



CASTLE HOUSE

Care Home

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Welcome to our NOVEMBER 2024 monthly newsletter



MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 11.00am

What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Sunday 2024 was held in the United Kingdom on 10th November as a day to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. It is held at 11am on the second Sunday in November. We also held 2 minutes silence on Monday 11th November being Armistice Day.

We hope you wore your Poppy with pride and most importantly remembered those who gave their lives for us



Things you may or may not know about the poppy



The first poppies

The first poppies used silk for the petals, wire for the stem, and bitumen – a semi-hard petroleum - for the centre.

There were four different poppies designed to suit different budgets, from a large poppy made from silk, a smaller one, one made from lawn or cotton and a cardboard poppy for children.

Silk and lawn cloth design evolves

In the 1930s poppies made from two layers of different fabric were introduced. The under layer was made from lawn cloth, with an upper layer of silk. There was also a green fabric leaf, faux stamens and a metal centre

Wartime poppies

During the Second World War, shortages in materials meant the number of designs dropped from four to two. Silk poppies were made in much smaller numbers, and a second poppy made entirely from card was introduced.

Wire stems were reintroduced in the 1950s to replace the cardboard used as a result of wartime shortages, with red felt used to create the poppy petals.

A new look design emerged in 1967 with a bitumen centre and wire stem replaced by plastic, along with the introduction of a one-piece petal.

In 1987 the poppy regained its leaf after it emerged that the public preferred the feature.

2023 sees the biggest change in the poppy's design for a generation.

After more than three years in development, the Royal British Legion has produced a plastic-free poppy, made entirely from paper that is completely recyclable at home.

With paper created from renewable fibres from renewable sources including offcuts from coffee cups, the innovative new poppy design features a traditional poppy shape, with a black centre embossed with '**Poppy Appeal**', and a leaf with a crease.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- *Our fireworks bonfire party went off extremely well on Friday 1st November - hotdogs and burgers (thank you Jemma & Tina) - not forgetting the very nice drinks to go along with it! A big thank you to Mark (our maintenance man) who made a great bonfire and fireworks display along with Tamsin Ball entertaining us with her wonderful voice. The raffle was also a great success making a grand total of £92.00 towards the residents fund.*
- *On Saturday 9th November we had the 'Harmonica Singers' in to entertain us - our very own Shelbie Wadge did a solo performance and wowed everyone - check it out on our Facebook page!*
- *Several birthdays again will or have been celebrated during November - residents and staff alike*
- *For the Royal British Legion, we raised a total of £54.78 - well done everyone that dug deep this year*
- *On 28th October we had Bluecoats Junior school come in with their Harvest gifts and to sing songs*
- *We said a very emotional farewell to our manager, Sarah Coull on Friday 15th November with a surprise leaving party, presents, entertainment by Tamsin, buffet and Sue Stone reading a personal leaving speech. We all wish Sarah the very best in her new job - we shall surely miss her. Check out the videos on our website!*



TO OUR RESIDENTS



JOSIE



SHIRLEY



RITA





TO OUR STAFF

Wendy



Carol



Answers to last months teaser puzzles:

Question 1) *Jo the chef likes eating chicken* **JALFREZI**
Each word has one letter extra, 2, 3 etc

Question 2) *What animal was missing from the grid was* **FISH**
The grid read : One two three four five once I caught a FISH alive

Did you manage to get them??? - well done if you did

To test your little grey cells this month!!

(answers in next months newsletter)

What letter completes this sequence

Question 1) SMHDWM?

Question 2) What one word can go in front of these two images to make 2 new words



Bluecoats Harvest Festival at Castle



Bonfire Night



Goodbye Sarah – its been a blast!







to all the staff for keeping everyone safe and well

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