

# News from <sup>LXXV</sup> Bridge House CARE HOME

Dear friends

As summer draws to a close, we look back on all the wonderful memories we made with friends and loved ones at Bridge House.



## A fun-filled summer

Our residents made the most of the sun and embraced the fun by hosting friends and family at our annual summer party. There was live entertainment in our garden, which we decked out in bunting and balloons. We raised a toast with our loved ones and enjoyed fresh salads and barbeque treats - it was a fabulous day! As summer continued, we made some wonderful new memories. We hosted a Spanish night at the Riverly Club with sangria, tapas and churros. We ate 99's from the ice cream van, and even hosted a rebel afternoon of 'Booze and Tattoos' where residents got temporary tattoos over a cheeky tippie! Our favourite quote of the day? "This is not your standard care home, is it?!"

## A celebrity celebration

We celebrated the re-launch of the Riverly Club, our over 55's private member's club, with a visit from TV chef Phil Vickery. Extensive refurbishments have made the club better than ever and residents could welcome their local friends back to the new and improved space! Our fitness suite now boasts specialist air-resistant equipment, while our spa, bistro, and cinema have all been revamped to now play host to Zumba, tai chi and yoga classes as well as craft clubs, a choir group and a cinema club. To help us celebrate the opening, Phil Vickery cooked up a storm, serving canapes and cocktails, including a specially created Riverly Club Cooler, which proved to be such a hit that it's now a permanent fixture on the club's event menu!

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Riverly  
club



## Special visitors



Our home is always buzzing with exciting new guests and this summer has been no exception! The wonderful children of our playgroup have been stopping by with their parents for some wonderful intergenerational afternoons. Our residents are always in high spirits as they lead the children in new songs and games, and it is always a delight to have a cuddle with the new babies! A wonderful way to make our house a home! We then arranged for a very special guest to surprise one of our residents, Peter, who used to work at Lotus Cars in the '50s as part of the team building the cars themselves. We invited Robert Jacobs to bring his championship-winning race car to surprise him. Peter, who was overjoyed said he "didn't think he would get to see his beloved Lotus" again! It was certainly a very special day.



## Outdoor Adventures

We enjoyed some wonderful day trips this summer, exploring the local beauty spots and getting out into the British countryside! We had ice creams at The Waterfront Café in Benson and took walks along the banks of the Thames. We had a picnic under the marquee within the stunning grounds of Waterperry Gardens and fed the new pygmy goats at Abingdon Locke. There have been some wonderful afternoons hosted by our local friends at the Hilton Garden Inn, who pampered us with a scrumptious Afternoon Tea. Spending time with animals is one of our greatest joys, so whether that's welcoming guinea pigs into our home or spending days out at Millet's Farm, we are constantly surrounded by them!



With love,  
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We always love reading your comments on Facebook!  
Here are a few recent ones:

"Great time had by all, those memories being made, plus everyone is always so happy, fantastic to see." Jacky Nutt Turner Mclver

"Beautiful pictures I love how residents get so involved." Trudy Meardon

"As always, so many happy smiles." Ruthie Ruth Auguste

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