# White Lodge Whisperer

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#### Hello and Welcome

Welcome to the autumn edition of the White Lodge Whisperer!

We wanted to share with you some highlights of some of the many events the residents and visitors have enjoyed this summer, and of course, tell you all about the exciting things coming up in the months ahead!

With our successful summer fete, canal boat trip, Bollywood dancer and the launch of our magic table, there is always something at White Lodge for everyone to enjoy.

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# Upcoming Events White Lodge

#### Sharing Treasures with Celebrating Age Wiltshire

Re-discover and share your stories and experiences with the group, led by creative reminiscence artist, David Davies.

David will bring along photos, postcards, music and objects to help trigger those memories in a relaxed, social session in the lounge at White Lodge.

With homemade cakes and refreshments on offer, please give us a call if you would like to come along to pre book your place or for more information.



## Upcoming Events White Lodge

#### Christmas Tree Festival

Residents will be part of a local Christmas Tree Festival this December as part of St Bartholomews Church in Royal Wootton Bassett. Over a 4 day period, the 'Barchester Tree' will be on display in the church. Residents will be designing and making the decorations to adorn the tree with a special trip planned to see the other entries!



### Christmas Parties at White Lodge

On the 11th December residents from the Treetops, Dovecote and Lakeside communities at White Lodge will be enjoying their Christmas Party with live entertainment and a Christmas Buffet.

On the 18th December residents from our memory lane community will be celebrating Christmas in style with a ukulele recital whilst enjoying a slice of Christmas cake and a cup of tea.



#### Military Wives Choir

On the 5th December, the Military Wives choir will be coming to White lodge to sing for the residents. The Military choir will offer an array of songs from Christmas sing along classics, Vera Lynn and traditional Christmas tunes.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer after the concert. If you would like to come along and join us, please give us a call at White Lodge for more information.



#### Zoolab Animal Therapy

Zoolab is coming to White Lodge on the 29th November. Zoolab is an interactive animal encounter experience, helping to stimulate and engage whilst promoting mental wellbeing. If you would like to come along please let us know!



#### **Arts and Crafts**

Throughout October and November, the residents at White Lodge will be working on various arts and crafts projects. With groups from the local community. From poppy making for Remembrance Day during pottery classes to Christmas cracker making, there is a fun filled activity schedule to enjoy! Let us know if you would like to come along.



### Swindon Carers Choir Perform at White Lodge

The fabulous Swindon Carers Choir performed for the residents and guests at White Lodge Care Home. With a variety of songs from some old classics to Bruno Mars! Foot tappingly well and as you can see, hard to resist getting up and dancing to!

We have invited them to come and join us again soon so keep an eye on our events section of our website for dates.









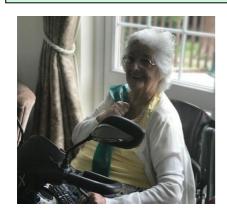
#### Afternoon Concert with Celebrating Age Wiltshire

White Lodge were the proud hosts for an amazing afternoon concert. Organised by Celebrating Age Wiltshire, the outstanding soprano Claudia Banks and her accompanist wowed the guests, residents and staff with beautiful vocals. Claudia sang a variety of songs from opera classics, musicals and familiar songs bringing tears to the eyes of many there. After the performance an array of homemade cakes were enjoyed along with a selection of refreshments. Another concert will be organized next year and we hope to see you all there!





#### Community Exercise Launch





White Lodge saw the launch of the new community exercise class last month. If you want to stay pain-free, reduce your risk of mental illness, and be able to go out and stay independent well into old age, you're advised to keep moving.

That's where this great exercise class at White Lodge comes in! People of every ability can enjoy this light armchair exercise with music to get up and dance to! Get in touch if you'd like to come along!

#### **Summer Fete Success!**

The sun was shining at White Lodge for our summer fete. With classic cars, an ice cream van, the Majorettes, mobile farm and even Elvis! Many thanks to everyone who helped and donated on the We raised a fantastic £530! Towards a Jolly Trolley for the residents.





#### Bollywood Dancing at White Lodge

The fabulous Shaheen visited White Lodge to showcase her amazing Bollywood dancing. Staff and residents alike got into the groove and enjoyed the beautiful blend of Indian dance styles. With Shaheen booked for a return visit soon get in touch if you would like to come along!



#### Volunteers Nationwide do an amazing job with the garden!



Many thanks to Nationwide who did an amazing job painting and gardening at White Lodge this summer. Everyone worked tirelessly all day and the end result was spectacular!



#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the Macmillan coffee morning it was lovely to see you. We raised £81.41 so thank you very much to everyone who donated for this we are very grateful.



### The 29th Regiment Volunteer at White Lodge

We were lucky to have the 29th Regiment visit White Lodge and work on the gardens. They even came back for day 2 to finish everything off! Everyone was so grateful, they did an outstanding job.





### A few words from Barchester...

#### 'Excellent' Result for Canmore Lodge

Staff and residents at Canmore Lodge Care Home in Dunfermline are celebrating their recent Care Inspectorate Report result, where they scored an overall 'Excellent' after receiving a score of 6 for supporting people's well-being, and 6 for how well the home supports and plans care. The report follows the home's recent success on carehome.co.uk where Canmore Lodge achieved a perfect 10/10 rating. Currently only 1.5% of Scotland's care homes for elderly people have an overall 'Excellent' rating, making Canmore Lodge ranked among the best in the country.



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#### 2019 Barchester Care Awards

The Barchester Care Awards is an annual event that showcases the very best that Barchester has to offer. The Care Awards celebrates the fantastic individuals who work and volunteer in Barchester care homes across the UK; and also has a category devoted to recognising the beautiful outdoor spaces tended by residents and staff members.

Our Divisional Winners have already been named, and the award ceremony will be held in Manchester on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, when the National Winners will be announced. Good luck to all our Divisional Winners and thank you to everyone who took the time to make a nomination.



#### Barchester Nominated for 3 Laing Buisson Awards

Barchester is proud to have been named as a finalist in 3 Laing Buisson Awards categories: 'Residential Care (Larger Organisation)', 'Property Developer' and 'Property Investor'. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London, where the winners will be announced.

This year, the awarding body received a record-breaking number of nominations for every single category, with over 400 entries in total.

Last year, we were delighted to take home the 'Property Developer of the Year' award, and Barchester CEO, Pete Calveley was recognized for his amazing work in the care sector by being presented with the 'Outstanding Contributions to Care' award.



#### Barchester Holds Key to Future Care

Barchester recently received the keys to Mortain Place in Eastbourne, enhancing our portfolio of care homes.

Lesley Standing, the General Manager of Mortain Place was delighted to accept the keys to the latest 80-bed property on Pevensey Bay Road from the Project Construction Manager Mark Tomalin, from McGoff Construction.

Mortain Place will provide personalised residential and dementia care for 80 older people in the neighbouring community, and will open its doors to residents in October. Barchester will also be opening another care home in 2019: Trinity Manor in Sherborne. This service will offer dementia and residential care for 64 residents.

