

Hme Matters

The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home

A great place to live, work and visit...

Celebrating inclusiveness in all that we do

Sensational in September 2025

Welcome

On Wednesday 21st August last year we moved over to our beautiful new building, after many, many years in the planning. And what better way to celebrate it and mark the occasion by hosting a rather special Official Opening Party a year later! Where has the time gone.

We threw open our patio doors, hired a marquee, secured the marvellous Dame Penelope Keith as our guest of honour, with our Mayor and Mayoress of Elmbridge as our special guests and enjoyed a late summer gathering in our back garden.



Jennie & Toni

As well as all our residents, staff, trustees and families we also had so many people involved in the project from the early days, such as Emma of Knight Frank who introduced many years ago, The Royal Cambridge to Sheppard Trust, who were looking for a suitable piece of land to move their organisation to. It was a match made in heaven. We had a few glitches along the way such as the small matter of Covid and then our plans were rejected. We all soldiered on and here we are now at No. 84.

We were also joined by Clare, CEO and Linda, Chair of Sheppard Trust who are watching with great anticipation the completion of their building next door, which is due to complete in June next year. We are very much looking forward to our new neighbours.



Dame Penelope Keith

Our architects from PRP joined us and also our interior designer, who did a grand job in making The Royal Cambridge look not only incredibly smart, but also retaining our homely feel. We still all remember that lovely feeling when our home was fully furnished and yet to move into. It was very exciting.

Our thanks to the superb catering team, lead by Sophie at Little Spoon Catering. The food was delicious and their team of staff were professional and could not have done any more.

<https://littlespooncatering.com/>

Enormous thanks to the incredible u3a Jazz Band who were, quite frankly, fantastic!

And finally, the icing on the cake was Dame Penelope as our guest of honour. All we can say is what a treat!



Thank you

Thank you to all of you that made donations on the day. We made a whopping £300. This is incredibly generous and goes towards the professional entertainment and trips out that we provide for all our residents. We have left out donation pots on the reception desk and also by our coffee machine in the lounge if anyone would ever like to leave anything. 😊 Thank you.

Resident Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following lovely ladies:

- ♥ 23rd September – Janet B
- ♥ 27th September – Pat S

Enjoys your celebrations Janet and Pat. x

Staff news

Congratulations to our Surinder who has recently been promoted to Senior Carer.

We are also happy to announce Mahendra as Senior Carer and also Chrissy as Senior Carer.

And lastly, we have an extra member of the night care team. Khush joins us on a part-time basis, currently working Thursday nights.

A Royal Cambridge welcome to you all.



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)
- Bank Minibus Driver – Various hours and days on a casual basis.

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.

First on the scene our Vidya with a prized egg



Pet Corner

Well folks, there has been a significant development with our beautiful six hens. They've started laying eggs! How utterly exciting. We don't think they are quite at the production stage yet, just a handful so far, but we are hoping this is a sign they are happy and chilled. Well done girls.



Tina & Vicky, also key members of the Chicken Run

What's coming up?

It's hard to beat our marvellous Official Opening Party celebrations but in true Royal Cambridge style, there is plenty going on. A new one this month is our lovely vicar from St Paul's, Rev. Anne Farmer who will be coming over for hymns and prayers for anyone who would like to join in.

Please check the main diary at the back for the full schedule, but below are a few key highlights:

- ♥ **Residents' Meeting** – Tuesday 2nd September at 11.30am in the Main Lounge
- ♥ **Matthew, the ukelele player** – Tuesday 2nd September at 2pm in Main Lounge
- ♥ **Hampton Court Trip** – Wednesday 3rd September – Morning departure
- ♥ **Hugo, the chiropodist** – Saturday 13th September at 2pm in Salon (1st Floor)
- ♥ **Linnie's Fashions** – Thursday 18th September at 2.30pm in Main Lounge
- ♥ **Tony, the accordion player** – Monday 22nd September at 2.00pm in Main Lounge
- ♥ **MacMillan Coffee Morning** – Wednesday 24th September at 11.00am in Main Lounge
- ♥ **Holy Communion with Rev. Anne** – Tuesday 30th September on Ground Floor (quiet area)



Our Chairman, Trustees, partners, Mayor & Mayoress and friends with Rory

Official Opening Photos

Below is a selection of a few photos from our rather special day. We will be updating our website with a page in due course with more but below are a few teasers. They are smashing!





Maggie & Barbara



Rev. Anne, with Mayor & Mayoress & Dame Penelope



Team shot !



Peter and family



Myra & Maria



Alan's friends



Bob & Angela



Maxine, Mark & Natalie



Taku & Vera



Janet & Kiki



Angela, Bob & Sara



Our wonderful jazz band



Condolences

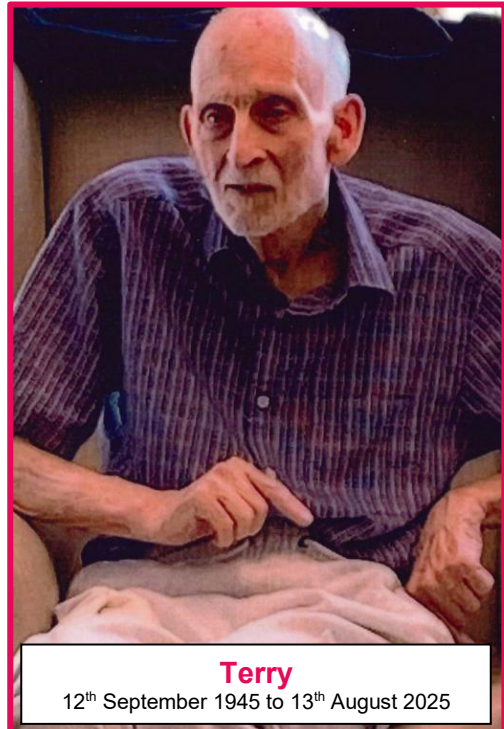
Our condolences go out to the loving families of both Stella and Terry who we lost recently.

Our thoughts are with you all.



Stella

27th June 1939 to 12th August 2025



Terry

12th September 1945 to 13th August 2025



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.

September 2025 Diary

September	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 1	11.00am – Manicures	2.00pm – Knit & Natter
Tuesday 2	11.30am – Residents' Meeting	2.00pm – Matthew, ukelele player
Wednesday 3	11.00am – Hampton Court trip	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 4	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Board Games
Friday 5	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 6		
Sunday 7		
Monday 8	11.00am – Residents' Choice	2.00pm – Residents Choice
Tuesday 9	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Afternoon tea in the garden
Wednesday 10	11.00am – Manicures	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 11	11.00am - Quiz	2.00pm – Residents Choice
Friday 12	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 13	2.00pm - Hugo, the chiropodist	
Sunday 14		
Monday 15	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Craft Session
Tuesday 16	10.30am – Quilling Art with Hannah	2.00pm – Manicures
Wednesday 17	AM – Drive out in minibus	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 18	10.30am – St Paul's Coffee Morning	2.30pm – Linnies Fashion
Friday 19	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 20		
Sunday 21		
Monday 22	11.00am – Manicures	2.00pm – Tony, accordion player
Tuesday 23	11.00am – Reminisce Singing with Hannah	2.00pm – Word Games
Wednesday 24	MacMillan Coffee Morning	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 25	11.00am – Liam, professional singer	2.00pm – Memory Games
Friday 26	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 27		
Sunday 28		
Monday 29	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Board Games
Tuesday 30	11.00am – Holy Communion with Rev. Anne	2.00pm – Manicures

*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.*

**Wishing you all a
Sensationally Super September Season**