

Vange Place Newsletter

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Halloween party at Befriending

We started our Halloween celebrations at the Befriending Hub! Everyone dressed up to attend, for lunch we dined on a horror buffet!



We all swapped our costumes for our dancing shoes!

The following week we all celebrated Vange Place's final birthday celebration of 2022, Matthew's birthday!

Matthew celebrated in style with a huge birthday bash! We danced, sang and partied the whole evening through, only stopping for a slice of birthday cake.



Season of shows

In October we travelled to the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds for the ultimate tribute to Queen – Radio Gaga!

This was such a great show, the electrifying band played some of the iconic songs by Queen such as 'I Want To Break Free', 'We Will Rock You', 'We Are The Champions' and of course 'Bohemian Rhapsody'!



Everyone enjoyed this two hour rock spectacular show. It was an evening full of fun, dancing and singing along to some truly fabulous songs.

We followed on with another evening at the Theatre Royal in December, this time it was to see the Pantomime - The Legend of Robin Hood! Nothing shouts the start of the Christmas festivities more than 'He's behind you'!



Tom's Depden farm visits

Even as the seasons change, the days grow shorter and the ground is whiter, Tom still attends Depden Farm each Monday. Tom is a farm helper and ensures that the farm's horses, donkeys, sheep, goats and pigs are fed, mucked out and groomed! On the run up to Christmas, both Tom and Matthew were involved in the selling of Christmas trees on the farm.



Christmas celebrations

To kick off the start of Christmas, customers were supported by Trina and Grace to put up the new Christmas decorations. They pushed the boat out and even put the second tree up in the dining room, apparently you can never have too many Christmas trees.

Once the trees were up and decorated the excitement of the Christmas season really started to catch on. The evening was spent with Christmas music playing in the background whilst decorating.





Family Christmas get together

Back in the summer, we held an afternoon tea party and invited all of our families and friends to join us for the Jubilee celebrations. We enjoyed this afternoon so much that we decided to invite our nearest and dearest to celebrate the festive season with us.



Christmas movie night!

Although the week of snow that fell mid-December made things feel so festive, this caused a lot of disruptions to our plans for that week. We made up for this by turning the lounge at Vange Place into our very own cinema to watch The Grinch!



Prior to our guests arriving, it was all hands-on deck to prepare our buffet for the afternoon. Santa's helper (AKA Laura) mastered the famous tomato flower decoration!

During the afternoon, everyone participated in the Great Christmas Quiz! We had three teams and a quiz master (AKA Trina!) The results were close but the winners, by one single point, were team Palfrey! Fantastic effort from team Wymer and team Harrison!





Following on from the Great Christmas quiz, our teams took part in Christmas charades. By a unanimous decision, this game round was most definitely awarded to team Harrison. Tom and Will's acting skills were Golden Globe award worthy! Thank you to everyone that attended our celebration and for the afternoon of catch-ups, laughs and great company.

Weekends are for... Christmas shopping and lattes

With the big day fast approaching, it was time to hit the shops before the real rush of seasonal shopping began! Linda was supported to head into Bury St Edmunds where she managed to finish off her Christmas shopping and still have plenty of time to look around the Christmas displays.



A shopping trip isn't classed as successful without Linda's traditional coffee shop stop and a recharge with a latte. Once Linda had finished all her shopping, a second stop was made at Prezzo's before heading home.



Matthew also enjoyed using his support time to visit the shops and complete his Christmas shopping. However, Matthew switched the latte for a hot chocolate!



Christmas carol concert at St Edmundsbury cathedral

Throughout December St Edmundsbury Cathedral held various festive shows, tours and events. Emma decided during her 1 to 1 with Kelly she would like to be supported to Bury and experience some of the festivities that were on offer. The chosen day for the visit was a carol concert held inside the cathedral!

The atmosphere was amazing and everyone participated in singing along with the choir to some classic seasonal tunes. We'd worked up quite the appetite from all the singing so, to finish off the afternoon, Emma picked a trip to McDonald's so she could savour the new Christmas menu!



FIFA World Cup 2022

Another football tournament had come around and when completing his weekly shop, Matthew spotted this England T-shirt on the day of England's first match!

Both Matthew and Tom really enjoyed watching the World Cup matches throughout December and both switched their Christmas t-shirts for England shirts.



There were many parties and celebrations that everyone attended on the run up to Christmas, from events held by the Befriending scheme, to cooking up Christmas treats at the weekly cooking club. Tom got suited and booted to attend a party of a long-term friend of his!



All our staff at Vange Place would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of our customers and their families! We were truly grateful for the Christmas treats from you all. We would also thank you for inviting us to share the Christmas experience of Vange Place and the festivities with each and every one of you!

Thank you

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Upcoming events



- First Birthday celebration of 2023
- Tom's first Jolly Days holiday
- Shows and nights out
- Challenge 23
- Introduction to our Thermomix



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