



INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Welcome to the first edition of our new Kiwi House quarterly newsletter.

Every few months, we'll be sharing a selection of news, photographs and stories to give residents, relatives and friends a look at what we have been getting up to. There is always plenty happening at Kiwi House, from trips out and parties to quieter afternoons spent reminiscing, as well as our regular activities and links with the local community.

In this first edition, we have everything from our Country and Western party and a trip to Carsington Water to a visit with local students, target games and a little gardening for World Rose Day.

We hope you enjoy catching up with life at Kiwi House and look forward to sharing more with you in our next edition.

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Best wishes,

Jeanette

Jeanette Heath
Registered Manager

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Goose Fair Hoopla

We brought a little bit of the Goose Fair to Kiwi House with our own game of hoopla. Everyone took turns trying to get their hoops over the cones, and while there may not have been any goldfish prizes on offer, there was certainly plenty of friendly competition!

As the annual Goose Fair had recently taken place, the game also got us talking about visits residents had made over the years. There were memories of the rides, stalls, food and atmosphere, with everyone having their own stories to share. Nobody won a goldfish, but we did have plenty of laughs along the way.



Coffee Morning with UTC Derby

We were delighted to be invited along to the Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by students at University Technical College Derby. Residents enjoyed coffee and cake while joining in with some of the games. Congratulations go to Marjorie, who proved particularly successful and came away with a prize!

One of the nicest parts of the morning was simply having the opportunity to sit and chat with the students. Residents enjoyed hearing about their studies and plans for the future while sharing a few stories from their own younger days in return.

The students raised more than £200 for Macmillan, and we were very pleased to have been invited along and play a small part in their fundraising morning.



Supporting Spiritual Wellbeing

Our midweek church services with Dave continue to be an important part of the week for residents who wish to take part.

Residents enjoy choosing some of their favourite hymns, singing together and joining in with instruments during the service.

As well as supporting residents in continuing to practise their faith, the services provide familiar music, time for reflection and an opportunity to come together during the week. Thank you to Dave for continuing to spend this time with us.



World Rose Day

We marked World Rose Day with a combination of gardening, quizzes and, naturally, a nice cup of tea.

Residents planted a rose for each floor, which will be enjoyed in our garden and balcony areas. We also put our knowledge to the test with a rose-themed quiz and learned some interesting facts about the different varieties and what the various colours traditionally represent.



Over a cup of rose and hibiscus tea, everyone discussed their favourite roses and shared memories of flowers and gardens from over the years. We also presented our Home Manager, Jeanette, with her very own miniature rose to mark the occasion.



Minibus Adventures

Our minibus was on the road again as residents headed out for a trip to the Mainsail Restaurant at Carsington Water. We started with coffee and cake before heading out onto the terrace to take in the views across the water. It was a lovely spot to sit for a while and enjoy the surroundings before heading home.

Our minibus trips give residents the opportunity to visit familiar places, discover somewhere different and simply enjoy a change of scenery and a few hours out together. We're already looking forward to deciding where we'll head next.



Country & Western Party

There were cowboy hats at the ready for our Country and Western party! We had a fantastic time with entertainment from our very own Home Manager Jeanette, the Kiwi Chorus and Bob Oakley. There was plenty of music to get everyone in the mood, followed by a BBQ lunch and a few beer shandies.

It wasn't long before the dancing started, with residents and staff enjoying the music and making the most of the afternoon. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the party and to our entertainers for keeping us going. Yeehaw!

