

# 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.*



## Game, Set & Match for July 2026

# Welcome

Well folks, in last month's newsletter our opening sentence contained the word "scorchio!" and here we are again. What a hot early summer we are having as we sweltered in June with record temperatures. We found the back garden particularly useful in the mornings as we gathered in groups enjoying the coolest part of the day with refreshing drinks on hand, whilst taking in the beauty of a summer morning. We do like a moan about the weather don't we, but we expect by the time this newsletter goes to print we will be plunged back to a "normal British Summer" dodging showers and clouds.

However, one casualty of this rather tropical weather was our summer garden party that we had to postpone. We held out to the very last in the hope that the weather would cool but alas the thermometer kept on rising. Do not worry though, we will reschedule for later in the summer, possibly in August / September. As soon as we know we will inform everyone.



We love this one of Ahmed & Beryl M stepping out in the garden in style !



A very proud Diana holding a picture of her with her family taken on her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

Weather reporting aside, another wonderful diary of events was had by all in June. We had a superb day out at The Royal Hospital Chelsea for the annual Founder's Day. A few of us headed out on the minibus (thanks Rory for driving us) for a fantastic couple of hours of marching bands, beautiful music and the added bonus of seeing our Queen Camilla, who was the guest of honour and, as ever, looked absolutely amazing. Thank you to our friends at The Royal Hospital Chelsea for the tickets and hospitality, it was another day to remember.

Thank you also to the group of entertainers and visitors who provide wonderful entertainment free of charge. We really appreciate it and what talent we have on our doorstep. In particular, regulars Peter Toth (pianist), Brian Hall (pianist) and U3A Jazz Band. We also had the added bonus of the charming group of school children from Hampton Court School who came over and read to us recently. We are very blessed.

# Founder's Day Photos

Some wonderful photos from our day out.



Our beautiful Queen Camilla



Yes, we even had a rain shower! Rory and Myra



Ann with The Pearly Queen  
(honestly, you wait all year to see  
one queen and then two turn up!)



Hamish on board



All aboard with Anne



Beryl O with Doris Day Dream

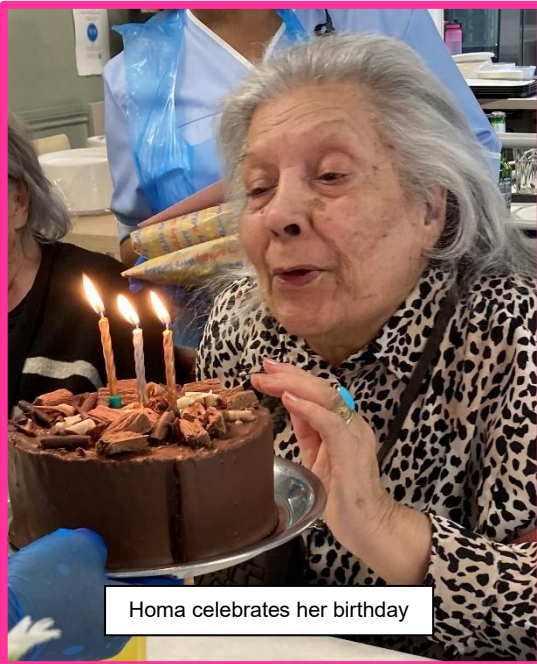
## New Residents

We extend a warm welcome to Beryl O who is with us for a spot of respite and also Renee, who joins us permanently.

## Resident Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following lovely two residents who will be celebrating their special days with us, with party buffets and cake:

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Beryl O  
27<sup>th</sup> July - Frances



Homa celebrates her birthday



Alan on his birthday at the local fish 'n' chip shop

*“Be not inhospitable to strangers, lest they be angels in disguise.” – George Whitman*

# Meet the Manager

Although Rory has an open-door policy, he thought it would be a very good idea to add a once a month "Meet the Manager" evening. Our first drop-in session will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm to 7pm**. This is open to all relatives and friends of our residents.

We thought also, you might like to see a recent editorial interview with Rory that appeared in the summer editions of Twickenham, Teddington and Hampton TW Magazines. As you will see, we have a local celebrity managing our home! And for all those of us travelling on the minibus we are in very good hands! Hope you enjoy it.



## **In a nutshell, describe the business and what you do.**

The Royal Cambridge is a registered not-for-profit charity, providing residential care for older people aged 65+. In August 2024 we moved into our beautiful brand-new building, having sold off part of our existing land in East Molesey. As the General Manager I oversee the management and running of the home, reporting to our chairman. After nearly 11 years in the role, it is an honour to see residents and staff thrive in our new modern home.

## **How does your business support the local community?**

The majority of our staff are from the local area, with many having worked here for several years. Most of our residents lived in or near Molesey, which provides them with familiarity and a sense of remaining a part of the local community. We have resided on this site for a number of decades which also provides a well-established organisation for relatives and friends when they visit.

## **What are your plans / hopes for the future of the business?**

Since joining the Royal Cambridge in June 2015, I have worked alongside our chairman and trustees in planning for our new development. Since the move in August 2024, I see the future as continuing to provide excellent care for our residents, expanding our work with the Memory Café and growing our links with the local community. My vision for the future is to develop a much-needed day care facility for the local community.

