

# HALE PLACE NEWS

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## VE DAY IN PICTURES

Victory in Europe Day was celebrated by our residents who, as very young children, endured the ravages of WWII, and by the fortunate younger generations who owe so much to so few. The formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II, of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8th May 1945, resulted in spontaneous celebrations; the like that we have never seen since.

It is always a touching and proud occasion when generations stand side by side to reminisce and be thankful for the life we enjoy because of the great sacrifices of people who have gone before us.

Just imagine what the "new normal" was on 9th May 1945?

Thank you to all the staff who reminisced with our services users and worked hard to make this another memorable and enjoyable day for everyone.



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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

I am delighted to keep informing you that our care team continues to act diligently and responsibly, demonstrating great care and devotion to the care of others. Their actions are keeping themselves, their colleagues and residents safe.

Our battle is against this virus and it can be just as deadly as the bullets and bombs of WWII. Like those past heroes, our heroes are winning the battle but there is a long way to go before we can start celebrating in our homes. Unless people are working within health and social care, on the front line, I don't believe they really understand the sacrifices, anxieties and commitment it takes to keep on going day after day, week after week and month on month. I, for one, am humbled.

Danielle and Dudley are doing a fantastic job ensuring there is no let up in standards and safety precautions. They are monitoring the testing of all residents and staff, and so far so good - no positive results. Although it doesn't help our cause when the NHS loses a whole batch of tests?

We hope it will not be too long before our doors can reopen and families can be reunited with their loved ones; love and affection from family has been sorely missed by everyone. However, we must be cautious whilst caring for the most vulnerable and we will put guidance and procedures in place, which I ask every visitor to follow, without exception. We will continue to keep everyone safe.

I will email everyone with guidance, once it is safe to embrace visitors. Keep safe, stay sane and happy.