Thornfield
CARE HOME

INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter.

The past few months have been full of activity here at Thornfield Care Home, with residents enjoying a wonderful mix of outings, celebrations, community projects and opportunities to try something new. Whether travelling the world through themed events, taking a dip in the swimming pool or spending time with friends and family at our Summer Party, there has been no shortage of memorable moments.

It is always a pleasure to see our residents embracing new experiences while continuing to enjoy the hobbies and interests they love. None of this would be possible without the support of our dedicated team, our volunteers, relatives and the wider community, and I would like to thank everyone for helping to make Thornfield such a welcoming and vibrant home.

We hope you enjoy looking back at some of our highlights from the past few months.

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Newsletter Sign-Up

Best wishes,

Tabitha Donovan
Care Home Manager

THANK YOU

Thornfield Summer Party

Our annual Summer Party brought together residents, families, healthcare professionals and friends from The Check House and Silverleigh Care Home for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and celebration.

This year's theme was ABBA, with plenty of singing, dancing and karaoke ensuring there was never a quiet moment. Residents enjoyed joining in with classic hits while spending quality time with loved ones and making new friendships.

The kitchen team prepared a delicious buffet including homemade garlic dough balls, pizza, pâté, fresh salads, coleslaw and a wide selection of other tasty treats for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended, we also **raised approximately £50** for our nominated Care Workers' Charity. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such an enjoyable day.

Party Invite from The Check House!

A big thank you to everyone at The Check House Care Home for hosting such a fantastic Summer Party. Our residents had a wonderful time enjoying the celebrations, entertainment and warm hospitality.

Events like these are a wonderful opportunity to build friendships with residents, staff and volunteers from other care homes, bringing together like-minded people to share experiences, laughter and create lasting memories.

Everyone at Thornfield Care Home is incredibly grateful for the invitation and for making us feel so welcome. We thoroughly enjoyed the day and are already looking forward to the next one!

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

A Trip Around the World

Residents enjoyed an exciting week of travel without ever leaving Thornfield as we celebrated the many cultures and nationalities represented within our wonderful staff team.

Each day focused on a different country or region, giving residents the opportunity to learn about traditions, food, music and customs from around the world.

Our journey began with Africa on Monday, followed by France on Tuesday. Wednesday celebrated the cultures of Sri Lanka and India, Thursday took us to Ireland, before finishing the week in the Philippines, perfectly timed to coincide with Philippine Independence Day.

Throughout the week, staff proudly shared their heritage by performing their national anthems, demonstrating traditional dances and talking about life in their home countries. One particularly memorable moment came when Cypress, one of our night carers, serenaded residents while wearing traditional Filipino dress.

The celebrations also included themed meals and authentic snacks throughout the day. Residents sampled treats including banana fritters (Turon), rice cakes (Puto), spring rolls, Caldereta with rice and peas, noodles, and the popular Filipino dessert Halo-Halo. Residents also enjoyed making Milk Pastillas during a themed craft activity.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, learn something new and bring everyone together through food, music and shared experiences.

Sharing Kindness with the Community

One of the highlights of the summer was our Random Acts of Kindness initiative. During the recent spell of warm weather, residents and Activities Assistant Lewis set up a homemade lemonade stall outside the home. Freshly made lemonade was offered free of charge to passers-by, bringing smiles to local people while encouraging conversation between residents and the community.

It was a simple gesture that perfectly reflected the caring spirit of Thornfield and demonstrated how small acts of kindness can brighten someone's day.

