

Invitation to coffee

BAMPTON: A coffee morning will be held at the Rosebank Care Home today to bring residents and the wider community together.

The home's lifestyle support co-ordinator, Mandie Acock, said: "The aim is to keep our residents involved as much as possible with community life."

The event at the home, in High Street, runs from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome to attend.

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Time for tea in community

MORE than 70 people attended an afternoon tea event in Bampton Village Hall organised so care home residents could mix with the community.

A total of 22 residents from the Rosebank Care Home enjoyed a cuppa and cake with carers and villagers, raising £214 for Bampton Bush Club lunch group.

The home's lifestyle support co-ordinator, Mandie Acock, *pictured* serving Sue Wilson, said: "Everyone had a really good time. The residents enjoyed having conversations with members of the community and it helps to integrate them into what's going on in Bampton."

Ms Acock stages the event twice a year and last month launched community coffee mornings at the home. She said: "We have residents' meetings for them to say what they want to do. We don't want them to just sit at home all day and like to get them out and about." Picture: OX67030 Antony Moore



Coffees help school

BAMPTON: A coffee morning at Rosebank Care Home raised £150 for the village's primary school.

A "dignity tree" mosaic designed by residents, which included birds, butterflies and the name Rosebank at the top, was also unveiled.

The home's lifestyle support co-ordinator Mandie Acock said: "We had a mix of visitors, from family members and friends to members of the community who came to visit for the first time. We will be holding another community coffee morning in July."

In brief

Celebrate dementia care's £50k boost

BAMPTON: A care home has invited the community to see how £50,000 funding has been spent.

Rosebank Care Home in High Street match funded a £25,000 grant from Oxfordshire County Council's Dignity Plus programme, which is part of the Department of Health's national dementia strategy to improve living conditions for people with the illness.

The money has been spent on creating a reminiscence room and music room, designed as calm environments to stimulate residents' senses, as well as extending wi-fi access, buying smart TVs and iPads, and installing a sound system.

The community event will be held on Thursday, June 19, from 10.30am to 11.30am.

May 13th 2015



Kenneth Smith and SAC Jon Ward with the poppies

Memories of VE Day

RESIDENTS at a Bampton care home celebrated VE Day with a special bouquet.

Managers and staff at Rosebank Care Home took delivery of five ornamental poppies that were part of the centenary exhibition at the Tower of London last year.

Residents, some of whom vividly remember VE Day, can recall the celebrations and the sacrifices that were made for peace in Europe as they admire the commemorative blooms.

Activity co-ordinator Mandy Acock said: "The manager of the home

went to see the poppies in London and we showed a lot of the residents the exhibition on an iPad. But when she came back she told us that she'd bought some for the home."

But they were hidden from residents as a surprise for VE Day.

Resident 86-year-old Kenneth Smith thought the poppies were a great addition to the care home's garden.

The retired entomologist spent the Second World War in Birmingham as a messenger. The father-of-one said: "I remember VE Day vividly. It was a good time for the country."

Inspectors give 'good' rating to care home

A BAMPTON care home has been rated good by the Government's health watchdog.

Rosebank Care Home, which cares for 28 older residents, has been rated good by the Care Quality Commission after inspectors visited earlier in the year.

The report, which was published on July 3, has rated the care home good in all five categories: safety, effectiveness, care, responsiveness and leadership.

According to the inspectors, who visited the care home on June 3, one resident said: "I cannot speak too highly of the staff, they do know how to look after me, no problems."

The inspector added: "The service was caring.

"Staff were kind and respectful and treated people and their relatives with dignity and respect.

"People's preferences regarding their daily care and support were respected.

"Staff gave people the time to express their wishes and respected the decisions they made."

The care home specialises in caring for adults over the age of 65 and also provides care for people living with dementia.

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Care home delighted with its outstanding inspection grade

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STAFF at a Bampton care home are celebrating after being hailed 'outstanding'.

Rosebank Care Home in High Street was given the top rating last month by the Care Quality Commission, which said staff 'go the extra mile to enable people to achieve their potential'.

Led by husband-and-wife team Jane and Gerry Roberts, Rosebank, which received a rating of 'good' in its previous report, offers long- and short-term care for the elderly, with a special interest in helping people with memory impairment and dementia.

Mrs Roberts said: "We're absolutely delighted to receive such a fantastic CQC report which reflects our high standards of care.

"We put our heart and soul into our work to ensure we're delivering the best quality of care possible and I'd like to thank my wonderful team."

The CQC has only issued out-



ROSEBANK TEAM: Vanessa Lavender, Lynn Hughes, Jane Roberts, Sandy and Gemma Foster

Picture: Simon Lane

standing ratings – the best available – to a handful of homes, with only four given the accolade in its most recent 185 inspections.

The report commended Rosebank, which caters for up to 28 older people, in its overall summary and praised the environment.

