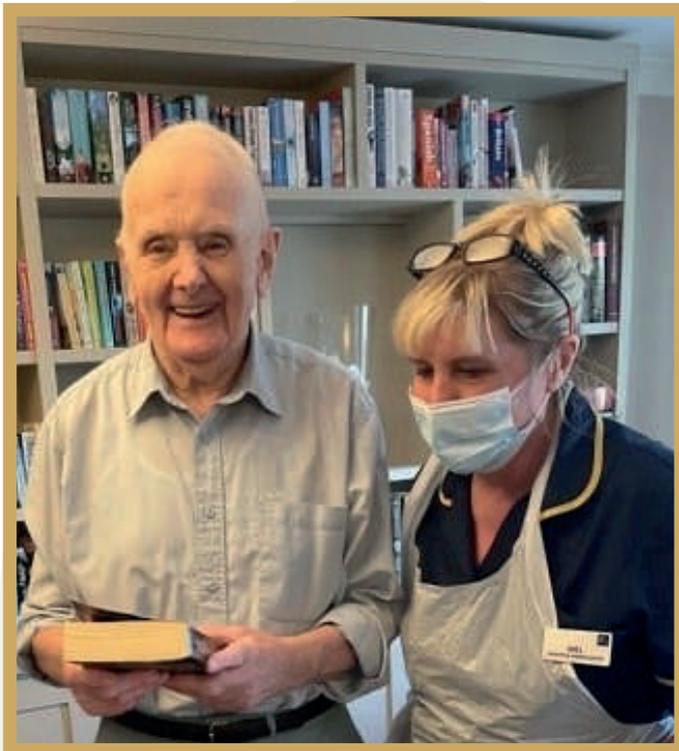


Brian had been living in residential care for a while before he moved into Windsor community at Brentwood Care Centre in October 2020, which specialises in caring for people living with Dementia.



His previous home was not able to meet his changing needs and this kind, gentle and courteous man was struggling with day-to-day life in a noisy and confusing environment. Following a period of assessment in the home, it was recognised that Brian didn't need the intensive support offered by the Windsor community and so recently moved into their Buckingham community, enabling him to retain his independence and keep doing the things he loves. Since moving in Brian's life has changed dramatically. His medication has been reduced and his appetite has returned as staff have recognised that he prefers to eat little and often in the dining room or the home's Bistro, and it is now widely known he

loves biscuits of any kind!

Brian remains physically fit and active and he enjoys reading the daily newspaper, watching films in Brentwood's in-house cinema, exploring the countryside by bike using the latest virtual reality technology supplied by Motitech, and surfing the internet using the 'Tiny Tablet, the home's interactive table, singing and dancing and listening to music, Abba is a particular favourite.

As resident librarian, Brian is accompanied on his weekly rounds by Melanie Cole, Brentwood Care Centre's Dementia Ambassador. After loading up the trolley with books from the newly refurbished library, Brian and Melanie visit each resident in their rooms, helping them to choose books before returning to the library to share a well-earned cuppa, and biscuits! Brian was very happy to share his story. When we spoke, he appeared contented, happy and relaxed, commenting that places such as Brentwood Care Centre did not exist for his parent's generation. The trusting bond between him and Melanie was evident as they laughed and joked while he proudly recounted his national service experiences in the RAF during the 1950's.

