

# Home Matters



The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home  
**Turquoise seas and blue skies in August 2022**

*Celebrating inclusiveness in all that we do*



## Feeling hot hot hot

We don't like to go on about the weather but seriously folks hasn't it been hot! The UK recorded the hottest day in history ever, with the mercury levels hitting the roof on a Monday and Tuesday in July.

We do love to chat about the weather though and following various brain storming sessions we planned for residents to stay in the lounge and dining room, where it was cooler. Ice creams and lollies were deployed and the piece de resistance was the paddling pool that we placed in the dining room. Well, we basically enjoyed our very own pool party in East Molesey.



A Mexican Wave breaks out in the pool party

We gathered round in a circle with feet dipped in and cool drinks to celebrate. What bliss. So, there you go, even in extreme heat, we partied hard and kept our cool.



Pool party fun with Derek, Pat, Sally, Lavinia & Joyce

## Redevelopment

The deadline for submission of tender packs has been extended to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We are hoping to find out the appointed contractor for the works shortly after and then of course we will establish the date for demolition commencement in no. 84. We will update as soon as we know.



## Home Improvements

Currently we are converting a large room upstairs (room 7) into a double with an ensuite. Separately, the original bathroom in room 7 is being converted into a separate single room (room 6). Overall, this gives us another three spaces for residents, which is fantastic news.

## Summer Garden Party

This year we are hosting our annual get together on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm. We do have some rather excellent news to tell you: The Royal Hospital Chelsea Band have confirmed they are very much together, following the retirement of bandleader, Major Phil Shannon and they have confirmed their commitment to playing and indeed supporting us at our events. We are over the moon about this and are very much looking forward to enjoying their musical accompaniment for many years to come hopefully. Our guest of honour this year is Elmbridge Borough Council Mayor Simon Waugh. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon, with a tasty cold finger buffet, delicious refreshments, good company and the grand raffle. All families and friends of our residents are invited, as indeed are all your four-legged friends as well and if you have not confirmed your attendance and numbers, please could you do so by informing Sue or Melissa in the main office.



Audrey enjoys her recent birthday

Roger at the floristry class



## Relatives & Friends Meeting

Unfortunately, due to the extreme heat, we had to cancel the meeting. However, we are looking at dates in September and will advise asap.

## Staff News

We are thrilled to announce we have two lovely new members of our bank care team, husband and wife team Jilan (known as Jay) and Akshita. Please give them a very warm welcome.

Also, Gillian our previous Activities Coordinator, has confirmed she would like to join our bank team and we are very happy to report she will be coming in on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to cover activities for us during the holiday season.



A big thank you to those that have recently submitted reviews for us on carehome.co.uk, which means we are now up to a score of 9.5. Just a reminder if you have not done so and would like to complete a review for us that would be wonderful, to increase our score more.

It is a little like Trip Advisor for the care sector and the more reviews we receive go towards an unofficial overall rating score. It is a good platform to leave feedback - [carehome.co.uk](https://www.carehome.co.uk) - [reviews](https://www.carehome.co.uk)

From there click on "Submit a Review" and you will be able to review us. We also have prepaid review cards if you prefer not to use an online platform. Thanks everyone – we appreciate your support.

## Resident News

We welcomed two new gentlemen to the home – Derek and David, who have fitted in very well and are enjoying Home life.

## What's coming up?

Please refer to the main diary at the back of the newsletter. Key dates to note:

- ♥ **Residents' Meeting** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug– 11.00am – Dining Room
- ♥ **Live Singer** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 11.00am – Lounge
- ♥ **Summer Garden Party** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August – 2.30pm-5.00pm
- ♥ **Floristry with Liliana** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August – 2.30pm - Lounge



## And finally...

Some rather lovely news in the shape of tiny hands and feet, we are pleased to announce the arrival of first of all Audrey's baby son Jude, followed by Diane's baby girl Ella. Mothers and babies are all doing well.



## Social Media

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter for all the latest photos and news as well as our website [www.royalcambridgehome.org](http://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.*

# Sunshine Diary for August 2022

August	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 1	10.30am – Keep Fit	2.30pm – Bingo
Tuesday 2	10.30am – Bushy Park Trip	2.30pm – Quiz
Wednesday 3	11.00am – Residents' Meeting	2.30pm – Arts & Crafts
Thursday 4	11.00am – Carol, the singer	2.30pm – Residents' Choice
Friday 5	<b>Grace, the hairdresser</b> Gay's Games in the lounge	2.30pm – Friday Bingo
<b>Saturday 6</b>		
<b>Sunday 7</b>		
Monday 8	10.30am – Keep Fit	2.30pm – Bingo
Tuesday 9	10.30am – Baking with Tina	2.30pm – Liliana, florist
Wednesday 10	10.30am – Coffee & Cakes in the garden	2.30pm – Activities Table
Thursday 11	<b>2022 Summer Garden Party</b>	
Friday 12	<b>Grace, the hairdresser</b> Fun in the garden	2.30pm – Friday Bingo
<b>Saturday 13</b>		
<b>Sunday 14</b>		
Monday 15	10.30am – Keep Fit	2.30pm – Bingo
Tuesday 16	10.30am – Gardening Club	2.30pm – Skittles
Wednesday 17	10.30am – Jenga	2.30pm – Target Practice
Thursday 18	10.30am – Photo shoot in the lounge	2.30pm – Cake Decorating
Friday 19	<b>Grace, the hairdresser</b> Walk by the river	2.30pm – Friday Bingo
<b>Saturday 20</b>		
<b>Sunday 21</b>		
Monday 22	10.30am – Keep Fit	2.30pm - Bingo
Tuesday 23	10.30am – Seated Netball	2.30pm – Quiz
Wednesday 24	10.30am – Keep Fit with scarves	2.30pm – Memory Ball
Thursday 25	<b>11.00am – Minibus trip out</b>	2.30pm – Residents' Choice
Friday 26	<b>Grace, the hairdresser</b> Walk by the river	2.30pm – Friday Bingo
<b>Saturday 27</b>		
<b>Sunday 28</b>		
Monday 29	10.30am – Keep Fit	2.30pm - Bingo
Tuesday 30	<b>11.00am – Minibus trip out</b>	2.30pm - games
Wednesday 31	10.30am – Bean Bag Game	2.30pm – Arts & Crafts

*Please note, all activities may be subject to last minute changes and the great British weather. If you would like anything added or suggestions for forthcoming activities, please do let us know and we will see what we can do!*