

Home Matters



The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home

*A great place to live, work and visit...
Celebrating inclusiveness in all that we do*

Stepping out in style in April 2025



A Special Spring Welcome

It has finally happened; we have now officially entered the season of Spring! How exciting. With longer days ahead and the prospect of blue skies, filled with warmer days, the outlook has got to be good!

Our amazing team of gardeners from Garden Rescue have been working hard in the back garden. They have completed the installation of our garden path, so we can all enjoy a leisurely walk or wheel around. They are currently seeding the back part of the garden, so we should see new grass appear in no time at all. Over the coming weeks they will be planting spring and summer flowers, which will be a joy to watch. In due course the activities team will commence the gardening club, for those of you interested.

Heading up our front cover this month is Jill, who we are sure you will all agree looks incredible. The picture on the right is on her 90th birthday – looking stunning. We celebrated with a birthday buffet on the day and she carried on her celebrations with family members over the days following her birthday.



Jill looking amazing on her 90th



The quite incredible u3a Jazz Band

We all enjoyed the usual terrific entertainment and some excellent professional musicians in March. New to the schedule was u3a Jazz Band. What can we say...They have a huge following of loyal fans and following their visit earlier in March, we can confirm they have a whole load more! What a toe tapping, joyous afternoon. They have been booked again in a few weeks' time.

Other past events in March included a trip to Hampton Court to see their glorious fields of daffodils, followed by refreshments at The Tiltyard. On another day we drove out on the minibus for a delicious carvery lunch.

Looking beautiful after a trip to the salon
Janet, Frances & Joyce



Relatives & Friends Meeting

A reminder to all Relatives & Friends that we will be hosting our Relatives & Friends Meeting on **Wednesday 2nd April from 6.30pm-7.30pm.**

For those of you that have not been before, this is a great opportunity to come along and enjoy some wine and nibbles with staff and other relatives and friends. Our chairman Robert Dowler and a couple of our Trustees will also be in attendance.

If you would like to attend this informal gathering and if you have not already done so already, could you please let Sue or Melissa know for catering purposes. Thank you and we hope to see you there.



Birthdays

It's a bumper month for birthdays. We will be celebrating the following lovely residents' special days:

16th April – Myra
19th April – Jennie
22nd April – Hilka
24th April – Diana
28th April – Betty



A special nod to Diana, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on the 24th April.

Enjoy everybody!

Charity status

We are immensely proud of our not-for-profit charity status which we operate as an independent organisation with all monies ploughed back into the business. We love the fact that we are able to offer so many varied and sometimes unique activities, including professional entertainers, trips out on our minibus and various lunches out to some fantastic local destinations, all at no extra cost. Should anybody wish to make any donations we would be very grateful [The Royal Cambridge Home | Please Support Us](#) All donations are spent solely on entertainment for our residents.

Also, as you may be aware, we have a rather nice, all singing, all dancing hot drinks machine on the ground floor lounge, offering anything from a cappuccino to a hot chocolate. This is a free service that we offer, although as you can appreciate, it has become extremely popular. If anyone would like to make any donations towards this we have put a donations box next to the machine.

Thank you everyone for your support of this rather special place.

Hampton Court Tiltyard Restaurant – Myra, Pat, Nadiia, Bob, Patricia, Janet, Audrey & Wanpen



Director / 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. The ideal person would need to have a professional background and we would be particularly interested in an area such as Legal, HR, Care or Nursing. 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.

Staff Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for the following staff positions:

- Part-Time qualified and experienced **Bookkeeper** (over three days)
- Part-Time and experienced **Facilities Manager** (hours to be arranged)
- Experienced and qualified **Care Assistants** (both part-time and full time)
- **Weekend Laundry Assistant**
- **Weekend Evening Cleaner**

This is a great time to join our fabulous team at No. 84.



John enjoying a lovely ice cream, following a visit from the ice cream van



Easter Party

We will be hosting our annual **Easter Party** on **Thursday 10th April from 11.00am**. Residents, relatives & friends are welcome to join us for a morning of entertainment, with friend of the home and professional singer Liam. Bring your dancing shoes, waving arms or simply a smile on your face and sit back and enjoy! We will be hosting a buffet for all our residents from about 12.30pm.

