

# Our June Success Stories

## Double celebration for Grove Court

Grove Court Care Home in Woodbridge had a double celebration on the 21st of June 2024. The home always marks Suffolk Day with a big lunchtime party for residents and their families, but this year Grove Court was also celebrating its 25th anniversary too.



To mark the 25th anniversary there was a barbecue lunch, musical entertainment from Two of a Kind, and a mini fête with stalls from local charities. As it was also Suffolk Day, a lot of the food like the strawberries was locally sourced. Over 200 people joined in the fun including former members of staff and former volunteers.

The 25th anniversary lunch also raised funds for Turn2us.

## Congratulations Lisa

Lisa achieved her 5 years' service award this month. However, Lisa was previously part of the Merlewood team for 9 ½ years before taking a short break to work with a local ambulance service before returning to Merlewood in 2019. We are so pleased Lisa came back, and she has recently been promoted to Acting Senior Carer. Her passion and compassion are a role model to others.



## Congratulations from The Lodge

Sophie one of our carers has hit the top spot for her level of care and for always smiling! She is a ray of sunshine whenever she is in The Lodge, thank you Sophie.



Nicola our BSA who has excelled in her admin duties and more, thank you Nic.

Anita our CTC has consistently and tirelessly worked at ensuring all departments are safe and well trained. Not always an easy task but Anita never gives up, thank you Anita.

## Halliwell Community says "cheers" to David

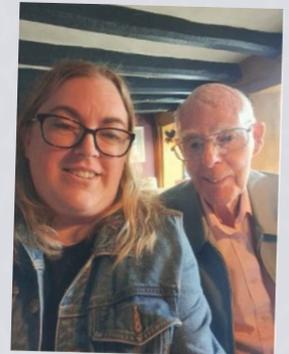


Meet our lovely resident David who has lived with us at Halliwell for nearly 4 years. He was always active especially enjoying his garden and travel. He likes his own company and

chooses not to go to many activities, preferring to read in his room. Our Social Engagement team respect his wishes but never give up on the invitations. So, with such a lovely sunny June day, David was finally tempted to venture down to the terrace for his "annual outing" and shared pre-lunch drinks and nibbles with some fellow residents. He thoroughly enjoyed his cold beer and chats! Hats off to Liz who leads on our 1:1 activities.

## "Thank you, Nicola, for making my birthday special"

John, one of our lovely residents at Rush Court recently celebrated his birthday, and to help him celebrate – Nicola, our Senior Care Assistant, with whom he has a 'special' bond, came in on her day off to go out for a birthday meal at a venue of John's choice.



Both had a lovely time and John really appreciated Nicola's company, as can be seen by the attached photos. John could not resist a pudding, and whilst really did not have room, wasn't going to miss it.

## Winners of the Potted Perfection competition



The Cotswold Home were recent winners of the first Elizabeth Finn Homes Potted Perfection competition, winning a bird bath of their choice for their garden.

The potted perfection display, at the home's entrance, is made of recycled materials following on from Sustainability Champion discussions. Everything you see has been donated from residents, relatives, friends, families and the community. You can see 'Roseabella', the ironing board lady, donated and named by resident Gil; Her legs were assembled by gardener Berry, boots donated by social engagement leader Sonia. With Hoover pipe arms, bean can shoulders, shower glove hands, hat

and colander planters, plastic saucers for breasts and bottle top eyes, she is recycled beauty. She is a pure lady figure created out of anything and everything that has been the discussion for many of the visitors and villagers walking by.

A fabulous entry well done team Cotswold and thank you to everyone who shared some fabulous and creative work!