

INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter! It has been a particularly special few months at Sandmere as we celebrated our second anniversary in October. It was lovely to mark the occasion with residents, families, friends and colleagues, and to reflect on how much our home has grown since we first opened our doors.

We have also been enjoying creative activities, welcoming new colleagues and preparing for the festive season. With Christmas markets, outings and live entertainment planned, there is plenty to look forward to.

I would like to thank our residents and families for their continued trust and support, and our wonderful team for everything they do each day. I hope you enjoy catching up on our latest news!

If you know someone who would like to receive our email newsletters/updates just, let us know, or forward them the newsletter sign up link below:

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Best wishes,



Sally Wheeler
Home Manager

RECENT ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Two Year Anniversary

October saw the second anniversary since we opened our home. Since welcoming our first two residents, Marie and Jim, the home has grown to over 40 residents, and our community continues to grow.










To commemorate the occasion, we threw an anniversary event to celebrate, with live music, anniversary cake and plenty of reminiscing. The Activities Team created an In Memory album to commemorate residents who have passed, and a Sandmere Memories Album to help celebrate all we have done together in the last 2 years.

Thank you to all the staff, visitors and residents who made the day so special.










Arts & Crafts

We have been experimenting with different ways of being creative in our Art for Wellbeing groups, which has resulted in some very fun days! Over the last 3 months, we have run several different sessions including Sip & Paint, Printing with Vegetables and Flower Pressing.

Each session has been set in our Private Dining Room throughout the day, giving residents the chance to come at a time that suits them and spend as long as they wish on the activity. The sessions help residents explore creativity, reignite passions and skills, and enable them to work on their fine motor skills in a relaxed setting.










A Special Celebration

We were delighted to share in a very special occasion as Keith and Marge Nicholls celebrated their love with a beautiful renewal of their wedding vows. It was a lovely moment for the couple and their family.

Our Senior Carer, Frankie, had the honour of being a bridesmaid for the occasion, making the celebration even more special for everyone involved.







A Surprise Puppy Visit

There is nothing quite like a surprise visit from a four-legged friend to brighten someone's day, and residents were delighted when Ruby, a beautiful golden retriever puppy, Pip, who was more than happy to enjoy plenty of cuddles and attention from our residents. Pip certainly stole a few hearts during her visit, bringing lots of smiles and giving everyone the opportunity to spend some time with our lovely little visitor.

THANK YOU

Comfort and Stimulation Through Sensory Activities

Twiddle Muffs, Fidget Blankets and Fiddle Gloves are wonderful sensory aids are firm favourites! Designed with people living with dementia in mind, they feature a variety of textures, colours and accessories that provide gentle sensory stimulation and help keep hands comfortably occupied.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Alzheimer's Society and members of our local community for their continued generosity in donating these lovely sensory aids. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated, and these thoughtful donations make a positive difference to the everyday wellbeing of our residents.

STAFF NEWS

Activities Team Changes

We have been thrilled to have Sarah Illingworth join the Activities Team as Activities Assistant after working as a carer over the last year in Sandmere.

Sarah will be mainly found on the Snelling Floor, helping our dementia residents with their daily wellbeing and activities engagement, one to one sessions and participating in group activities.

GET TO KNOW THE TEAM

Message from Sam Bright – Customer Relations Manager

My name is Sam and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Customer Relations Manager here at Sandmere care home.

I am looking forward to getting to know our residents, families, and team members. What has struck me most is the warm and caring atmosphere that makes this home such a special place.

My role is to bring more residents into the home and to support them and their loved ones from point of enquiry to moving in. I also ensure a positive experience for everyone connected and help strengthen the wonderful relationships that are at the heart of the community.

I am excited to be joining such a dedicated team and look forward to working together to create a welcoming, vibrant, and supportive environment for all.

Please do come and say hello when you see me around the home. I look forward to getting to know you.

COMING UP...

Winter Plans

Winter is fast approaching which means it's also nearly time for....Christmas!

Activities and Wellbeing Coordinator Oliveia is working hard to finalise plans, which should be available by mid-late November. In the meantime, we wanted to give you a sneak peek at some of the events we have in the works:

- Christmas Market Visits around Thanet
- Christmas Lunches at Ramsgate Garden Centre
- Plenty of live music booked throughout the month
- Regular seasonal movie screenings via our cinema room
- Time to our shopping for Christmas for residents
- Ramsgate Sea Cadets Grotto Visits

New Year and Beyond

As this is our last newsletter before 2027, we wanted to thank everyone who has been a part of our community. Sandmere would not be the home it is without our hardworking staff, wonderful residents and all the relatives and visitors who bring a feeling of home.

We would also love to hear your feedback on any events, activities or outings you have attended. If you have any suggestions or ideas for 2027, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team.

EXTERNAL LINKS

Social Media

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

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