



Home Matters



The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home

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

Celebrating inclusiveness in all that we do

November 2025

Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to our November edition of Home Matters. Hard to believe we are now officially into the winter months. However, with a bit of blue sky and wrapped up warm, we can enjoy plenty of lovely days out.

We had a wonderful October and for the first time we celebrated Diwali. This was all rather impromptu but as it was such a huge hit, this will be a regular annual feature. Huge thanks go out to Rojina, Mahendra and Usha for all their contributions.



Amanda

We even had Rory, Vicky, Gay & Tina in traditional Indian outfits and for the rest of us we wore splashes of colour that day. The Indian treats were absolutely deeeelish and the Chickpea Curry went down a storm at lunchtime.



Gay, Usha & Rojina



Rory & Tina



Richard

Richard, one of our Trustees, came over for a visit to meet residents and staff, which is something all our Trustees take turns in. This particular visit happened to coincide with Gay hosting a games morning and would you believe it the bean bag balancing game took part. Almost as stressful as the stilt walking event at the summer Olympics. The atmosphere was tense but there were some real champions taking part. Rumour had it that Taku managed to balance 13 bean bags on his head (strange there is no photographic evidence), however Ruweydo sat in the hot seat and instead did a spot of juggling. We are a talented bunch.



Ruweydo

Resident Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following two residents:

2nd November – Lesley LM

21st November – Beryl

Enjoy your special days.



Ann

Staff Recruitment

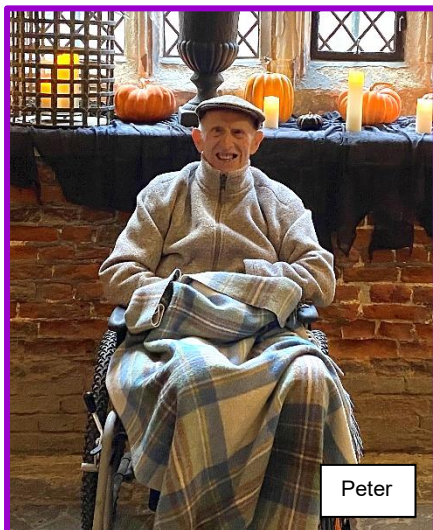
We are recruiting for the following positions:

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



Peter

Communications

As you know, we now have Usha covering the reception on Saturday and Sunday 8am to 2pm and Monday from 8.30am to 2.30pm, which is working very well. The team in the Admin Office work Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm and take the majority of the telephone calls and greet & meet visitors, however, out of hours please do bear with us. The care team run a very busy shift and are not always able to take calls straight away. We do, have a voicemail system, however, if your call is urgent, please call back. We are in the process of purchasing some new equipment and hoping to improve certain areas, but please bear with us as this is a work in progress, but we have certainly seen some vast improvements. Thanks everyone.

Visiting Hours

We have always been very flexible in our visiting hours but we would like to ask that unless you are booked in could you please schedule your visits before 8pm. Don't worry, if you have something special on with your resident or if you are travelling here then of course you can still visit but please do let us know so we can advise staff to expect you. We respectfully ask that if this is the case that all visitors leave the building by 9pm. However, if we have a resident on end-of-life care then this is very different and relatives can stay with their loved ones throughout this difficult time.



Pat

Weekly Fire Alarm Test

Please note our weekly fire alarm test has changed to every **Thursday at 10.30hrs.**



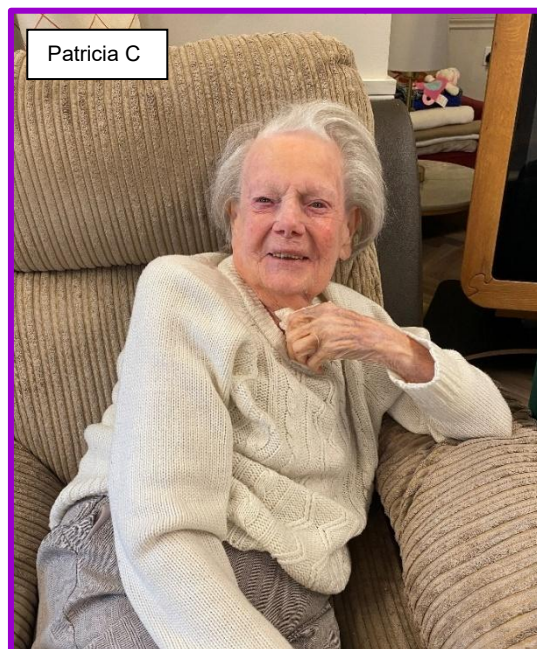
Shopping Trolley

Yes, it is back folks by popular demand. Gay & Tina have purchased two new trolleys and will be coming round regularly if anybody wants to purchase anything. They keep a large stock of toiletries, confectionary and other sundry items all at very reasonable prices.



