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'MAGIC TABLE' TO HELP RESIDENTS AT ALDERNEY'S CONNAUGHT CARE HOME

Residents with dementia at the Connaught Care Home in Alderney, will benefit from a Tovertafel 'Magic Table' thanks to the generosity of the Lloyds Bank Foundation and Milly's Foundation.

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BIG THANK YOU TO WINGY

A BIG, big thank you to Wingy and his work team .

We now have the scaffolding to house the bus for our Connaught care home float ..... Alderney week is not far off !!!!!!

And we are excited already about the biggest Channel Islands festival. Are you ready to celebrate?

ROYAL WEDDING AT THE CONNAUGHT

The Connaught celebrates HRH Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding ceremony.

Residents of the Connaught enjoyed the Royal wedding... one said it reminded her of her own wedding many years ago. The staff did a superb job decorating and making lovely cakes to enjoy this afternoon. Well done everyone!

MEET OUR TEAM

Colin Williams - Chairman of Connaught care home, creator of Milly's Foundation and big part of Milly's village in Romania.

Incredible man that changed many lives.

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ALDERNEY'S Royal Connaught Care Home is the first in the Bailiwick to install a stimulatory 'magic table' to enhance the lives of dementia patients.

The Dutch invention, called a Tovertafel, which translates literally as magic table, features colourful moving images and games that those with the condition can interact with and use to socialise with other people. The Lloyds Bank Foundation funded the £6,000 acquisition for Milly's Foundation, which raises money to support people with dementia and their carers.

John Ramsay, who cared for his surgeon father after he developed dementia at 52, said it was designed to stimulate reminiscence, the physical senses and feelings of relaxation - all of which people are receptive to even when the disease is at advanced stages.

We found that people with dementia respond to moving light and we wanted to make those pools of light as beautiful and stimulating as possible. They also help interaction between the generations - young visitors can sit at the tables with the resident and enjoy the games with them.'

Some of the games are cognitive word games, where the touch of a shape will elicit half of a familiar expression, while others feature moving fish, butterflies, leaves or bubbles, which respond to the swipe of a hand. There are also sound effects to go with the imagery.

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