

# Welcome To Our Newsletter



With December fast approaching, it's hard not to reflect on how quickly the months have passed by. Amongst all the exciting and festive events that take place at this time of year, it is important to pause and appreciate the little moments. So, sit back and read all about our recent happenings, activities and celebrations.

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Best wishes,

Kath O'Dwyer Care Home Manager

**Armistice Day** 





The significance of Armistice Day was not lost the residents and staff of Ty Llandaff. Our home was ready to commemorate the day as we created window displays and placed poppies around the gardens. It was a small gesture to pay tribute to the brave men and women who fought selflessly for our freedom.



But we wanted to do more. So, we reached out to Creative Mojo West Cardiff, a local art group, to hold a workshop for our residents. Together, the team along with our residents, created a moving artwork to commemorate Remembrance Day. It was heartening to see the residents get involved and express themselves through art.



We have several service men and women here at our care home in Cardiff, so to honour them and all those who fought for our nation, we invited them to share their stories with us.

# Philip Mears, aged 96

What does Remembrance Sunday mean to you?

"To me it means we must remember all the brave souls who fell in the war, fighting for us and our country and doing their duty."

## Did anyone in your family fight in WW1?

*"My uncle on my father's side was from Exeter. He joined up despite being underage. He sailed* 

from Plymouth eventually landing in France. Whilst in France he was shot and hit 3 times by a sniper. He lay in a crater caused by an exploded shell. He lay there wounded for 2 days before finally being rescued and brought home to recover."

#### What are your strongest memories of the Second World War?

"My most vivid memory is of when the blitz hit Canton and Leckwith Woods were ablaze lighting up the night sky. I was 12 and a girl next door knocked on my door to tell me my school was alight. I opened the door to run down there and saw an unexploded incendiary bomb lying in the street. The flames from the school were visible above the rooftops and the firemen were already there with hoses all over the street. We still went to school the following day despite most of the building being raised to the ground. Other children and I would play amongst the burnt classrooms. At home, I have a photograph of my friends and me, in the charred school hall standing next to a molten mess of metal that the day before had been our brand-new school organ."



# Joan Cunningham, aged 99

#### What are your Memories of WW2?

"I joined the RAF during WW2 at 17 and a half years old. I was a driver and one of my strongest memories of the war was how I was tasked with driving the ambulance that collected injured soldiers from the airport and transported them to the hospital".



### Ruth Harldorsen, aged 95

What does Armistice Day mean to you?

"It's a very important day where every 12 months we remember the tragedies of the war."

Did anyone in your family play a part in WW1?

"My father had been to fight in France in WWI. He was lucky to come back."

What memories do you have of growing up in WW2?

"I was 14 and a half years old when the war broke out. My mum told me I had to leave school and get a job so I worked in a shop that sold medicines for extra money. I remember when we first got an air raid shelter. When the air raid sirens would go off we would grab sandwiches so we had something to eat while we were in the shelter as we could be there for a long time. I lived in Liverpool so the sirens would sound a lot as we got hit by a lot of bombs in Liverpool."





5th of November

Remember, remember! The fifth of November, The Gunpowder treason and plot; I know of no reason Why the Gunpowder treason Should ever be forgot!

Our residents were excited to participate in the festivities of Guy Fawkes Night. They were busy making their own Guy Fawkes and eagerly awaited the bonfire and fireworks display.



Fabulous fireworks displays were created by our talented residents. It was amazing to see the creativity and enthusiasm of our residents.



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