

Newsletter

July & August 2025

Hello Readers,

What a wonderful summer we've enjoyed together. From bright skies and sunshine to blooming gardens, refreshing ice creams, and plenty of time outdoors, July & August were truly joyful. We are so grateful to all the residents, families, and staff for their continued support and kindness. We hope you enjoy hearing all about the highlights of a summer filled with warmth, companionship, and treasured memories. It was certainly one to remember!

Trip to Clevedon



Residents and staff enjoyed a delightful seaside outing to Clevedon. The day included a peaceful walk around the marina lake, a visit to the historic Victorian Pier, and a delicious lunch and drinks at The Salthouse. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time together and create lasting memories.



Wild West Country Summer Party



After months of planning and preparation, we were delighted to host our Wild West Country Summer Fayre. Careful attention was given to every detail, with much of the décor lovingly made by hand. The afternoon was full creativity as residents, families, staff, and visitors embraced the theme with an array of costumes. From scarecrows and farmers to cowboys, cowgirls, and even characters from *The Wizard of Oz*, the imagination on display was truly wonderful and set the tone for a lively celebration. The Twerzels, a West Country Wurzels tribute band, delivered an unforgettable show, blending music and humour that had the crowd laughing, dancing, and singing along. Sass Events, put on a dramatic fire show leaving everyone in awe.

Animals were also star attractions throughout the day. Two adorable therapy goats from *The Little Farming Company* charmed visitors of all ages, while the children were particularly delighted to meet Mr Biggleswade, a cheeky Shetland pony brought along by *Honeybuns Bakery*. Honeybuns also added to the enjoyment with their scrumptious baked goodies! Children enjoyed the kids' area with plenty of traditional fun, including hook-a-duck and face painting. Meanwhile, our kitchen team pulled out all the stops with an impressive Wild West themed buffet, serving a feast that perfectly matched the occasion.

No summer fayre would be complete without a few unique surprises and ours didn't disappoint. Dawn the Rodeo Sheep, a sheep themed bucking bronco, provided endless laughter and entertainment as guests of all ages took turns to see how long they could stay on. Sweet treats from the ice cream van brought smiles all around, while the raffle and tombola created plenty of excitement with some fantastic prizes on offer. The fayre also boasted a showcase of local talent, with stalls selling homemade goods from individual businesses. Our very own Saloon Bar proved popular too, serving up homemade cocktails, plenty of cider, and an array of jams and cakes to take home.

Most importantly, the fayre brought together residents, families, staff, and members of the local community. It was a day of smiles and laughter with true West Country spirit! We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made this event a day to remember.







Walking Club



With the sunshine making a welcome appearance, residents have been taking full advantage of the beautiful weather by joining in with *Walking Club*. Strolling around Cote House Gardens, the group has been enjoying socialising in the fresh air and soaking up the summer sun. These gentle walks are more than just a pleasant outing; walking is a wonderful way to keep active, support mobility and overall wellbeing.

Vintage Baking



Residents have been rolling up their sleeves and dusting off some old favourite recipes in our much-loved Vintage Baking Group. The group is about much more than baking; for many residents, it sparks wonderful memories and it's delightful to hear stories of cooking at home for their families and favourite recipes passed down through generations

Creative activities



Residents have been expressing themselves in a variety of creative activities, from crafting the summer party décor, to painting and still life sessions. It's wonderful to see the sense of achievement as residents bring their very own creations to life and there are certainly some talented artists in the building!

Shared Reading Volunteer

We would like to say a big thank you to Local Author, Karen, who kindly volunteered her time to read short stories aloud. Residents were delighted to listen and ask questions.



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Everything else

Thes past couple of months have been jam packed full of special days and celebrations. From *World Chocolate Day* to Ginger Roger's Birthday, our motto has always been 'any excuse for a party!' We've sure made some memories that just show what makes our community here so special.



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**Thanks for reading,
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