



Home Matters



The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home

The Mission of The Royal Cambridge Home is to provide high quality and empathetic care to all our residents, with dignity and compassion in a safe and happy environment.

A particularly spooky October 2026



Welcome

Welcome folks to our October edition of Home Matters.

We had a spectacular September, with one of the highlights being our annual Garden Party. This is the one we had to postpone due to the original date in June being over 30°. The revised date in September was just perfect and could not have been better timed. The sun shone, there was a slight breeze and the temperature hovered in the mid 20's, so wonderful for us all to enjoy the afternoon.

Our thanks go out to all staff who were involved in the run up and on the day – what a team. And of course thank you to all our residents, families, friends and our chairman and trustees for coming along and making it yet another memorable and fun afternoon.



Vera with good friends Tracy, Della & Jane

Our gratitude to U3A Jazz Band who provided the chilled jazz in the background, which was the icing on the cake.



Keith with wife Ruth and daughter Rachael

We took some wonderful photos, some of which we have used in this newsletter, however all of them are on our Instagram account so please do check them out by clicking on the icon on the right.



And finally, we would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets. We scored a record breaking £800 this year, which thrilled our Raffle Manager Melissa no end and also Birute, who looks after our accounts! All monies we raise through fundraising goes into our residents' entertainment, which goes towards our incredible activities schedule that we put on for our residents. As you know, not only do we provide our own brilliant activities team but we also bring in professional entertainers.

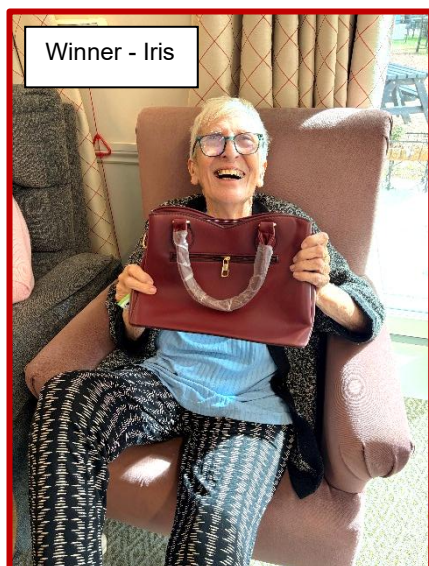
Thank you everyone. A fitting finale to a simply glorious 2026 summer.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

We had the most wonderful morning for our annual fund-raising event for this incredible cancer charity. We raised a very impressive £244 for MacMillan with our raffle.

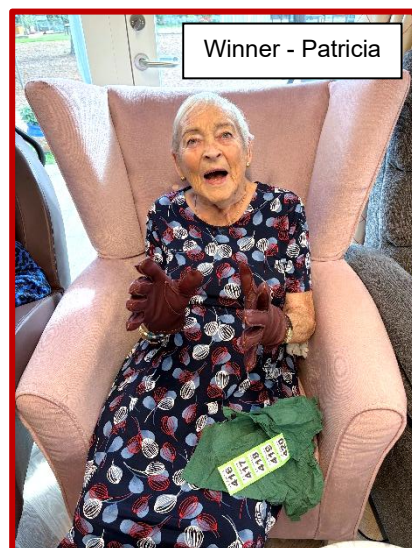
The lounge was full to the rafters with residents, staff and visitors and plenty of cake! Thank you to Gay for organising and all those who provided some fantastic prizes. Special thanks to the team of staff and friends of the home who individually made the amazing cakes.



Winner - Iris



Winner - Beryl O



Winner - Patricia



Our Jemma. Now needing therapy after folding approximately 1,220 tickets.

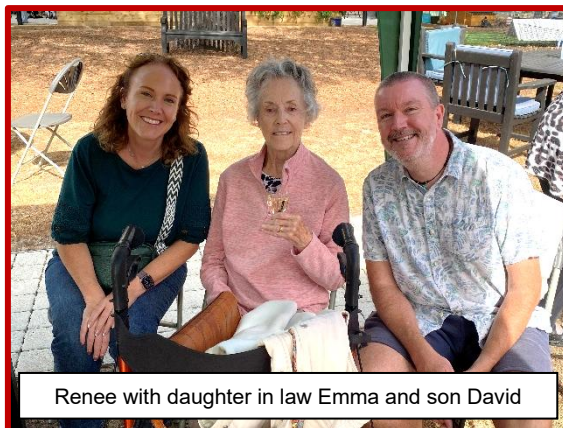


New Resident

During mid October we will welcome Beryl P, who will be our third Beryl to join Beryl M and Beryl O! We'll have to call the November newsletter Beryl Matters.

Resident Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Mary B who will be celebrating her special day on the 5th October. Hope you have a lovely day Mary.



Renee with daughter in law Emma and son David



Manager's Drop-In

Rory will be hosting the next session on **Wednesday 28th October from 6-7pm**. This is an opportunity for anyone to have a catch up with Rory if they wish and is open to all our relatives and friends of our residents and indeed our residents. There is no need to book just pop along to his office.



