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Veterans enjoy month-long 'world cruise' at Royal Star & Garter

The pandemic was not enough to stop residents at Royal Star & Garter in Solihull enjoying a month-long virtual cruise around the world.

The Activities Team organised an extravagant programme, which saw veterans set sail on RSG Good Ship Lollipop and dock at countries including Spain, Egypt, America, India, Jamaica and Australia – all from the comfort and safety of the Home in Tudor Coppice.



Residents celebrate their arrival in New York

Royal Star & Garter provides loving compassionate care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia.

They set sail in October before returning home in November. Along the way residents docked at a total of 18 countries and travelled through the Suez Canal and across the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans. On their journey, they enjoyed games, arts and crafts, exercises, cookery, local food and drink and virtual outings. Staff and residents also dressed up to fit in with the local culture.

Charlie Wilson is the Activities Manager at the Home. She said: "We weren't going to let the pandemic stop us from seeing the world! It was such fun and we had a great time learning about other cultures, seeing the beautiful clothes that are worn, and sampling different cuisine. It also allowed residents the chance to reminisce about countries they have been to. We're already taking bookings for the next world cruise!"

There was glowing feedback from residents too. Audrey said: "Every time we docked at a different country, there was something new, fun and different for us to enjoy." John said: "I have very much enjoyed the cruise and especially the food. My favourite has been the Caribbean lunch of



All aboard RSG Good Ship Lollipop



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chicken in a coconut sauce, followed by a boozy pudding of rum pineapple ring." And Lillian paid tribute to the staff: "I loved it all and had so much fun. The team worked very hard to help us enjoy ourselves."

Royal Star & Garter also has Homes in Surbiton and High Wycombe, and is welcoming new residents. Please visit www.starandgarter.org to find out more.

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