

# Vange Place: Celebrating the highlights of 2024

Well, that's a wrap on 2024, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on a busy but incredibly rewarding year by sharing some highlights.

I also want to say a huge thank you to Amy, Danielle, Georgia, Grace, Janette, Joanne, Kelis, Laura, Natalie, Sarah and Trina for your dedication and hard work. You are a fun and dependable team, always putting our customers at the heart of everything you do.

Let's take a look back at how you all have helped to make a positive difference in the lives of the customers you have supported over the past 12 months.

## Birthdays

Some big birthdays were celebrated in 2024, including Matt's 40th and Emma's 50th!



## Concerts and shows

Customers were supported to attend lots of concerts and shows, including JLS, Kylie, Busted, Andre Rieu, the Greatest Showman outdoor cinema event, Circus Fantasia and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.







### Tom's new car

Tom was delighted when his new car was ready for collection at the beginning of 2024, and it's had plenty of use since.



### Clacton-on-Sea

Nothing beats the funfair rides and fish and chips at Clacton-on-Sea, a day out enjoyed by all in April.



### Joan Mann Special Sports Day at RAF Mildenhall

It's safe to say that everyone had the best time at this incredibly special event, which took place in May.





## Days out

Other top days out last year included visiting Colchester Zoo, Clare Country Park and Jimmy's Farm, not forgetting Matt's trip to the Emirates Stadium.



## Afternoon cream tea

A fabulous day was had by customers and their families when Vange Place hosted an afternoon cream tea party in June.



## Shopping trips

Our customers sure do love to shop, whether it be for new clothes, holiday essentials or gifts for their loved ones.





## Holidays

So many holidays packed into just one year. Tom went to Butlin's Skegness, Matt flew to Benidorm, Sarah went to Butlin's Bognor, Emma set sail on a Mediterranean cruise and Linda went to Warner Leisure resort Gunton Hall.



## Molly volunteering at Addenbrookes

Molly started her volunteering journey at Addenbrookes with support from Amy, and now attends independently.



## 80s BBQ

One of the best nights of the year had to be the 80s theme BBQ at Vange Place in September when everyone dressed up in their finest retro gear.





## Nights out

There were quite a few nights out, including bingo, Aladdin panto, Bury Bowl, a Rock and Roll evening, and meals at local restaurants.



## Nights in

Nights out can be fun, but sometimes staying in can be even better. Our customers enjoyed all sorts of nights in at Vange Place, including games nights, karaoke evenings, pizza making, and cooking posh homemade meals.



## The magic of Christmas

From decorating Vange Place and enjoying festive drinks and games to singing carols and partying the night away, you all supported our customers to have a very merry Christmas!

**Well done to each of you, be proud of your efforts, and keep up the great work!**

**Check out some of the glowing feedback received from family members and stakeholders in 2024:**

“Wonderful production again and It is great to see all that’s going on. Tom’s mum particularly enjoys seeing photos of all the activities.” – **Will Harrison**

“They make you feel very welcome and relaxed. They always put on a great buffet and go to a lot of trouble to make sure you have a lovely time.” – **Angela Daly**

“Another great newsletter, congratulations to the photographer’s capturing all the fun the guys have on their outings, everyone looks like they really enjoy their day’s out, thank you one and all.” – **Margaret Wymer**

“Thank you so much for sending me the newsletters. It is always such a joy to see what a wonderful life the residents at Vange Place lead, and how well they are supported. Please send credit to the team.” – **Emma Pryke, Senior Independence and Wellbeing Practitioner, Suffolk County Council**

“Another brilliant day. Staff done really well as per usual. Cannot fault anything in any way” – **Pat and Ted**

“We are absolutely delighted to receive the Newsletters. They’re brilliantly put together and it’s so good to be able to see what everyone has been getting up to. It all looks like great fun. We really appreciate all the care and support provided to Tom and co, and the time and hard work given to producing the Newsletters. Thanks again.” – **Joe Harrison**

“I love getting your newsletters and seeing what lovely things they have been up to and always makes me smile when I see all the lovely photos and all of the exciting things they all have planned coming up. I also forward the newsletters on to my colleagues so that they can see what wonderful things you all get up to.” – **Julie Graham, Senior Independence and Wellbeing Practitioner, Suffolk County Council**

“Cannot fault at all. They always go all out to make sure everyone enjoys themselves and has a good time. Always impressive.” – **Elaine**

**Wishing you all a happy and healthy**

