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## Veterans join in the fun on Red Nose Day

Residents at The Royal Star & Garter Home in Surbiton had their noses painted red for Comic Relief.

Staff and relatives also took part in the fun on Friday, 15 March, to help raise money for Red Nose Day.



They were all transformed by former make-up artist Rosemarie Swinfield, who volunteers at the home which cares for ex-Servicemen and women living with disability or dementia.

Staff also came in in their pyjamas and residents were treated to jokes and riddles as part of the Red Nose Day fun.

Rosemarie said: *"It was good fun to spread a little Comic Relief joy around the home. Residents and staff got into the spirit of the day and we all enjoyed ourselves."*



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**About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:**



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**The Royal Star  
& Garter Homes**  
Caring for the nation's military family since 1916

**The Charity provides award-winning care for military veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.**

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War.

Today our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes offer a pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care. We have award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands and Surbiton, Surrey. Our third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire opens in spring 2019.

We continue to expand our services to reach even more veterans. In 2018, we were able to support 185 residents and over 60 guests at the Star & Garter Club, our day care service. We also offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. We provided 11,700 individual sessions of physiotherapy and speech & language therapy last year to support our residents' health, and over 5,600 places to residents for activities, outings and events, to promote well-being.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

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