



YERCOMBE NEWS.

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Covid-19 Update

The past year has been a really tough time for us all and at Yercombe Lodge we are trying to get back to some normality. Our main aim throughout this whole pandemic was to keep all our residents and staff safe and supported.

Our staff team have been so dedicated throughout this pandemic. They have all tried to keep everyone's spirits up and come to work with a smile on their faces. We cannot thank them enough!

We have also received fantastic support from family and friends of Yercombe Lodge and it has been lovely that we have been able to allow more of you to visit. Our greenhouse 'pod' has been a great success, especially when the weather has been cold and wet. We are currently allowing pre-booked visits for family and friends either in the 'pod' or socially distanced on our patio. Indoor visits can be arranged for 2 nominated visitors, who would be required to have a rapid test and wear the required PPE.

Our local GP practices and community hospital have been amazing at offering the covid-19 vaccine to those groups who are eligible. Yercombe Lodge was lucky to be offered the first vaccine dose before Christmas. Almost 100% of our staff and residents have now received both doses of their vaccine with a few remaining staff hoping to receive their second dose in the next few weeks.

We will keep a close eye on the Government's guidelines and will update you all of any changes.

Laura, our activities co-ordinator, has worked so hard over the last year to ensure that everyone at Yercombe lodge has had plenty of wonderful activities to participate in to keep spirits up. We have celebrated Saint Patrick's day, had an Easter bunny competition, flower arranging, a wide range of arts and crafts as well as having activity days where we have all played games. The nicer weather has also meant we have been able to get out on the patio and begin our summer planting.

The staff have all enjoyed getting involved too! We hope that you will be able to come and see all of our wonderful creations soon!



We are Open!

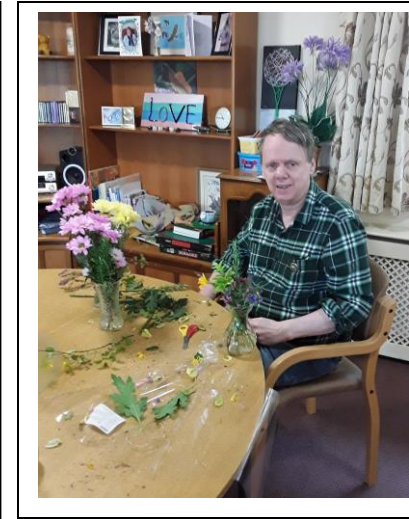
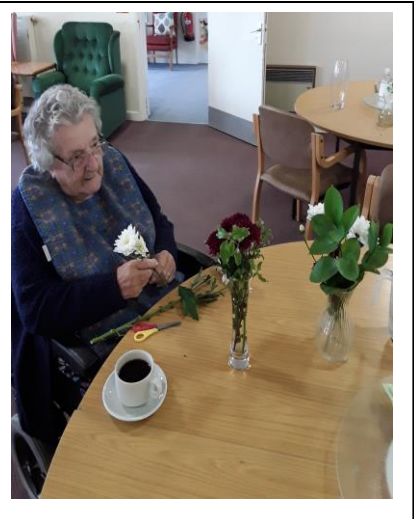
We were really disappointed that due to the covid-19 pandemic we were forced to close our respite and day centre services. But we are happy to say that both services have now been reinstated and it has been lovely to have new and familiar faces at Yercombe Lodge.

Although we have had to have strict covid-19 measures in place we have still been able to make people's visits with us enjoyable.

Raquel, in the day centre, has created activity packs for all the day centre members who have been busily creating! Although we have only been re-open a couple of weeks all are really happy to be back! We hope to have lots more to tell you in the coming weeks.

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Top left - Myrtle, Laura, Bob and Raquel enjoying Saint Patrick's day

Top right- Myrtle, David and Rosemary planting and enjoying the sunshine!

Opposite - David and Rosemary putting their flower arranging skills to the test.

Below- The winners of the 'decorate an Easter bunny' Competition.

