

Home Matters



The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home

*A great place to live, work and visit...
Celebrating inclusiveness in all that we do*

January 2026



Happy New Year

Can you believe it folks we are now in 2026! Where has the time gone. We have kicked off the year with two of our gentlemen residents as our January poster boys: Bob on the right splendid in his jumper and below Alan opening his gift from the home. Before we look ahead at our diary a quick look back at our absolutely fabulous December. We completely embraced the festive month and as you will see from a small selection of last month's events, we went all out to celebrate every single day!

We enjoyed musical entertainment from super talented children from St Lawrence School, Hurst Park School and some very small people from our local nursery Sunshine Childcare. All performed various carols and it was a real treat. Thank you everyone – we were enthralled!

Also, a big thank you to the local Police Cadets who came in to chat to us all. Again, what a talented and charming bunch. If this is the future, we are in safe hands folks.



Bob carries off his Christmas jumper with style



Alan on Christmas morning

And as for our professional entertainers, well they did not disappoint. Liam topped the fun as he provided musical entertainment to our Residents' Christmas Party.

Thank you to our gorgeous Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog Luna. We all so look forward to her visits, which are an absolute delight.

And very lastly we would like to say a special thank you to Louise, also known as The Molesey Champion Knit and friend of our Gay. Each year she knits unique Christmas themed tokens for each of our residents containing a chocolate. This year she created exquisite festive wreaths – stunning.

We raise a glass to everyone here at The Royal Cambridge, all our residents, staff, trustees, relatives and friends of the Home. Wishing everyone a very Happy & Healthy 2026.



New Doctor

As most of you are aware we have now changed our doctor's surgery. We are now with Vine Surgery, which is literally around the corner from us, so much more convenient for us. We will have a visit from Doctor Hannah Davies every three weeks. Dr. Hannah used to be our doctor a few years ago so we know we are in good hands. Thanks to Vicky for transferring everything over.



Resident Birthdays

We wish the following lovely residents happy birthdays:

- 3rd – Merrill
- 8th – Jon N
- 19th – Alma
- 26th – Hamish

Enjoy everyone.



Staff Recruitment

We are recruiting for the following positions:

- Experienced and qualified **Day Care Assistants** (part-time and full-time)
- **Senior Night Care Assistant** (part-time)
- Experienced and qualified part-time **Night Care Assistant**
- **Bank Minibus Driver** – Various hours and days on a casual basis

Come and be part of our fabulous team at No. 84.

A Toast to New Beginnings

Here's a toast to a brand-new year,
With good cheer and hearts sincere.

A clean calendar, a fresh start,
With larger heart and love of art.

New Year's resolutions we'll embrace,
With kindlier hand, our trials face.

Past year's shadows fade away,
A bright new year dawns today.

In this fleeting moment stay,
Let's shape the coming days our way.



Our local police cadets – rising stars of the future

A few pictures from the big day...



What's coming up?

We have some wonderful activities coming up in January. Please check the main diary at the back of this newsletter for the full schedule. However, it is worth noting in your diaries that we have a special pantomime performance of Dick Whittington from a visiting theatre company in the main lounge on Thursday 15th January at 1.30pm. Please also make a note that Andy the Chiropodist, will be in on Friday 30th January at 12.00 midday in the Salon.



Social Media - Follow us on Instagram for all the latest photos and news as well as our website www.royalcambridgehome.org

Useful Telephone Contacts

We are a proud equal opportunities employer and Living Wage Employer. We value and respect every single member of our team and equally we expect that in return. Thank you.

Welcoming everyone, regardless of disability, pregnancy, age, sex, gender reassignment, marital status, race, sexual orientation or religion

LGBTQ+ (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer (or sometimes questioning) and others) **Switchboard** – 0300 330 0630

Citizens Advice Bureau – 01932 248660

Alzheimer's Society – 01372 729988

Safeguarding Advisor – 07968 834157

Mental Health Services – 01372 203400

A more extensive list of our local advocacy services is in the hallway and main office should you need them.



Condolences to all the loving family and friends of Peter

20th February 1935 to 6th December 2025

A true gentleman and dearly missed...

Condolences to all the loving family and friends of Hilkka

22nd April 1934 to 30th December 2025

A beautiful lady and dearly missed...



January 2026 Diary

January	Morning	Afternoon
Thursday 1	11.00am - Residents' Choice	2.00pm - Residents' Choice
Friday 2	11.00am - Fun & Games	2.00pm - Fun & Games
Saturday 3	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 4	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 5	11.00am - Hand Massages	2.00pm – Knit & Natter
Tuesday 6	11.00am – Luna PAT Dog visit	2.00pm – Manicures
Wednesday 7	Jemma, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 8	11.00am – Liam, the singer	2.00pm – Quiz Time
Friday 9	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 10	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 11	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 12	11.00am – Manicures	2.00pm – Manicures
Tuesday 13	11.00am – Residents' Meeting	2.00pm – Reminisce Quiz
Wednesday 14	Jemma, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 15	11.00am – Residents' Choice	1.30pm – Panto – Dick Whittington
Friday 16	11.00am – Games	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 17	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 18	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 19	11.00am – Mindful Art	2.00pm – Manicures
Tuesday 20	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Luna, PAT Dog Visit
Wednesday 21	Jemma, the hairdresser 11.00am – Anne, Communion	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 22	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.15pm – Garrick Temple Singers
Friday 23	11.00am – Quiz	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 24	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 25	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 26	11.30am – Depart for Pub Lunch (Barley Mow)	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Tuesday 27	11.00am – Harry, the Opera Singer	2.00pm – Activity Table
Wednesday 28	Jemma, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 29	11.00am – Shopping Trolley	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Friday 30	11.00am – Bingo 12.00pm-4.00pm – Andy, Chiropodist	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 31	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	

Wishing you all a very healthy & happy 2026