

Kinton Manor Nursing Home

June 2022 Newsletter



A Message from Matron

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying the lovely weather. I had a restful time in South Africa, and although it is always a real blessing to see my family, returning to England in the early summer is such a treat. I am pleased to learn that whilst I have been away the residents have enjoyed Easter and have been spending time sitting in our beautiful garden.

Unfortunately the limitations on visiting is a necessity whenever we have an outbreak of Covid, but thankfully we only had a very few cases and nobody was seriously ill. We are now pleased to announce that visitors no longer need to wear masks, although a negative lateral flow result is still required

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we have been busy recruiting senior carers from abroad and they are all settling into life at Kinton Manor extremely well. We are very fortunate to have such skilled staff caring for your loved ones. Please have a look at our photo board in reception to familiarise yourselves with the new faces. We would also like to announce that Dybien Martelino has been promoted to the role of Deputy Manager.



You will see that there is a survey enclosed with the newsletter. We ask that you kindly complete it and return to us. Although they can be anonymous we prefer if you could put your name on the survey—especially if there are any particular concerns that need addressing.

We are always trying to find ways to improve the lives of our residents and the nursing home in general.

We also ask you to please tell us what we are doing well as positive feedback boosts staff morale and helps us with planning and decision making.

Easter Activities

Every year, Easter is a happy time for our residents. The activities team ensured they were busy with activities which included Easter bonnet making, sitting in the sunshine enjoying the garden, making fluffy woollen chicks and those who wished to, were able to watch church services on the television. All the residents received a chocolate Easter egg.

The most successful Easter activity was being able to watch our chicks hatching from eggs in the incubator. Some chicks returned to the company from whom we loaned the incubator, but some have been given a home by Andrew our maintenance man who keeps chickens at home.



Research

In a few week's time , the AFRI-C research (Air Filters to Prevent Respiratory Infections including Covid-19) will be finishing. A huge thank you to all our residents and relatives who participated in our research journey. We hope that the research team will generate a positive outcome that will definitely impact and contribute to our care to your loved ones and to the healthcare staff / team.

Birthdays

Birthdays are always a reason to celebrate and three residents have reached their 100th birthday this year. We are very privileged to have been able to share their special day with these lovely ladies and we wish them all good health and happiness..



Adelaide Furnivall



Margaret Backhouse



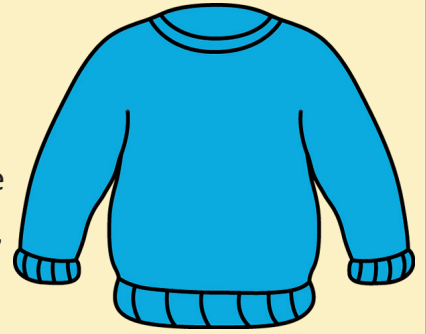
Lucy Neal

Lucy has lived at Kineton Manor for longer than any other resident. She has been a part of our family for 17 years.



Residents' Clothes

Our "Attach a Tag" system seems to be working well, but please remember that if new clothes are brought in for your loved one, can you kindly hand them in to the laundry for labelling.



If you are unsure on sizing, please talk to the Nurse in Charge if you have any queries or wish to organise a carer to help with fitting. When new clothes or shoes are provided, can you please bring them in personally and ask for them to be tried on with the assistance of one of our carers? If they prove to be unsuitable they can then be returned by yourselves.

For those residents who have been with us a while could we kindly ask if you could "sort through" the wardrobe to see if new clothes are required (in particular night clothes) and see whether they still fit! Residents here can either gain or lose weight over time.

For the summer can you please provide a sun hat for those residents who are able to enjoy the beautiful summer sunshine whilst sitting in the garden? Sun cream would also be appreciated.

Please can you also check whether shoes and slippers are still providing good support as ill-fitting shoes can be very dangerous due to high risk of falling.

Toiletries

We kindly ask that you keep an eye on the stock of toiletries. Please don't forget disposable razors and either toothpaste and tooth brushes or denture tabs. Shower gel or body wash should preferably be one that is suitable for sensitive skin. If you could please review their stock monthly and if unsure please telephone us for guidance on your loved one's requirements.



Nominated Next of Kin

A reminder to you all is that the latest guidance in the case of a Covid outbreak in the home is that we can only allow one nominated person per resident. Please ensure you have liaised with family and have informed us who the nominated individual is, should we have another outbreak. Thank you.