

Home Matters

The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home
*A great place to live, work and visit...
Celebrating inclusiveness in all that we do*

Welcome

What better way to kick off the month with our cover girl this month Audrey, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. A rather special day as Audrey is our longest standing resident. She's been with us since October 2014 and is much loved here at the home. Her daughter Janet came over from Switzerland to help her mum celebrate this fantastic milestone birthday.

We also celebrated Rory's 10 years service with the Home. That was another special day as all our Trustees were over for a meeting. We all gathered in the lounge, as we do here at The Royal Cambridge, and the chairman presented him with gifts to mark the occasion. We are pleased to see that he is still smiling!



Amazing Audrey

So folks, that brings us nicely to our rather special party coming up. On Thursday 21st August at midday we throw open our doors to invited friends and family of the Home as we will all join together in marking one whole year to the day that we all moved in. For all of us that were here a year ago the memories from that day are joyous ones; the sun shone and as each resident moved over from next door we photographed everyone with their relatives/friends as they took their first steps and wheels through the doors. Wonderful.



Celebrating Rory's 10 Year Service with The Royal Cambridge.
Congratulations Rory!



Bob's master class on how to catch a cactus (prickly things at the best of times)

Donations

We are delighted so many people are set to join us for our Official Opening Party as our guests for the day. We are pushing the boat out this year and as Guest of Honour we have Dame Penelope Keith joining us for the official opening. So many of us will have fond memories of her throughout the 70's and of course who can forget her role as Margo Leadbetter in The Good Life.

Hospitality wise, there will be a team of professional caterers serving drinks and delicious food throughout the day, who will cater for all food tastes.

Normally we raise a few extra funds for our residents entertainment by hosting a raffle, however, because this is such a unique event we will not be doing this this time around. If anybody would like to make donations during the day we would really appreciate it. There is no pressure at all, but if you would like to that would be lovely. There will be donation pots around the Home or if you prefer to make a card donation we also have a card reader. Please see a member of the Admin Office Team who will be able to help, i.e. Sue, Melissa or Biruté.

Booking our facilities

Just a reminder that if anybody would like to join their resident for meals then you are more than welcome to.

We also have a lovely lounge area on the third floor that we rent out for family gatherings.

Finally, we have a beautiful guest bedroom, complete with ensuite facilities and a shower room, which can be booked.

If you would like to use any of these facilities, please book with the Admin Office. Our rates are as follows:

Meals - £10.00 per head

Hiring of Third Floor Lounge - £20 plus £5 for refreshments

Guest Room - £75.00 b&b

Resident News

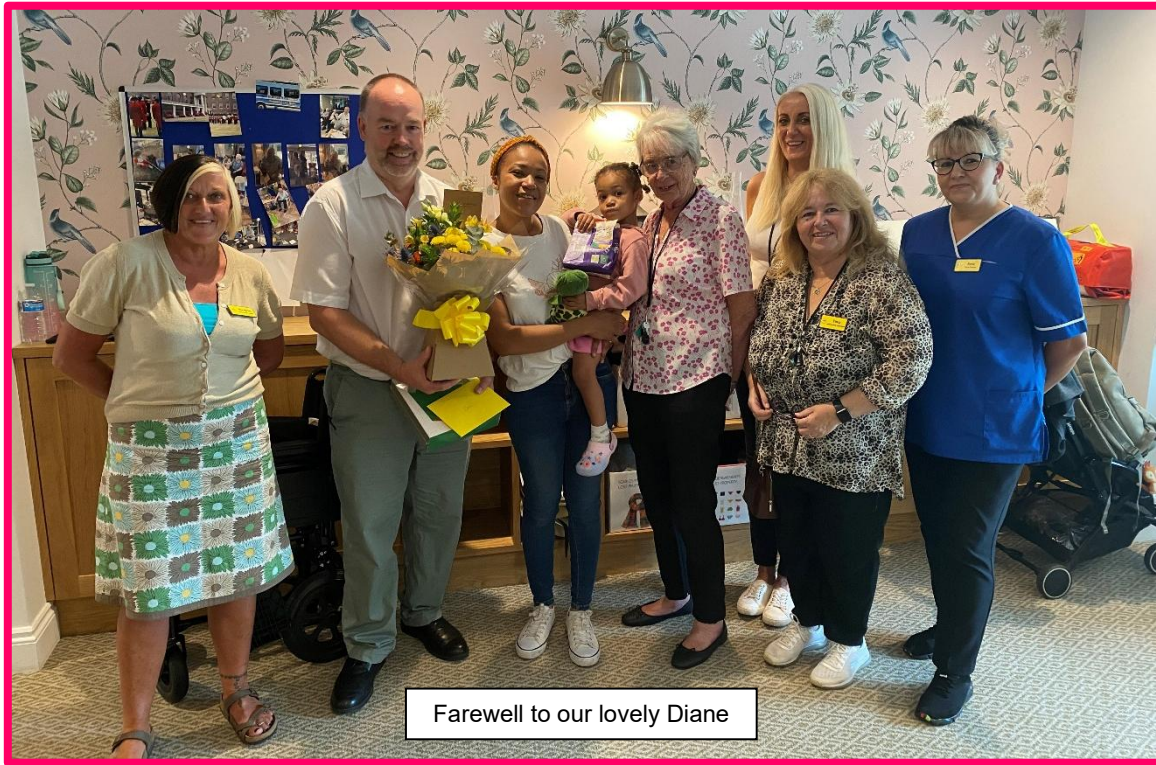
A huge welcome to our recent new residents:

- ♥ Lesley
- ♥ Margaret
- ♥ Jon
- ♥ Bob C

Welcome aboard folks. x



Rory presents our Gay with her birthday gifts



Farewell to our lovely Diane

Staff news

We said goodbye to our dear Diane who has been with us for eleven years. Thank you for all you have done and all the best for the future. We will miss you!

