

Home Matters



The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home

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

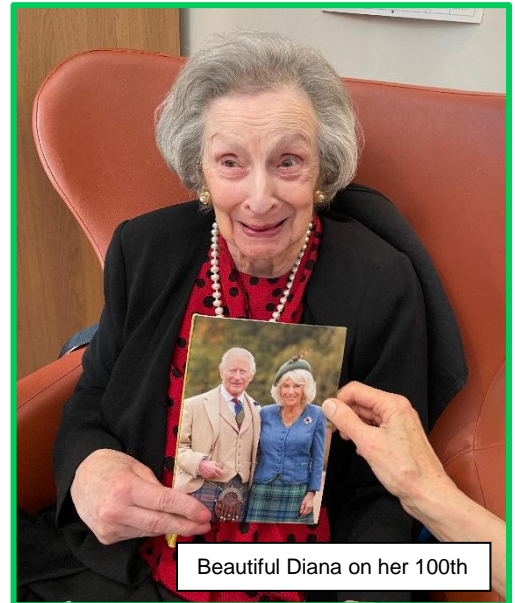


Marvellous May 2025

Welcome

Our May cover girl this month is the wonderful Diana, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Doesn't she look a million dollars. It was a party spread over a few days with a buffet at the Home followed by a weekend of celebrations with all her family. The youngest member of Diana's family is her sixth grandchild, a fairly recent member of planet earth, who also joined her for the fun.

We had a joyous Easter Party where we were serenaded by Liam, with his usual panache. Midway through Nigel, one of the trustees, judged the Easter Bonnet Competition. An almost impossible task as all the creations were quite something, however, someone has to win and the worthy winner this year was Frances. Congratulations to her and all the entries; such fun.



Beautiful Diana on her 100th

We really have been blessed over the last few weeks with some gorgeous spring sunshine. We have been able to enjoy our stunning garden and not only have we enjoyed sitting out there with a cuppa and cake we have also had a few lunches out there as well.

Of course, we must also mention some new arrivals that have piqued so many of our interests. Our activities team organised through a specialist company, for seven eggs complete with an incubator and all the necessary equipment. They arrived two days before the Easter Weekend and by the Thursday five of them had hatched. Huge thanks in particular go out to Shane, our maintenance man, who literally hand reared two of the frailer hatchlings by coming in out of his shift and over the weekend. Also big thanks to Tina who recommended this novel project and also has been coming in out of shift to feed and clean their cage. Everyone involved are now chicken experts.



"What you looking at?"

We would like to keep them, however, before we commit we want to make absolutely certain we can meet their every need such as a proper coop (fox and rat proof) in the garden plus a team of dedicated staff to make sure they are fed and their coop cleaned out regularly. We will report back but in the meantime, if you are passing the foyer please come and say hi to them, they are very sociable and love people.

New to the home last month was a rather special visit from Jade and her companion dog Limahl. Jade is blind and gave an extremely informative talk on her experiences and how amazing guide dogs are.

The late Major John Tatham



Just over a year ago we lost one of our trustees, Major John Tatham. John had been a loyal and dedicated trustee spanning many years. He assisted with so much for us, all on a voluntary basis, for example we would not have our minibus if it were not down to him.

A charming man. Whenever he visited he made a point of going round and seeing each member of the team to enquire how we all were. He knew everybody's names! He led a long and successful life and up until his passing last April at the incredible age of 91 he was still going strong.

His loving wife Annie and their family knew how much he cared about The Royal Cambridge Home and at their request (and our absolute joy) they wanted some of his ashes buried in our garden. The plot we chose was by the beautiful olive tree near the end of the garden. Even more special as we discovered John was also a very keen and experienced gardener.

We organised a plaque and on a particularly blue-sky sunny day we held a lovely ceremony, with Annie, our trustees and some of our colleagues.

It seems so fitting that part of him is still with us and it really was a most uplifting celebration with friends for John.

So, if you find yourself taking a stroll in our garden do spare five minutes out of your day and have a moment of reflection and mindfulness by this calming space.