And of course, no Easter Party would be complete without a raffle. **Yes folks, the raffle is officially open!** There are some great prizes to be won, with all monies raised going into our residents' entertainment fund. £1 for a strip of tickets – what terrific value.

Fire Alarm Test

Once a week we test the fire alarm and all the associated aspects alongside this, such as ensuring each of our fire doors close and carry out a roll call for everyone in the building at that time. Please note, we are changing the weekly day to every **Wednesday at 10.30am** starting from April. For all our residents, please remain where you are as it is just a test. For any visitors, please report to the nurses bay on the floor you are visiting, except those on the ground floor, please report to reception. Thanks everyone.



Liam after serenading Amparo on her birthday

What's coming up?

Varied and fun is the order of proceedings in April. We have a lot going on. Please see below highlights (check main diary at back for full schedule):

- **Residents' Meeting** – Tuesday 1st April at 11.00am in Main Lounge
- **Love Molesey Choir** – Thursday 3rd April at 11.00am in Main Lounge
- **Hugo the chiropodist** – Saturday 5th April in Salon
- **Easter Party with Liam** – Thursday 10th April from 11.00am in the Main Lounge
- **Jade and assistance dog – a Talk** – Monday 14th April at 10.30am in the Main Lounge
- **Louise talk on Concorde** – Monday 21st April at 2.00pm in Main Lounge
- **Harry the Opera Singer** – Tuesday 22nd April at 11.00am in Main Lounge
- **Minibus Outing** – Wednesday 23rd April, departing AM.
- **Director's Monthly Visit (Nigel Gilbert)** – Monday 28th April at 2pm.



Enjoying the beautiful early spring sunshine – Terry, John, Hamish & Alan

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.



Celebrating Mothering Sunday

We all had a lovely day on Sunday 30th March. The team put on a fantastic lunch and we celebrated all our mums past and present and the sun shone so who could ask for more! There were flowers everywhere.

Thanks to all the team for creating a beautiful day.



In loving memory of Eileen 8th March 1938 to 15th March 2025



Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Eileen, in particular Jenni, Kerry and Julia.

A lovely lady who will be missed by all of us.

RIP Eileen

April 2025 Diary

April	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday 1	11.00am – Residents' Meeting	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Wednesday 2	11.00am – Making Easter Bonnets	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness 6.30pm-7.30pm – Relatives & Friends eeting
Thursday 3	11.00am – Love Molesey Choir	2.00pm – Afternoon Tea in the garden
Friday 4	Grace, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 5	Hugo, the chiropodist	
Sunday 6		
Monday 7	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Knit & Natter
Tuesday 8	11.00am - Manicures	2.00pm – Quiz
Wednesday 9	11.00am – Flower crafting	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 10	EASTER PARTY & Celebrations throughout the day	
Friday 11	Grace, the hairdresser Competitions	Competitions
Saturday 12		
Sunday 13		
Monday 14	10.30am – Jade & her companion dog – a talk	2.00pm – Board Games
Tuesday 15	AM – Eggs arrive	PM – Eggs / Chicks Watch
Wednesday 16	AM – Eggs / Chicks Watch	PM – Eggs / Chicks Watch
Thursday 17	Grace, the hairdresser 11.00am – St Paul's Coffee Morning	2.00pm – Residents Choice
Friday 18	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 19		
Sunday 20		
Monday 21	11.00am – Easter Bingo	2.00pm – Louise – Talk on Concorde for Aviation Week
Tuesday 22	11.00am – Harry, the opera singer	2.00pm - Manicures
Wednesday 23 St Georges Day	Minibus Outing	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 24	Grace, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Friday 25	11.00am – Keep Fit	PM – Chicks Leave
Saturday 26		
Sunday 27		
Monday 28	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Director Visit (Nigel Gilbert) PM - Games
Tuesday 29	11.00am – Manicures	2.00pm – Quiz
Wednesday 30	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness

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.

