

Good morning everyone,

A very warm welcome to our April edition of the newsletter.

As we move further into spring, we are beginning to enjoy brighter days, milder temperatures, and glimpses of sunshine. The gardens are starting to come to life with colour, and there is a lovely fresh feeling in the air. It's a wonderful time of year to sit by the window or spend time outdoors when we can, enjoying the changing season.

Over the past few weeks, we have shared many lovely activities together, filled with laughter, creativity, and companionship. We also had great fun celebrating '**Red Nose Day**', enjoying the smiles and light-hearted moments it brought to everyone.

After listening to our residents during recent meetings, we were delighted to organise a '**Chippy Day**', which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It's always important to us that residents' voices are heard, and this was a perfect example of making a popular request happen!

We also enjoyed celebrating '**Mother's Day**', a special occasion filled with warmth, appreciation, and happy memories. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect and spend meaningful time together.

'**St Patrick's Day**' was another memorable day for us. We spent time remembering our dear friend Denis McCarthy, who recently grew his wings. It was a touching and heartfelt moment for everyone. We also continued a special tradition by enjoying our annual Krispy Kreme doughnuts, kindly gifted by his daughters, Michelle and Fiona, in memory of Denis. It was a beautiful way to celebrate his life and keep his memory close to our hearts.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the celebrations that Easter will bring, with more opportunities for fun, treats, and time together.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming **Peter Collins**, our favourite singer, who will be joining us on the 7th April. We know there will be plenty of singing, dancing, and smiles all around!

On the 15th April, the nurses from the doctor's surgery will be visiting to administer Covid and PSV vaccines to residents who have kindly given their consent. We are very grateful for their continued care and support in keeping everyone safe and well.

As always, thank you to our wonderful residents, families, and staff for making our home such a warm and caring place to be.

Here's to a happy and joyful April together.



Mothers Day

Mother's Day Celebrations

We truly had a lovely Mother's Day here in our home, with lots of visitors coming in to celebrate this special occasion. It was wonderful to see residents surrounded by their loved ones, sharing time together, laughter, and meaningful moments. The home was filled with warmth, smiles, and conversation as families came together to make the day extra special.

In the lead-up to the day, residents also enjoyed creating beautiful artwork for a special Mother's Day display on the wall. This was a lovely activity that encouraged creativity and gave everyone a sense of pride in contributing to something meaningful for the occasion.

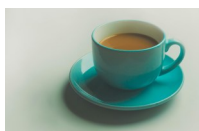
Celebrations like these are so important, creating a strong sense of connection, love, and happiness for everyone involved.



That's a big bar of
chocolate Ruth!
Yum Yum!!



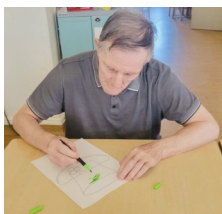
Theres always time for cake.
Thank you to Nicky, who has baked
all these treats for everyone to
enjoy with a cuppa.



St Patrick's day



Now, Now
Hazel



In the lead-up to the day, residents enjoyed creating colourful artwork, which was proudly displayed to brighten up our home and mark the occasion.

On the day itself, there was lots of fun with dress-up hats and glasses, bringing plenty of laughter and smiles. Everyone enjoyed getting into the spirit of the celebration and sharing the joy together.

A special highlight was enjoying delicious Krispy Kreme doughnuts, which were a real treat for all. It was a lovely day filled with fun, creativity, and togetherness. Big Thank you to Michelle and Fiona in memory of Denis McCarthy.



Mini Concerts

Nick, from Mini Concerts, came to do a Neil Diamond tribute which we all enjoyed even the staff joined in. There were a few tears (Happy Tears!), lots of dancing and singing.



Not much work going on there Marie and Nicky, but it looks like you're enjoying yourself!



We Won An Award

Celebrating Our Achievement

We are incredibly proud to share that we have received an award from carehome.co.uk, being recognised as one of the Top 20 Care Homes in the West Midlands. This is a wonderful achievement and a true reflection of the dedication, compassion, and hard work of our entire team. It also highlights the warm, supportive environment we strive to create for our residents every day. We would like to thank our residents, families, and staff for their continued support — this award belongs to all of us!



Holy Communion



The Minister from St Peter and Paul's Church came to deliver Holy Communion and do some readings with our residents.

Listening To Our Residents

Residents' Meeting Outcome – 'Chippy Day'

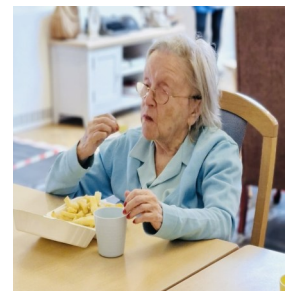
Following a recent residents' meeting, a popular request was made for a traditional chip shop meal — and we were delighted to make it happen! Residents enjoyed choosing between fish and chips or sausage and chips, with plenty of mushy peas and curry sauce to go around. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with familiar favourites, great conversation, and lots of happy smiles.



Who needs a knife and fork when you have fingers. Nothing better!!



Keep away from the mushy peas - they're mine!! Derek keeps them very close...



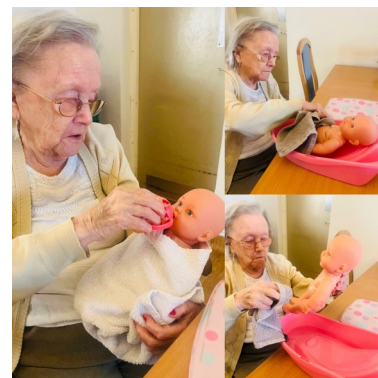
Our residents also asked for more arts and craft supplies, so we have made our first purchase of some adult arty colouring books which have great detail and interesting pictures. There will be more purchases to come, which takes me onto a congratulations...

Congratulations

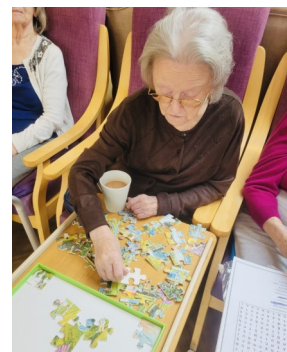


Congratulations to Mark, who guessed the amount of Jelly Beans in the jar. Marks guess was 800 and after counting each and every one, under aesthetic procedures, the final count was 797!

Thank you to every one who took part in this. We managed to raise £109 for the activity fund.



Individual Activities



Benefits of One-to-One Activities

- Promotes a sense of calm and reduces anxiety
- Supports emotional wellbeing through personalised interaction
- Helps build trust and meaningful connections
- Encourages communication at an individual pace
- Can stimulate memories through tailored conversations and activities
- Provides reassurance and comfort in a familiar setting
- Supports independence and personal choice
- Helps residents feel valued, heard, and understood