

Edition No. 100 – August 2026

Welcome Everyone!

Wow... what an achievement!



A very warm welcome to our **100th edition** of the **Digby Manor Newsletter**.

Reaching **Edition No. 100** is a wonderful milestone, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing residents, families, friends, volunteers and dedicated staff who have helped make Digby Manor such a warm, caring and vibrant community over the years. We hope you have enjoyed following our journey through each edition and sharing in the many special memories we've created together.

This month has brought even more exciting news for Digby Manor. We are incredibly proud to announce that following our recent inspection, the **Care Quality Commission (CQC)** has approved an increase in our registered capacity to **42 residents**. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the dedication, compassion and hard work of our entire team. We are excited to welcome new residents into the Digby Manor family and look forward to continuing to provide outstanding care in a warm and friendly environment.

As our home continues to grow, so will our wonderful team. We will be welcoming new members of staff to ensure every resident continues to receive the highest standards of personalised care and support.

The summer has continued to bring beautiful weather, allowing residents to make the most of our lovely new garden and courtyard. Whether relaxing with friends, enjoying a cup of tea in the sunshine or taking part in outdoor activities, our outdoor spaces have become a favourite place to spend time.

July has also been filled with laughter, friendship and plenty of entertainment. Residents thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful Summer of Love concert performed by Mini Concerts, with everyone singing along to familiar favourites and reminiscing together. We have also enjoyed trips into the local community, celebrated National Ice Cream Day, taken part in arts and crafts, puzzles, games and many group activities that continue to bring smiles to everyone's faces.

Looking ahead, we are all excited for our Summer Party on **Saturday 22nd August**. It promises to be another fantastic day with a BBQ, live entertainment from **Milly Rose**, a tombola, book stall, jewellery stall and much more. We hope as many family members and friends as possible can join us. Please remember to bring a little spending money, as all money raised will go directly towards our Residents' Activity Fund, helping us continue to provide exciting trips, entertainment and activities throughout the year.

As always, thank you to our residents, families, friends and dedicated staff for making Digby Manor such a special place to live and work. We hope you enjoy reading this special **100th edition** of our newsletter and celebrating another memorable month with us.

Here's to the next 100 editions!

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and sunny August.

The Digby Manor Team

Community Trips

A Visit to the Church Summer Fayre

Residents had a wonderful time visiting the local church for their annual Summer Fayre. It was a lovely opportunity to spend time in the community, meet new people, and enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Everyone enjoyed sitting down with a cup of tea and chatting with members of the local community. The afternoon also included a fantastic entertainment show, with lively music that had everyone smiling.

Many of our residents couldn't resist taking to the dance floor! It was wonderful to see everyone singing along, having a dance, and making happy memories together.

We would like to thank everyone at the church for making us feel so welcome. We are already looking forward to next year's Summer Fayre!



Shopping Trips for a Sweet Treat

Our regular trips to the local shops continue to be a favourite activity for many residents. These outings provide a chance to enjoy some fresh air, remain active, and maintain independence while choosing their own favourite treats.

Whether it was picking up chocolate, biscuits, ice cream, or a refreshing cold drink, residents enjoyed browsing the shops and making their own choices. The trips also offered an opportunity to chat with local shopkeepers and members of the community, helping everyone stay connected and involved.

Sometimes it's the simple outings that bring the biggest smiles, and these shopping trips are always filled with laughter, good conversation, and plenty of tasty treats!



July Activities

Individual Activities

We continue to support residents with meaningful one-to-one activities tailored to their individual interests and wellbeing.

This month, residents have enjoyed spending quiet time completing jigsaw puzzles, helping to stimulate memory, concentration, and problem-solving skills.



Our relaxing spa sessions have also been a great success. Residents enjoyed a little pampering with soothing hand, arm and leg massages, creating a calm and relaxing experience that promoted wellbeing, comfort, and a sense of luxury.

David particularly enjoyed some relaxation time with our new adult colour books. This took lots of concentration to create such a masterpiece! Well done David!

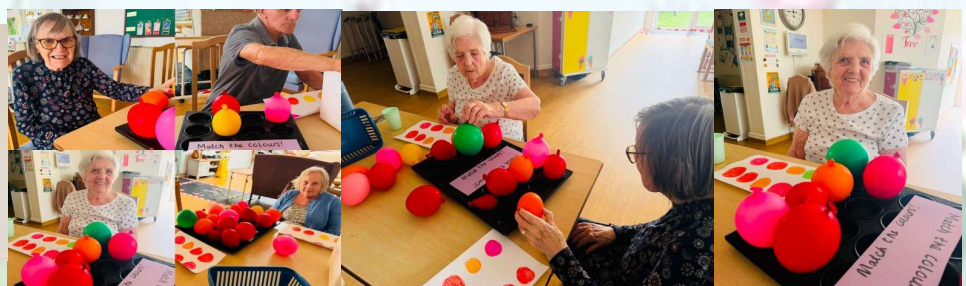


Group Activities

Creativity has been in full bloom as residents worked together to create a colourful summer display, bringing bright seasonal decorations to our home. Everyone enjoyed getting involved with arts and crafts, sharing ideas, and showing off their artistic talents.

