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Max Bygraves used the catch phrase “I wanna tell you a story” to great effect and I would very much like to tell you my story about a group of truly caring and wonderful ladies.

They are the unsung heroes of the St. Michael's Home Care Service and are completely and totally AMAZING!

It all starts 3 years ago when, finally, after many years of nagging, Mum agreed to leave our family home and move closer to me in Odiham village. A huge wrench for her and in her own words 'something I should have done 10 years ago' – better late than never!

She found a wonderful new home in Palace Gate and adopted the Odiham village life – often seen in her mobility scooter zipping around the High Street.

Then, at the end of last year, she had a torrid time health wise. Following a hospital stay and respite care at Pax Hill, it became clear that if she wanted to return to Odiham life a bit of extra support was going to be needed. Sue Lockyer at St. Michael's Home Care was wonderful. We met up and she evaluated both mine and Mum's home environment, meeting Mum at the Pax Hill Care Home to ensure all was set up properly for her return to more independent living.

In December 2016 Mum was back in her own home, much happier and making many new friends including the infamous Debbie from St. Michael's Home Care. Debbie & Mum really 'hit it off' and it wasn't long before the 1 became the 3 musketeers when Brogan and Chelsea joined in. Our family rapidly learnt about Brogan's wonderful 'fried egg sandwiches' and we were delighted to see Mum enjoying life again.





Debbie, centre, with Brogan, right and Chelsea, left.

Sadly one horrible Saturday in April, Debbie found Mum unresponsive and we had to face the awful reality that she had left us forever. Debbie was there for me all through that awful time.

We miss her every day in every way and I know that she definitely enjoyed having the inside information on Brogan's wedding dress!

Just mention the phrase "Okey Dokey" and people smile wryly and tell you how much they miss her and her cheerful attitude to life.

None of this would have been possible without all the marvellous ladies of St. Michael's Home Care and especially Debbie, Brogan and Chelsea. I would go much further and say that I now have three new friends and although brought together by a great sadness we are enjoying meeting up, long may it continue.

The girls asked if they could remember Mum in a special way and planted a beautiful Amazing Grace rose in the front garden.

Thank you ladies - you are so special.

Andrea and Diana Perry