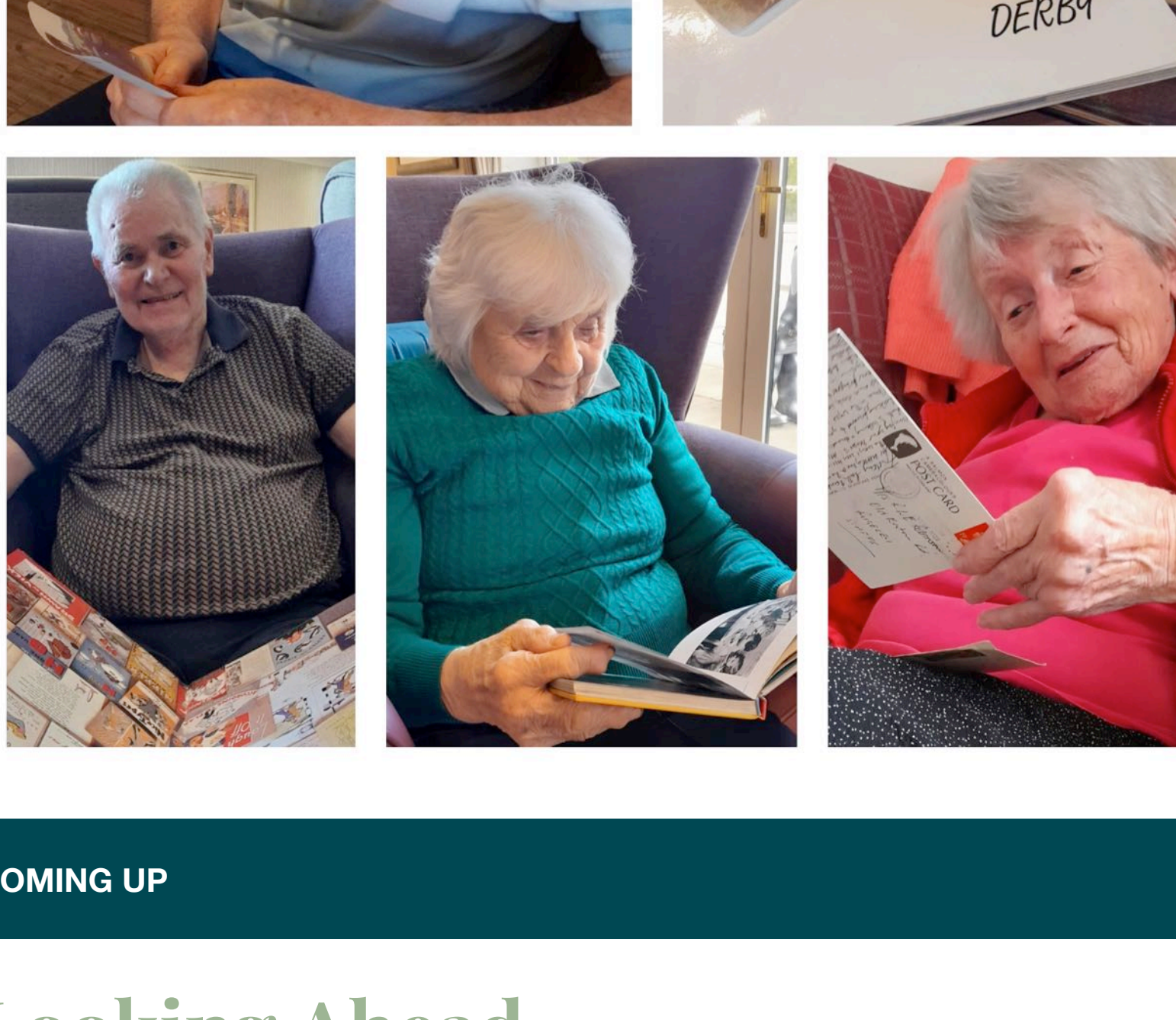


An Afternoon of Reminiscence

We regularly get together for our reminiscence afternoons, using books and reminiscence packs from the library to get the conversation started.

It is always interesting to see where the afternoon takes us. A photograph, familiar object or story can bring back a memory that hasn't been talked about for years, which can then lead to someone else remembering something completely different.

There is no rush and no set agenda. We simply spend time looking through the materials, sharing stories and listening to one another. And, of course, a good reminiscence afternoon wouldn't be complete without a cup of tea.



COMING UP

Looking Ahead...

We have plenty more to share over the coming months as life at Kiwi House continues.

Our regular activities, church services, reminiscence sessions and entertainment will continue, alongside more opportunities to get out on the minibus and spend time with people from our local community.

We'll also be keeping an eye on the roses we planted and looking forward to seeing them grow and add some colour to our outdoor spaces.

Thank you to our residents, relatives, team and everyone in the community who gets involved with Kiwi House. We look forward to bringing you our next quarterly update.

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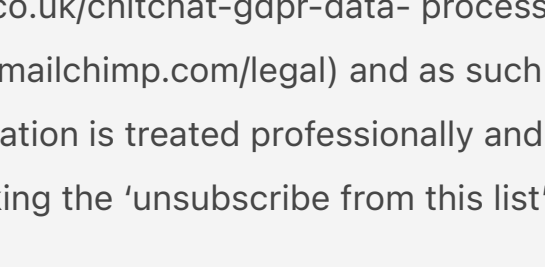
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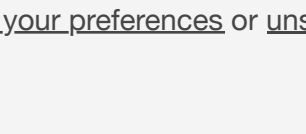
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