiz, games and spooky music. We watch the addams family and other halloween themed films for a film day.







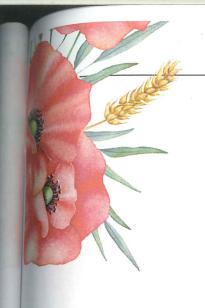


On the week leading up to remembrance day we had a lovely remembrance service, held by Churches Together West Wight, in the purple lounge. Many residents and even a couple of relatives attended. We were all given knitted poppies to wear and a sprig of rosemary to symbolise remembrance. We had prayer and sang hymns



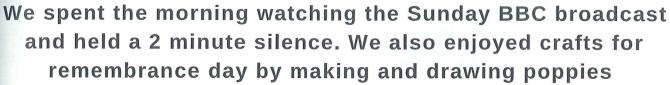






#### Remembrance Sunday





In the afternoon we enjoyed a performance by the singing duo 'doubletake IOW'. They sang wartime and vintage songs which everyone enjoyed!





















We enjoyed silent safe 'fireworks' in the garden for bonfire night. The residents really enjoyed this colourful display and asked for more! We enjoyed hot chocolate with cream outside and even had a sing song. We also has a bubble machine which sparked a song 'we're forever blowing bubbles' which was a delight to the West Ham fans among us! Inside we enjoyed LED 'sparklers' and watched fireworks on the TV.





• We also had a craft session where Linda made a glitter picture of fireworks and maggie drew a picture with pens.









## **Bonfire night fun**











### Visit from Donkey Sanctuary IOW

Thank you to the Donkey
Sanctuary IOW for bringing
Popcorn and Jim-Bob, two
donkeys to visit our home.
The residents got a lot of joy
out of seeing these gentle
animals in our home!













Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to include in the next issue of the newsletter!

We would love to hear any positive stories, fun memories, any favourite poetry and any local positive news that we can include in the next issue from residents, staff and residents families.

Thank you for reading!

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