

Home Matters

The newsletter for The Royal Cambridge Home No. 84 here we come...August 2024

Celebrating inclusiveness in all that we do

Welcome

Welcome folks to the August 2024 edition of our newsletter. Over the last few months we have kept you abreast of all the latest news and photographs of our amazing new home and now, can you believe, we approach our moving in month of August. We thought we would keep you all in suspense and not include any photographs to keep it a surprise. Take it from us, it is looking fabulous.

On behalf of all of us at The Royal Cambridge thank you to our chairman, Robert Dowler, for an enormous amount of work over many, many years, behind the scenes ensuring that our lovely home continues for many more decades in beautiful modern and stylish facilities.

A reminder to all our relatives and friends that we have invited all of you to take a tour with us and see where your loved ones will be living on **Saturday 17th August from 11.00am to 12.30pm**. If you have not RSVP'd, could you please let the office know so we have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

We are very much looking forward to showing everyone around and of course, settling in for the start of a brand-new era for all of us. No. 84 here we come.

The last hurrah at no. 82



Gisele and some of the team



Janet and daughters Jacqui & Jane

We chose the month of July to host our annual summer garden party and as you all know, this is a long-standing tradition. Over the years we have been so lucky with the weather, however as the day approached and gazebos went up, we avidly researched the forecast and it was looking grim; the usual British Summer of grey skies, showers and low temperatures, but as the grey morning approached by late morning it started to become brighter and by midday the sun came out and we knew we were onto a winner. Thank you all who came along to support this fun afternoon, with £315.00 raised on the raffle.

We also welcomed a visiting farm over which was, as you can imagine, enchanting. Holly and Livvy arrived with two goats, two beyond cute bunnies, two guinea pigs, two very handsome turkeys, two pigs... hang on, there's a bit of a theme going on here! We were just waiting on Noah and the Ark to arrive, which actually would have been jolly handy as the heavens opened at one point.

It was a delightful afternoon with both residents and staff rushing out to pet the charming animals. Even the residents that were not able to go outside had a visit from Heidi the goat and Rose the bunny in their rooms. Thank you to the incredible team at Mill Cottage Farm – www.mcfc.org.uk



Suzanne, Patricia, Eileen, John and Heidi the goat (of course!)



Heidi, Peter, Rose Rabbit and Tina

And finally, what perfect timing for our longest standing staff member, the lovely Gay, who celebrated her 70th birthday celebrations recently. Gay has been with us for 34 years and is about to embark on the next chapter at No. 84 with all of us.



Robert with woman of the month Gay



That Rose Rabbit gets around a bit, this time with Pat



Staff News

A very warm welcome to some great new members of the team:

Julie – Julie is our new Housekeeper and has taken over from Gay, who will be concentrating on Activities.

Najma and **Suzanne** both have joined as carers.

And finally we have just recently employed **Nadiia**, a new Team Leader to the care team and we are waiting for a start date.

Good luck everyone and what a great time to join! New beginnings for all of us.

What's coming up...

Due to the move we have not booked a huge amount up for this month, however, please do not worry we are booking ad-hoc events so that there is always something going on. There will be plenty of trips out on the minibus and we have even hired a second minibus for one day so that we can do something rather special with as many people as possible. Gay and Tina our activities team, will update you as the days progress.

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.

2024 Garden Party at No. 82



Chef Alain heading up the BBQ with Amparo & Sandra



Gay and Vicky keep Shane company on the bar....hmmm



John & Emma



Mary & Verity



Alan & Joyce



Stella, Stuart & Rachael



Rupert, Diana & Rowan



Gill & Maureen



Martin, Eileen & Tricia



Blues Brothers Shane & Rory just before heading off to another gig (they are in demand)



Professional rafflers Sue & Melissa



John & Dave



August 2024 Diary

As mentioned previously, the diary is a little different this month but please do not worry, Gay and Tina, our activities team, will be scheduling a variety of activities, both inside, out in the garden and trips out on the minibus every day during August. This is a unique time for The Royal Cambridge as we transition over to No. 84.

Below are some key events for your diary but please do remember, there will be lots more going on:

- Thursday 1st August - Lana hairdresser (covering Grace this week)
- Wednesday 7th August at 2.00pm – Dawn, G Fitness
- Thursday 8th August at 11.00am – Kit's Knitting Club
- Friday 9th August – Grace hairdressing
- Tuesday 13th August at 2.00pm – Liliana's Floristry Class
- Thursday 15th August at 11.00am – Kit's Knitting Club
- Friday 16th August – Grace hairdressing
- Thursday 22nd August at 11.00am – Kit's Knitting Club
- Friday 23rd August – Grace hairdressing

A full suite of activities will be scheduled from September 2024.

Thank you Everyone.