Annie second from left

Relatives / Friends / Advocate
Questionnaire 2025



Relatives & Friends Survey

To all our relatives and friends, if you haven't completed our survey yet we would very much appreciate all your views on our home please by clicking on the link below or scanning in the QR code. This is an anonymous survey, although you can leave your name if you wish. This is invaluable for gauging honest views and comments on the home and we do appreciate it.

<https://forms.office.com/e/441ZfnP2Vd>

Donations

Just a reminder to everyone that we are an independent not-for-profit charity. All activities and entertainment are provided by the home. Should anybody wish to make any donations we would be very grateful [The Royal Cambridge Home | Please Support Us](#) We also have a donations box by the hot drinks machine. All donations are spent solely on entertainment for our residents.

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



Tina, Jade and the very handsome Limahl



Lovely Myra on her recent birthday celebrations

Birthdays

Another busy month of celebrations:

- 1st – Patricia C
- 5th – Bob
- 10th – John
- 12th – Joyce

Happy Birthday ladies and gents.

Enjoy your celebrations.





Jill & Joyce enjoy a sunny spot in the garden

Staff Recruitment

We are delighted to report that following a recruitment campaign we have appointed a lady called Birute, who will be our part-time Bookkeeper. Birute is very experienced with accounts and our accountancy package XERO. Birute will work four mornings a week from 8am to 1pm. As soon as we have a start date for her we will of course introduce you all to our new member of the office team.

We are recruiting for the following positions:

- 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**

Come and be part of our fabulous team at No. 84.

What's coming up?

Please see below highlights (check main diary at back for full schedule):

- **Residents' Meeting** – Tuesday 6th May at 11.00am in Main Lounge
- **Brooklands Museum** – Wednesday 7th May – depart AM
- **Hampton Court Wellbeing Day** – Tuesday 13th May - depart 10.30am
- **Toby Carvery Lunch** – Wednesday 14th May depart late morning
- **St Paul's Coffee Morning** – Thursday 15th May – depart 10.30am
- **Harry the opera singer** – Tuesday 20th May at 11.00am in Main Lounge
- **Zoolab** – Thursday 22nd am in Main Lounge
- **Minibus Outing** – Wednesday 28th May – depart AM
- **Liam professional singer** – Thursday 29th May at 11.00am in Main Lounge

Please be aware the next chiropodist visit is Sunday 1st June.

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.

Some of our Easter Bonnet Winners

Everyone a winner folks but hats off to Frances for picking up the first prize !



May 2025 Diary

May	Morning	Afternoon
Thursday 1	10.30am – Coffee & Cake in garden	2.00pm – Flower Crafting
Friday 2	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 3		
Sunday 4		
Monday 5	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Knit & Natter
Tuesday 6	11.00am – Residents' Meeting	2.00pm – Manicures
Wednesday 7	10.30am - Booklands Museum	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 8	VE DAY CELEBRATIONS (Including Hurst Park VE Day Picnic)	
Friday 9	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 10		
Sunday 11		
Monday 12	11.00am - Bingo	2.00pm – Sweet Making
Tuesday 13	11.00am – 3.00pm – Hampton Court Wellbeing Day	
Wednesday 14	10.30am – Toby Carvery Lunch	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 15	11.00am – St Paul's Coffee Morning	2.00pm – Quiz
Friday 16	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 17		
Sunday 18		
Monday 19	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Mindful Art
Tuesday 20	11.00am – Harry, the opera singer	2.00pm - Manicures
Wednesday 21	11.00am - Bingo	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 22	11.00am – Zoolab (Rainforest)	2.00pm – Poetry
Friday 23	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 24		
Sunday 25		
Monday 26	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Board Games
Tuesday 27	11.00am – Manicures	2.00pm – Quiz
Wednesday 28	10.30am – Minibus Outing	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 29	11.00am – Liam, professional singer	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Friday 30	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 31		

*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.*

Keep love in your heart