



PAX HILL

Care home for the elderly

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CHEESE AND WINE

Just for something different a cheese and wine tasting party was held in the Balmoral Sitting Room. Tasting notes were handed out and a white, rosé, red and prosecco were all tasted, covering three continents. Tasting notes were also supplied for a selection of cheeses, mostly English but also one French; dobed on crackers they too were soon hoovered up. Whilst not all completed their score cards, all seemed to enjoy the tasters!



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THE JOKER?

Here in E.M.F we always try to do something slightly different each year for the fête. In addition to our crafts and the old favourite, 'Treasure Island Game', that we made a few years back we have this year made a hilarious if slightly scary ball game! Here, in the early stages, one resident is busy having a lovely destructive time tearing up paper to keep the papier mâché folks supplied with materials. The finished game was painted by one lady, a hat was made by another, the hair by a third and a further three ladies made the pom-poms – a real team effort by our E.M.F. stalwarts!





CATCH!

Slightly blurred, but what a great action shot of one of our gentlemen. A very keen sportsman in his time, he demonstrates he still has those instinctive skills!

SKILLS

It is not only catching a ball that becomes instinctive – for many of our ladies plaiting and wool crafts seem hard wired into their fingers. Some serious concentration followed by a bit of fancy knotting produces a lovely key tassel for fund raising at the fete.





PROUD GRANDMA?

Well any grandma is proud to be one, but in this case our resident had designed and then stencilled a beautiful birthday card which she then inscribed with a loving message to be sent half way round the world to her granddaughter.



THE GOOD LIFE

Not quite self sufficiency, but every year we like to grow harvest and enjoy some produce from our own emf garden – this year though a Friday dose of eco-friendly slug pellets was no match for a heavy weekends downpour followed by a visit to the bean rows by some particularly voracious slugs– let's hope the tomatoes make up for this! Not all was lost tho' – the strawberries were up off the ground and the first few ready in time for Wimbledon whilst busy bees get on with helping the gardener!



MORE FETE PREP

This year we have really excelled ourselves in our craft works – many of which were covered in the summer news letter. For a first this year we adapted our stencilling techniques to produce some very cheery, and practical, tea-towels!

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL!

Was what a delightful young lady from the Oates collection (family of the famous explorer), which shares Gilbert White's old home, brought along – including everything from a frankly macabre adder in a bottle, owl pellets to pull a part (even found a rodent's skull in one) to a rather handsome fox. A really intriguing way to spend what was ironically the hottest afternoon of the year – the cold drinks part way through were very welcome.



BASTILLE DAY

It is now a regular part of our calendar of events to mark Riot and Revolution with Quizzes for both American Independence Day and Bastille Day – this year's Bastille Day also happening to coincide with the inauguration of our second woman prime minister – Girl Power!?! Either way it was a great excuse to have a mini party with pâte, French cheeses, pastries and of course grapes!



EXHIBITION

This year the Blooming Farnham Community Art project held its exhibition in the Maltings – a wonderful space to show off all the works including entries from both Montgomery and ourselves. The mayor was unavoidably elsewhere (he toured the exhibit earlier in the week and took particular note of our piece!), instead we had a marvellous prize presentation by the Town Crier.



NEWS!

Our quarterly newsletter is not just enjoyed by the relatives we e-mail it out to, but is also enjoyed by the residents keen to see pics of themselves and their chums and laugh over some of our shenanigans!



LADY!

Is the name of this delightful pooch that was very happy to be fussed and petted when Mill Cottage farm came to visit. We also had the chance to see and handle llamas, pigs, goats, ducks, turkeys (lots of fun imitating their gobble!), mini pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs!

HIDDEN TALENTS

Some of our residents claim not to know one end of a paintbrush from the other, some claim not to have painted for years but what fun we had making the floral bunting for our Garden Party – only space to show a few of the dozen of our residents who ‘had a bash’ and were delighted with their work – enjoyed by all at the actual Garden Party! To bring the scent of summer indoors, we made some lovely potpourri sachets filled with rose petals from the Pax Hill gardens. In the spirit of celebration a lot of fun was had decorating hats in patriotic red, white and blue.





PERFECT WEATHER

And, unlike last year's Garden Party, not a wasp in sight! I would like to credit the 13 wasp traps circling the garden but since there was nary a one in those either I can just say we were very, very, lucky! Lovely to see the garden being used by so many families, lovely show from the talented Union Belle, and with her clever P.A. set up, her performance could be enjoyed by all. The raffle was so well supported and the bunting made by our residents looked so lovely we are planning on keeping it up for the rest of the summer!







DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 7th October 11am	Catholic Holy Communion	Montgomery Activity Rm
Sunday 9th October 11am	Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Society	Painshill Park, Cobham
Tuesday 11th October 2-3pm	Paul Nicholas Entertains	Montgomery Lounge
Wednesday 12th October 2.15pm	Harvest Festival Service C of E	Balmoral Lounge
Thursday 13th October 1.30pm	Sip and Knit	Windsor Lounge
Tuesday 18th October 2pm	Inter Unit Bingo	Montgomery Activity Rm
Thursday 20th October 2-3pm	David Entertains	Montgomery Lounge
Thursday 27th October 2 - 3.30pm	The Big Knit Tea Party	Balmoral Lounge
Sunday 30th October	End of British Summer Time	
Monday 31st October 2 -3pm	Halloween Talk by Kate	Balmoral Lounge
Tuesday 1st November 2-3pm	Halloween Party	Montgomery Lounge
Friday 4th November 11am	Catholic Holy Communion	Montgomery Activity Rm
Friday 4th November 4.45pm	Fireworks	Balmoral Terrace
Wednesday 9th November 2.15pm	Holy Communion C of E	Balmoral Lounge
Thursday 10th November 2-3pm	Armistice Talk by Kate	Balmoral Lounge
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Sunday	Services On T.V
Tuesday 22nd November 2-3pm	Inter Unit Dominoes	Montgomery Activity Rm
Sunday 27th November 2-5pm	Pax Hill Christmas Bazaar	Marquee In Court Yard
Wednesday 30th November 2-3pm	St Andrews Day Maranda Entertains	Montgomery Lounge
Thursday 15th December 2-3pm	Marion and her Tappers	Montgomery Activity Rm

Saturday 17th December 2pm	Montgomery Christmas Party	Montgomery Lounge
Sunday 18th December 2pm	Windsor/Balmoral Christmas Party	Balmoral Lounge
Tuesday 20th December 2-3pm	Christmas Traditions by Kate	Balmoral Lounge
Thursday 29th December 2-3pm	'That Was The Year That Was' Quiz	Balmoral Lounge

There are still lots of dates to be confirmed, please see notice boards on each floor