Residents also took part in a fun colour-sorting activity using balloons. This interactive group session encouraged teamwork, coordination, and gentle cognitive stimulation, while providing plenty of laughter and enjoyment for everyone involved.

It's been wonderful to see residents engaging with one another, building friendships, and enjoying a varied programme of activities that promotes wellbeing, creativity, and fun.



More Activities

Mini Concert – Summer of Love

Our residents were treated to a fantastic live performance by Mini Concerts, who brought the sunshine indoors with their lively show, "Summer of Love." The music had everyone smiling, singing along, and reminiscing about favourite songs from years gone by.

Before long, many of our residents were up on their feet, dancing and enjoying the wonderful atmosphere. It was a joyful afternoon filled with laughter, music, and plenty of happy memories. Thank you to Mini Concerts for another brilliant performance—we can't wait to welcome them back!



National Ice Cream Day

To celebrate 'National Ice Cream Day', residents enjoyed a classic favourite—a delicious vanilla ice cream served in a traditional cone. Sometimes you just can't beat a classic!

The cool, refreshing treat was the perfect way to enjoy the warm summer weather and brought smiles all round. It was a simple but much-loved celebration, reminding us that it's often the little things that make the biggest difference. Here's to more sunny days and sweet treats together!



Home Improvements

We are delighted to share some exciting improvements taking place at Digby Manor as we continue to invest in making our home even more comfortable, accessible, and welcoming for everyone.

Improving Accessibility

Two brand new stairlifts have now been installed, making it easier for residents to access different areas of the home. Residents will be able to use the stairlifts safely with the assistance of our care staff whenever required, helping to promote independence and improve accessibility throughout the home.

Renovation Works Continue

Our builders have now returned from their summer break and work has resumed on the refurbishment of the older first-floor bedrooms. To ensure the safety and comfort of our residents, access to the renovation area will remain restricted, meaning the work will have minimal impact on the day-to-day running of the home.

We are also excited to announce that a **brand new replacement passenger lift** will be installed as part of the ongoing improvements. This will further enhance accessibility and make moving around the home easier for residents, visitors, and staff alike.

Enhanced Safety and Security

As Digby Manor has grown, we have recently installed CCTV in our communal areas to help enhance the safety and security of our residents, visitors, and staff. The cameras are located in shared areas only and are in place to support a safe environment, assist with security, and provide added reassurance for everyone who visits and lives in our home.

Looking Ahead

We are incredibly proud of how Digby Manor is looking following the many investments and improvements made over recent months. We hope you are enjoying seeing these positive changes too.

Your feedback is always important to us. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can continue to improve our home, please let us know—we would love to hear from you!



You're Invited to Our Summer Party!

We're excited to invite all our residents, families, friends, and members of the local community to our **Annual Summer Party** on **Saturday 22nd August 2026**, from **11:30am to 3:00pm**.

It's set to be a fantastic day filled with great food, live entertainment, and plenty of fun for all ages. Enjoy a delicious BBQ and buffet, be entertained by the wonderful Milly Rose, and have a go at our tombola, browse the book stall and jewellery table, or simply relax and soak up the summer atmosphere.

All families are warmly welcome, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible. All money raised on the day will go directly to our Residents' Activity Fund, helping us continue to provide enjoyable outings, entertainment, and activities throughout the year—so don't forget your loose change!!

Please let us know how many people will be attending for catering purposes. We look forward to celebrating with you on what promises to be a wonderful summer's day!



Goodbye

In Loving Memory of Jean

This month we said a sad farewell to our dear resident, **Jean**, who peacefully gained her wings.

Jean was a much-loved member of the Digby Manor family, and her warmth, kindness, and gentle nature touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She will be remembered with great fondness, and her smile and spirit will be deeply missed by residents, staff, and friends alike.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Jean's family and loved ones during this difficult time. We hope they find comfort in the many treasured memories they shared together.



Thank You!

As another wonderful month comes to an end, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who makes Digby Manor such a special place to live, work, and visit.

To our amazing residents, thank you for your enthusiasm, kindness, laughter, and willingness to join in with so many activities and events. Seeing your smiles and creating happy memories together is what makes every day worthwhile.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your compassion, hard work, and unwavering commitment. Your care, support, and professionalism make a real difference to the lives of our residents every single day.

To our families and friends, thank you for your continued encouragement, visits, and involvement. Your support means so much, and together we create a warm, caring community where everyone feels valued and at home.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supports Digby Manor—whether by volunteering, attending our events, or simply sharing a smile. Your kindness helps us continue to create meaningful experiences and lasting memories for our residents.

We look forward to sharing many more special moments with you over the coming months.

With our warmest wishes,

The Digby Manor Team