

Home Matters



The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home

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



Valentine Vibes for February 2025

Welcome...

Welcome folks to the February issue of Home Matters. Some may be glad to see the dark days of January done and dusted and there is certainly light at the end of the tunnel as each day is getting longer and a little lighter.

We thought we would celebrate this issue in recognition of the forthcoming Valentines Day on the 14th. Yes it is a bit chocolate box theme but quite frankly there is room in this world for a little bit of cheer.

And talking of cheer. We had another excellent diary of events. Our marvellous Liam, professional singer, provided a very enjoyable session of toe tapping melodies. He brought along showstopper Effie, one of his many dogs. Picture on the right shows just how adorable she is. She's been trained to within an inch of her life and was tasked with setting up the background music. Their duet of "Islands in the Stream" proved to be a winner.



Liam with international superstar Effie



Frances and Merrill at Richmond Theatre

New to our professional entertainers that come in was Harry, a professionally trained opera singer. Just one word...INCREDIBLE. Plus, no microphone required. He will be returning very soon!

A few of us boarded our minibus and headed off to Richmond Theatre earlier in the month for the matinee performance of Beauty and The Beast. A fun afternoon had by all who attended.

We also had some great fun during the Chinese New Year events. Various chopstick challenges took place, with the usual high jinks and laughter.

Enjoy February folks.





Merrill and Rory on her birthday

Resident Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Peter who will be 90 on Thursday 20th February. Happy Birthday with love from all of us.

New Residents

We are quickly filling up our beautiful new home. We have had so many enquiries and as you would expect, lots of positive feedback. Our latest residents to move in are Alan, Hamish and Ann H. We also welcomed back Anne H-W who is here for a period of respite. Lovely to meet you all and we hope you all settle in and enjoy home life with us. There will be lots of exciting things coming up in 2025.



News from our neighbours at No. 82

You may have noticed that progress at No. 82 is speeding up. Ground works on the flattened site have commenced. Please be aware for all visitors to the home during Monday 3rd February a tower crane will be delivered, which means vehicles will be reversing off Hurst Road into their West Gate entrance way. This will be overseen by Red's traffic management team but worth bearing in mind if you encounter extra traffic around the shared middle entrance.

Surveys

We have recently circulated surveys on our service to all of our residents, which we are busy collating and the results of which will be circulated to all. For all our friends and family, we will also be issuing separate surveys, which will be distributed in due course. We really appreciate all feedback and especially as we are in our first year of our brand-new building. Thanks everyone.



Just a reminder if you have not done so and would like to complete a review for us we would very much appreciate it. Also, please have a think about redoing a review if you have done one previously as they expire after a couple of years. 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 - reviews](https://www.carehome.co.uk/reviews)

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 - this helps us enormously.



Birthday celebrations for Alma

Forever Friends

Amber Pence

The friendship we have is so rare to find.
We hate to see each other in a bind.
We have made each other laugh so hard we've cried.
We feel each other's pain if we are hurt inside.
We always can find the right words to say
To help us get through any dreadful day.
We have told our darkest secrets with feeling no shame,
We will tell each other the truth, even if we are to blame.
Thinking of you not being here makes me feel so sad.
We will have to look back on our crazy memories to make us glad.
The miles between us can't keep us apart,
Because we will keep each other close at heart.



And finally...what's coming up?

- **Chiropodist (Hugo)** – Saturday 8th February (in Salon on Ground Floor)
- **Residents' Meeting** – Tuesday 11th February at 11.00am in Main Lounge
- **Tony the accordion player** – Thursday 13th February at 2.00pm in Main Lounge
- **Minibus outing** – Tuesday 18th February – departing late morning
- **Liam, professional singer** – Thursday 27th February at 11.00am in Main Lounge

Please refer to the main diary at the back for the full suite of activities and entertainment.

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.

February 2025 Diary

January	Morning	Afternoon
Saturday 1		
Sunday 2		
Monday 3	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Tuesday 4	11.00am – Hand Massages	2.00pm – One-to-Ones
Wednesday 5	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 6	11.00am – “Play Your Cards Right”	2.00pm – Board Games
Friday 7	Grace, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 8	Hugo, the chiropodist	
Sunday 9		
Monday 10	11.00am – Cheese Tasting	2.00pm – Baking Session
Tuesday 11	11.00am – Residents' Meeting	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Wednesday 12	11.00am – Quiz	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 13	11.00am – Valentines Bingo	2.00pm – Tony, Accordion Player
Friday 14	Grace, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Residents' Choice
Saturday 15		
Sunday 16		
Monday 17	11.00am – Knitting Club	2.00pm – Becky's Musical Fun
Tuesday 18	11.00am – Minibus Outing	2.00pm – Reminisce Chats
Wednesday 19	11.00am – Craft Session	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 20	11.00am – St Paul's Coffee Morning	2.00pm – Hand Massages
Friday 21	Grace, the hairdresser	
Saturday 22		
Sunday 23		
Monday 24	11.00am – Bingo	2.00pm – Mindful Art Session
Tuesday 25	11.00am – Keep Fit	2.00pm – Word Games
Wednesday 26	11.00am – Sweet Making	2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
Thursday 27	11.00am – Liam, Professional Singer	2.00pm – Flowercrafting
Friday 28	Grace, the hairdresser	2.00pm – Residents' Choice

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.

Go forward with love in your heart