It reads: "The atmosphere at the home was warm, friendly and welcoming. There was a very positive

and inclusive culture that valued people, relatives and staff and promoted a caring ethos.

"A strong team culture existed in the home which included all staff, management and the provider, who provided strong support and leadership for the team."

It was noted that residents are made to feel safe at the home, with 'kind' and 'compassionate' staff

ensuring they are well looked after and that any risks posed to safety are thoroughly assessed.

Inspectors noted the dignity and responsiveness that went into the care, noting that 'when staff spoke about people they were respectful and they displayed genuine affection'.

Relatives of residents also praised Rosebank, with one noted in the report saying: "This place provides really amazing care and excellent staff. Even the gardener is caring. It's just superb."

The care home has been owned by Mr and Mrs Roberts for nine years. The also recently took over Cassington-based home, Churchfields, in March 2016.

Churchfields received a 'good' rating following their latest inspection, with staff seen to demonstrate a good understanding of how to ensure dignity, respect, patience and support to residents.

The CQC report commended Churchfields and noted that residents felt safe, with one resident reporting that: "The carers are lovely, all the staff here are amazing, we always have a laugh."

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Choir on song at tea dance

A CHOIR made up of dementia patients, care home staff and Bampton residents performed at a tea dance.

The singers from the town's Rosebank Care Home performed 1940s and 1950s songs at Cumnor Village Hall.

It was the fourth annual event organised by Lynn Carter, 61, in memory of her mother June Ponting, a former resident of the home, who died in 2010, aged 79.

More than 100 people attended, including residents from eight other care homes and RAF Brize Norton servicemen and women from the Joint Air Delivery Test & Evaluation Unit.

More than £100 was raised for charities, including the Alzheimer's Society and Diabetes UK.

Grandmother-of-two Mrs Carter, who lives in Abingdon, said: "My mum had Alzheimer's disease, so I do this each year in her memory. I challenged the care home to create a choir for this year's event.

"Some people with dementia love to sing and they remember songs from the past, so that's why we do it."



FLYING THE FLAG: Lynn Carter, back, with, front, from left, Rosebank resident Kathleen Fagan, volunteer Maggie Brill and resident Kenneth Smith
Picture: OX71112 Simon Williams



ROSEBANK Care Home's Christmas garden

Care home festive garden brings joy

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AN OXFORDSHIRE care home has brought a sparkle to a high street with the installation of a dedicated Christmas garden.

The garden at Rosebank Care Home in Bampton High Street can be seen by passers-by in Bampton.

It features a pair of large, fully decorated Christmas trees, four frolicking reindeer and an abundance of icicle lights.

The theme, 'White Christmas', was chosen by the residents as staff were keen on it being the choice of the residents.

Staff at the family owned care home then got to work creating the festive extravaganza, with the newly decorated garden unveiled to residents as a surprise.

Residents however were fully involved in the process of decorating the inside of the home.

Care home owner, Jane Roberts, said: "Christmas is such a special time of year and we work hard to put on a range of activities for our residents, their family and friends to ensure there's something for everyone to enjoy.

"Many of these ideas come

from our residents and it is a privilege to be able to help bring their hopes and wishes to life."

Residents also expressed their satisfaction with the results. One resident said: "The home looks beautiful, I like the different coloured trees, I can move around and sit in different rooms and it feels like I am in lots of homes."

The garden has been receiving a lot of traction with passersby and families bringing their children to see the festive decor.

Mrs Roberts, who has worked in care since she was 18 and took over at Rosebank in 2008, explained: "The decorations are as much for the Bampton community to enjoy, as our residents.

"We've had such a positive reaction this year and it's lovely to spread some joy.

"Some people have commented that they now look forward to seeing them each year."

As well as the winter wonderland scenario in the home's garden, the inside of the home has also been decorated with the 'White Christmas' theme.

The care home provides short and long-term care for elderly ladies and gentlemen, with a special interest in helping people with all levels of memory impairment and dementia.

Rosebank has an Outstanding CQC Rating; this is thanks in no small part to their dedicated Lifestyle Support Coordinators, who are central to daily life at the home and work closely with residents to develop a varied and interactive programme of activities and events each and every day.

These activities have stepped up a gear in the run up to Christmas.

Residents have had the opportunity to turn their hand to carol singing, hand bell ringing, craft making and festive baking, as well as visits from a variety of Christmas entertainers as they count down to Christmas Day.

Last year, reindeer arrived at Rosebank to help recreate the famous nativity scene with care staff.

The reindeer joined Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus for a special performance, which was narrated by a resident of Rosebank and featured staff dressed as angels and shepherds.

Members of the community also got the opportunity to meet the animals and have their picture taken.

For more information on Rosebank, or to take a look around the home, visit rosebankcare-home.co.uk

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