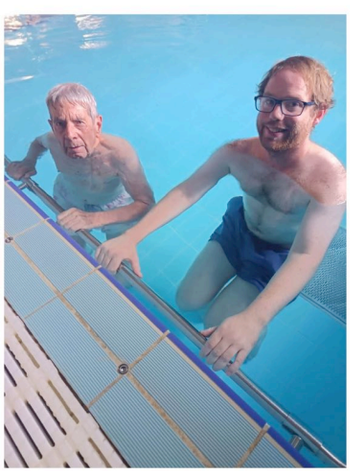
Making a Splash

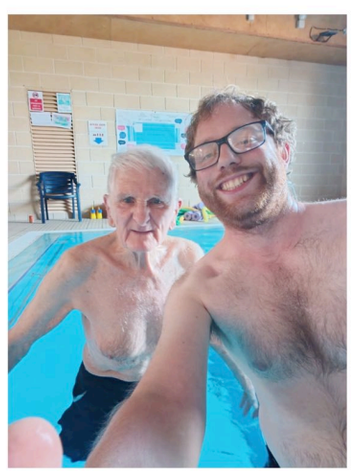
We are incredibly proud of the success of our new Swimming Club, which has even been featured in the Midweek Herald.

Residents have embraced the opportunity to get back into the water, with many rediscovering a hobby they had not enjoyed for many years. Swimming provides excellent physical exercise while also supporting confidence, wellbeing and mental health.

The weekly sessions, organised by Lewis, are carefully adapted to suit residents of all abilities, ensuring everyone can take part safely while enjoying the many benefits that being in the water can bring.

Seeing residents smiling, laughing and achieving things they never imagined possible has made the club a real highlight of the summer.





A Day at Wiscombe Hill Climb

Martyn and David enjoyed an exciting outing to the Wiscombe Hill Climb, one of the rounds of the British National Hill Climb Championship.

The picturesque setting provided the perfect backdrop for an afternoon watching a fascinating variety of racing cars tackle the famous hill course. Both residents thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere and the opportunity to spend time outdoors enjoying one of the area's popular sporting events.

A Nostalgic Steam Train Journey

Roger and Eric took a wonderful step back in time with a nostalgic trip on a heritage steam railway.

The sights, sounds and atmosphere of travelling by steam train brought back many happy memories and prompted plenty of conversation throughout the day. Watching the beautiful countryside pass by while enjoying the traditional railway experience made for a relaxing and memorable outing.

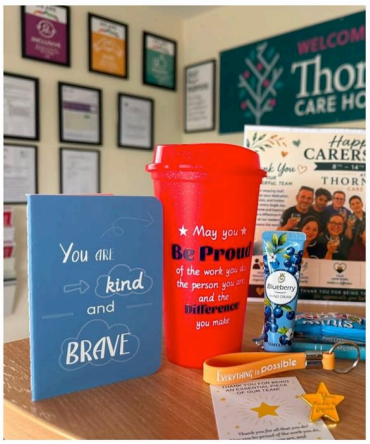
STAFF NEWS

Celebrating Carers Week

During Carers Week, we took the opportunity to recognise and thank our incredible team for the compassion, dedication and hard work they show every single day.

As a small token of our appreciation, staff received gifts along with a selection of takeaway treats to enjoy. It was a chance for us to acknowledge everything they do to support our residents and one another.

We are extremely grateful to every member of the Thornfield team for the kindness, professionalism and commitment they bring to the home.



Employees Of The Month

We are delighted to recognise colleagues who have been acknowledged for their outstanding contribution over recent months.

April

- Rhea Pabon
- Krishanti
- Jenny Gallana

May

- Chloe Hearne

Each recipient has demonstrated exceptional care, teamwork and dedication, and we thank them for everything they do.

Management Recognition Awards

Our Management Recognition Awards celebrate colleagues who consistently go above and beyond. Congratulations to:

June – Lewis Lawrence-Jones
July – Alan Knight

Both have made an outstanding contribution to life at Thornfield and are thoroughly deserving of this recognition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking Ahead

As we move towards autumn, we have plenty to look forward to, including more outings, themed activity weeks, entertainment, community projects and opportunities for residents to continue enjoying their favourite hobbies.

Our swimming club, gardening, social activities and visits into the local community will continue alongside exciting seasonal celebrations in the months ahead.

Thank you to our residents, families, volunteers and dedicated staff for helping make Thornfield such a friendly and caring home. We look forward to sharing more happy memories with you in our next newsletter.

EXTERNAL LINKS

Social Media

Make sure to check out the Thornfield Care Home Facebook Page for all our latest photos!

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