We are thrilled to announce that we have recruited two lovely new members of the team. Jagdies joins us as our new Facilities Manager and will work alongside Shane in Maintenance. This completes our valuable building team.



Jagdies



Hannah

New also is Hannah who joins our activities bank team and will be providing ad-hoc activities.

Welcome to our team both.

Staff Recruitment

We are recruiting for the following positions:

- Experienced and qualified **Day Care Assistants** (part-time and full time)
- Experienced and qualified **Night Care Assistants** (part-time)
- Experienced and qualified **Team Leader** for Care
- Experienced and qualified Day and also Night **Senior Care Assistant** (part-time and full time)



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

Trustee Recruitment

The Chairman and our team of Directors and Trustees would very much like to recruit another person to support their team. The position is a voluntary one. If anyone is interested or indeed knows of someone who might, we would very much like to hear from you. Please contact Rory Belfield in the first instance.



Rodica with bunny of the year Peter

Pet Corner

Our beautiful six hens continue to thrive in their gorgeous hen house in our garden. Shane has recently been tasked with putting in some paving slabs around their enclosure so they can enjoy some potted plants as well. Tina regularly buys them treats and toys, so all in all those girls are living the dream. We're yet to see an egg though but watch this space.

We have had a very nice addition, albeit temporary, to Pet Corner over the last couple of weeks, as Melissa has been away and left us in charge of her gorgeous pet rabbit Peter. He's been an absolute hit. There's been a long queue of people waiting to tickle his ears, he's had quite a few afternoons in the garden with his friends the hens and all in all we can safely say he has been a delight. Huge thanks to the team who have cleaned, fed and watered him. In particular our Rodica (a rabbit owner and expert in the past) and has made sure Peter has had an incredibly clean hutch, with plenty of healthy snacks to feast on. Got a feeling Peter may be going back home slightly larger than when he arrived (rabbits do have big bones you know).

What's coming up?

Please see below highlights (check main diary at back for full schedule). Please make a note that on the week of our party Grace our hairdresser. will be in the day before (Wednesday 20th) so we all look our best! 😊

- ♥ **Harry, the opera singer** – Monday 11th August at 11.00am
- ♥ **Pub Lunch (venue TBC)** – Wednesday 13th August (depart late morning)
- ♥ **Residents' Meeting** – Thursday 14th August at 11.00am in the Main Lounge
- ♥ **Tony, the accordion player** – Monday 18th August at 2.00pm in the Main Lounge
- ♥ **Official Opening Party** – Thursday 21st August from late morning.
- ♥ **Liam, professional singer** – Thursday 28th August at 11.00am in the Main Lounge



Vicky, Ann & Vera heading off to The Royal Hospital Chelsea



Pat, Tina & Frances joining the outing to The Royal Hospital Chelsea



Condolences

*Our condolences go out to the loving families of both Edda and Sylvia who we lost recently.
Our thoughts are with you all.*



Edda



Sylvia

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.

August 2025 Diary

AUGUST	Morning	Afternoon
Friday 1	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 2		
Sunday 3		
Monday 4	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Board Games
Tuesday 5	11.00am - Manicures	2.00pm - Manicures
Wednesday 6	11.00am – Skittles	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 7	11.00am – Memory Ball	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Friday 8	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 9		
Sunday 10		
Monday 11	11.00am – Harry, the opera singer	2.00pm – Tea & Games in the garden
Tuesday 12	11.00am - Manicures	2.00pm - Manicures
Wednesday 13	11.00am – Pub Lunch	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 14	10.30am – St Paul's Coffee Morning	2.00pm – Word Quiz
Friday 15	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 16		
Sunday 17		
Monday 18	11.00am – Residents' Choice	2.00pm – Tony, the accordion player
Tuesday 19	11.00am – Flower Arranging	2.00pm - Manicures
Wednesday 20	Grace, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 21	Official Opening Party 🎉	
Friday 22	11.00am - Residents' Choice	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 23		
Sunday 24		
Monday 25	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Tuesday 26	11.00am – Manicures	2.00pm – Manicures
Wednesday 27	11.00am – Craft Morning	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 28	11.00am – Liam, professional singer	2.00pm – Kathy, Director Visit & Tea in the Garden
Friday 29	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 30		
Sunday 31		

Please be aware all outdoor activities are subject to the great British weather!
Please let the team know if you would like to suggest any activities.

Have a fabulous August everyone x