Dorothy with son Ian

Family & Friends App

For all our families and friends of our residents don't forget we now have an amazing app from our care system "Care Control" which allows you to keep up-to-date with activities your relative / friend has taken part in and you can also see a summary of their care plan. There are other exciting features too.

If anyone is interested in joining that has not already done so, please let either Rory, Vicky or the main office know and we will be delighted to set you up. It is well worth doing and incredibly easy to use.



John at St Paul's



Barbara at St Paul's

Pet's Corner

We had some wonderful four-legged friends pop over in September. Too scrumptious for words.

Beautiful Tilly



Debonair Quin



Gorgeous Luna



Last but not least lovely Vera





Head Bar Man Shane

What's coming up...

Below is a snapshot of some of the items you may like to mark in your diaries. All activities take place in the main lounge unless otherwise specified. Don't forget to check the main diary at the back for a full list.

And a reminder we have the fabulous Linnies Fashion coming on Thursday 15th October in the afternoon at 2pm for our residents to choose some lovely new items if they wish. This is ever such a popular event and will take place in the ground floor foyer.

For all our visitors: As a recommendation do please check our diary of events at the back of each newsletter so that your visits do not clash with some of our wonderful entertainment, in particular when professional entertainers are booked. Plus we would hate for you to arrive and find out your relative/friend has gone out on one of our trips. If you are ever unsure please do give us a call and we would be more than happy to advise. And of course, you are all more than welcome to join us for any of our incredible in-house entertainment!

- **Residents' Meeting** – Thursday 1st October at 11.30am
- **Matthew, Ukelele Player** – Thursday 1st October at 3pm
- **Wellbeing Day at Lady Eleanor Holles School** – Wednesday 7th October at 10.30am
- **Tony, Accordion Player** – Thursday 8th October at 2pm
- **Hurst Park Harvest Festival** – Tuesday 13th October at 2.15pm
- **St Paul's Church Coffee Stop** – Thursday 15th October at 10.30am
- **Linnies Fashion Shop** – Thursday 15th October 2pm
- **Communion with Rev. Anne** – Tuesday 20th October at 11am
- **Andy, the Chiropodist** – Tuesday 20th October at 1pm
- **Brian, the Pianist** – Tuesday 20th October at 2pm
- **Minibus Trip Out** – Wednesday 21st October at 10am
- **Laura, Art Session** – Thursday 22nd October at 11am
- **Armchair Yoga** – Tuesday 27th October at 2pm
- **Chris Murrell Soul Night** – Wednesday 28th October at 6.30pm



Our trips out are extremely popular and so that everybody has an opportunity to go out if they wish, we operate a rota system. However, if there is something you are particularly interested in please let the activities team know in advance.



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



A recent visit to Hampton Court

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.



October 2026 Diary



October	Morning	Afternoon
Thursday 1	11.30am – Residents' Meeting	3.00pm – Matthew, the Ukelele Player
Friday 2	Grace, the Hairdresser	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 3	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 4	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 5	11.00am – Manicures / Hand Massages	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Tuesday 6	11.00am – Parachute Game	2.00pm – Quiz Afternoon
Wednesday 7	10.30am – Wellbeing Day at Lady Eleanor Holles School	2.00pm – Film Afternoon
Thursday 8	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Tony, the Accordion Player
Friday 9	Grace, the Hairdresser	
Saturday 10	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 11	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 12	11.00am – Manicures / Hand Massages	2.00pm – Manicures / Hand Massages
Tuesday 13	AM – Luna, the PAT Dog	2.15pm – Hurst Park Harvest Festival
Wednesday 14	AM – River Walk	2.00pm – Activity Table
Thursday 15	10.30am – St Paul's Church Coffee Stop	2.00pm – Linnies Fashion
Friday 16	Grace, the Hairdresser	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 17	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 18	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 19	11.00am – Manicures / Hand Massages	2.00pm – Manicures / Hand Massages
Tuesday 20	11.00am – Communion with Rev. Anne	1.00pm – Andy, the Chiropodist 2.00pm – Brian, The Pianist
Wednesday 21	10.00am – Minibus Trip Out	2.00pm – Residents' Shop
Thursday 22	11.00am – Laura, Art Session	2.00pm – Bingo 3.00pm – Vera, the PAT Dog
Friday 23	Grace, the Hairdresser	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Saturday 24	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Sunday 25	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	
Monday 26	11.00am – Manicures / Hand Massages	2.00pm – Manicures / Hand Massages
Tuesday 27	11.00am – Luna, the PAT Dog	2.00pm – Armchair Yoga
Wednesday 28	11.00am – Photoshoot	6.30pm Chris Murrell Soul Evening (6-7pm – Manager's Drop In)
Thursday 29	All Things Halloween....	
Friday 30	Grace, the Hairdresser	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Saturday 31	Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones	

All outdoor activities are subject to the great British weather!