## **Name some other local independent businesses that you love to support.**

We have been a long-standing customer of **Hampton Court Fruits**, our local fruit & veg shop, who deliver delicious, often organic ingredients for our resident chef and his team. We are also a long-standing customer of **Garden Rescue**, our local gardening company, who have been responsible in creating a multi-functional space for residents, staff and visitors to enjoy.

## **What do you love about our local area**

We are blessed to be in this part of Surrey on the edge of the River Thames and Hampton Court Palace, often taking our residents for walks along the riverbank, stopping for coffee and cake in either of the cafes at the Rowing or Cricket Club and numerous trips to the Palace. We have our own minibus and adore travelling to Bushy Park or Richmond Park, often stopping for ice creams or the occasional pub lunch!

## **And finally, tell us a little-known fact about yourself!**

I used to drive a bus for London Buses in my earlier years and to this day I am a proud holder of a valid bus driver licence.

The other little-known fact is I was a contestant on **Countdown** on the February 1997 show. The host was the late Richard Whitely, with Carol Vorderman as the mathematician. Coincidentally, one of my passengers on my bus recognised me instantly!

# 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. Please do check the main diary at the back as well.

- **Residents' Meeting** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10.30am
- **Chris Murrell Soul Songs** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.30pm
- **Liam, singer** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am
- **Hurst Park School Summer Play** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm (Hurst Park)
- **Colin the Bird Man** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am
- **Minibus Outing** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – am departure (destination TBC)
- **St Lawrence School Choir** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm
- **Chiropodist** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm
- **Bognor Regis Trip** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – am departure
- **Daniella Castro, singer** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am
- **Brian Hall, pianist** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm
- **Picnic in the park** – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – late morning
- **Harry, opera singer** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am
- **Hampton Court** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July – depart mid-morning
- **Rah Rah Theatre Group (Swinging Sixties)** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm



## We sadly said goodbye to two very special residents in June

### Condolences for Audrey Montgomery

5<sup>th</sup> July 1925 to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*Audrey had been a resident of The Royal Cambridge for 11½ years, our longest resident. A kind and charming lady who will be missed by all.*

*Our love and thoughts go out to daughter Janet and friends*



### Condolences for Alma Wall

19<sup>th</sup> January 1934 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*A lovely lady who will be missed by all.*

*Our love and thoughts go out to daughter Christine and family*



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#### 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.*



# July 2026 Diary



| July               | Morning   | Afternoon  |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Wednesday 1        | 10.30am – Residents' Meeting<br>11.00am - Bingo         | 2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness<br>6.30pm – Chris Murrell Soul Songs              |
| Thursday 2         | 11.00am – Liam, singer                                  | 2.00pm – Activity Table  |
| Friday 3           | Grace, the hairdresser<br>11.00am – Games               | 2.00pm – Residents' Choice   |
| <b>Saturday 4</b>  | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| <b>Sunday 5</b>    | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| Monday 6           | 11.00am – Manicures                                     | 2.00pm – Hurst Park School Summer Play                                     |
| Tuesday 7          | 10.00am – Colin, the Bird Man                           | 2.00pm – Residents' Choice with Gill (volunteer)                           |
| Wednesday 8        | AM – Minibus trip out                                   | 2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness   |
| Thursday 9         | 11.00am - Games   | 2.00pm – Visit from Nigel (Trustee)<br>3.00pm – Tea and cake in the garden |
| Friday 10          | 11.00am - Bingo   | 2.00pm – Residents' Choice   |
| <b>Saturday 11</b> | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| <b>Sunday 12</b>   | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| Monday 13          | 11.00am – Manicures                                     | 2.00pm – St Lawrence School Choir  |
| Tuesday 14         | 11.00am – Riverwalk                                     | 1.00pm - Chiropodist   |
| Wednesday 15       | AM – Trip to Bognor Regis                               | 2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness   |
| Thursday 16        | 11.00am – Daniella Castro, singer                       | 2.00pm - Quiz  |
| Friday 17          | Hairdressing with Gay & Tina                            | 2.00pm – Residents' Choice   |
| <b>Saturday 18</b> | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| <b>Sunday 19</b>   | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| Monday 20          | AM – Residents' Shop<br>11.00am – Rev. Anne - Communion | 2.00pm – Manicures   |
| Tuesday 21         | AM – Manicures & Hand Massages                          | 2.00pm – Brian Hall, Pianist   |
| Wednesday 22       | Late AM – Picnic in the Park                            | 2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness   |
| Thursday 23        | Keep Fit & Games – BBQ Day                              |  |
| Friday 24          | Grace, the hairdresser<br>11.00am – Games               | 2.00pm – Residents' Choice   |
| <b>Saturday 25</b> | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| <b>Sunday 26</b>   | <b>Residents' Choice / One-to-Ones</b>                  |  |
| Monday 27          | 11.00am – Harry, the opera singer                       | 2.00pm – Reminiscence Chats  |
| Tuesday 28         | AM – Manicures  | 2.00pm – Board Games   |
| Wednesday 29       | AM – Hampton Court Trip                                 | 2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness   |
| Thursday 30        | AM – Residents' Shop                                    | 2.00pm – Rah Rah Theatre Group (Swinging 60's)                             |
| Friday 31          | Grace, the hairdresser<br>11.00am – Games               | 2.00pm – Residents' Choice   |

All outdoor activities are subject to the great British weather! 😊