Resident Feature

Would anyone like to take part in a "Resident Feature" in future newsletters? We have done this in the past and they were always so popular. It could be a snapshot of a particularly interesting memory, perhaps a feature on your career, travel, etc. We would love to hear from you if that's the case and please all relatives, if you think your resident would like to take part then do let the main office know. A few photos and words to accompany them would be great.



Car Parking

We will be getting some signage for the front car park and by the time the building next door is complete next year we will have ten more car spaces which will help us enormously. In the meantime, we respectfully ask that you do not block anyone in or park along the front entrances as we do need to keep these clear for emergency vehicles. There are plenty of free parking spaces along the side roads and Hurst Park opposite if you are not able to park on site but this is only for a short time until we get our extra parking. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Janet Bailie

23rd September 1933 to 8th October 2025



We lost our dear Janet recently. Our thoughts go out to her loving family, in particular her loyal sons Chris, Pete and Rupert and her many friends

Rest in peace Janet.



Competition Time

The time has come to create our very own Mission Statement and/or Vision Statement. We are opening this up to all staff, residents, relatives and friends. If you would like to put pen to paper and submit your entry we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email through your submissions to secretary@royalcambridgehome.org by **Wednesday 26th November 2025**. All entries will be put to the Trustees to make a decision. As for the prize, we thought about an all-inclusive trip to the Maldives for two but in the end we thought perhaps just the pride in winning this prestigious competition would be more than enough!

Hairdressing

Our lovely hairdresser Grace, is about to embark on her maternity leave. This will be her second child and we wish her all the very best – we will miss her. She will be back in a few months but in the interim we have found the perfect maternity cover hairdresser. Her name is Jemma and she is incredibly experienced and in fact, a couple of our residents know her as she is a hairdresser in the local area. Jemma's hairdressing day will be Wednesday instead of Friday. However, please note she cannot do the second week in November and therefore Gay will cover Friday 14th November. Love to Grace and her family and welcome to Jemma!

What's coming up?

Another full schedule of events is listed at the back of this newsletter in our November diary. Below are a few you might like to mark in your diaries.

- ♥ **Communion from Rev. Anne** – Weds 5th 11.00am on ground floor (quiet area)
- ♥ **Residents' Meeting** – Thurs 6th at 11.00am in main lounge
- ♥ **Harry the opera singer** – Mon 10th at 11.00am in main lounge
- ♥ **Squires Garden Centre** – Thurs 13th – depart at 10.30am
- ♥ **Whiteley Village** – Tues 18th – depart at 10.30am
- ♥ **The Revelaires** – Weds 19th at 8pm in main lounge
- ♥ **Tony the accordion player** – Mon 24th at 2.00pm in main lounge
- ♥ **Luna PAT Dog Visit** – Tues 25th at 11.00am in main lounge
- ♥ **Liam singer** – Weds 26th at 11.00am in main lounge
- ♥ **Stirring the Christmas Pudding** – Thurs 27th at 10.30am in main lounge.



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.

November 2025 Diary

November	Morning	Afternoon
Saturday 1	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 2	Lesley LM's Birthday Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Monday 3	11.00am – Bingo	2.15pm – Knit & Natter
Tuesday 4	AM – Manicures	PM – Manicures
Wednesday 5	Jemma the hairdresser 11.00am – Communion with Rev. Anne	2.00pm – Dawn G Fitness
Thursday 6	11.00am – Residents' Meeting	2.00pm – Residents' Shopping Trolley
Friday 7	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Games Afternoon
Saturday 8	Festival of Remembrance at The Royal Albert Hall Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 9	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Monday 10	11.00am – Harry, the opera singer	2.00pm – Quiz
Tuesday 11	11.00am – Remembrance Service	2.00pm – Manicures
Wednesday 12	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Dawn G Fitness
Thursday 13	10.30am – Squires Garden Centre	2.30pm – U3A Jazz Band
Friday 14	Gay, hair dressing	
Saturday 15	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 16	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Monday 17	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Sweet Making
Tuesday 18	10.30am – Whiteley Village	2.00pm – Peter Toth, the pianist
Wednesday 19	Jemma the hairdresser	2.00pm – Dawn G Fitness 8.00pm – The Revelaires
Thursday 20	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Residents' Shopping Trolley
Friday 21	Beryl's Birthday 11.00am – Games	2.00pm – Puzzling / Quiz
Saturday 22	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 23	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Monday 24	AM – Manicures	2.00pm – Tony, the accordion player
Tuesday 25	11.00am – Luna the PAT dog	2.00pm – Activity Table
Wednesday 26	Jemma the hairdresser 11.00am – Liam the singer	2.00pm – Dawn G Fitness
Thursday 27	10.30am – Stirring the Christmas Pudding	2.00pm – Comedy Film
Friday 28	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Quiz
Saturday 29	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 30	Resident Choices / One-to-Ones	

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.