

# Maple Leaf Lodge

## NEWSLETTER



### General Manager Focus

I'd like to welcome all new staff members, relatives and residents to Maple Leaf Lodge Care Home. It's lovely to meet you and I truly hope you all enjoy being here with us.

We would love for you to come along to our Summer Fete on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August as we raise money for our wishing stone initiative. We will have live music, stalls, BBQ food and much more.

We have so much planned throughout August from external entertainment, trips out, clubs and more and we would love for you to join us.

One of our relatives, Mr Mallatrat, would like to introduce you to a free course at Grantham College called distant learning, which is government funded. It covers dementia care, falls and more.

Thank you all for your ongoing support! I'd like to take a moment to ask you to take a few moments to visit our homes Facebook page and give us a follow to keep up to date with all the exciting things that happen in our home.

**Senior General Manager**  
*Kerry Angeloni*



## Dates for your Diary

### August

#### **National Beer Day**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – from 2pm**

*Join us out in the garden as we host our own beer party*

#### **Happy feet walking club**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – 11am**

*We'd love for members of the community to join us for a stroll out of the home*

#### **Dementia Café**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 10am**

*Come along and meet with friends over light refreshments, and enjoy the variety of activities and entertainment our home has on offer.*

#### **Professionals Breakfast**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am**

*We are inviting professionals to visit our home for a delicious breakfast*

#### **Summer Fete**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> from 1pm**

*Join us at our western themed summer fete with live music, BBQ food and more*

*What we've been up to...*

## Sing and Smile Choir

Introducing Our New Care Home Choir!

Residents gathered together to sing some of their favourite songs, from timeless classics to cheerful singalongs, filling the room with music, memories, and smiles.

The atmosphere was uplifting and full of community spirit, with voices joining in harmony and toes tapping along. Whether confident singers or just happy to hum along, everyone was welcome, and the energy was infectious!

Our first session was a true success, and we're so excited to see the choir grow week by week. Music has a magical way of bringing people together, and this new activity is already doing just that.



## Lemon Garden Party

We have been celebrating National Lemon Day and our residents and staff have enjoyed a refreshing and joyful Lemon Garden Party! The garden was transformed into a citrus-themed haven, beautifully decorated with yellow bunting, lemon centrepieces, and cheerful floral arrangements.

Residents sipped on homemade lemonade and iced lemon tea while enjoying a spread of lemon-inspired treats that were baked in our baking club, from tangy lemon drizzle cake to zesty lemon shortbread. Laughter filled the air as we played garden games, shared stories, and enjoyed a lively sing-along featuring sunny tunes.

## Therapy Pony Visit

What a delightful afternoon it has been at Maple Leaf Lodge Care Home! Our lovely residents were overjoyed to be visited by our special guest, Darwen, the pony, and her trusty companion Brenda.

The atmosphere was filled with happiness and excitement as Darwen trotted his way into the hearts of our residents. Gleeful smiles and laughter filled the air as they interacted with this adorable therapy pony.

Darwen, with his gentle demeanour and kind eyes, worked his magic, spreading love and joy to each and every resident. The therapeutic benefits of animal-assisted therapy were evident, as the residents experienced a boost in their mood and a sense of comfort and companionship.



## Armchair Travel

Aloha lā hau'oli! To celebrate National Hawaii Day, residents, staff and relatives were whisked away on a virtual adventure to the beautiful islands of Hawaii, all from the comfort of their chairs!

The room was filled with the sounds of gentle waves and traditional Hawaiian music as we explored the breath-taking beaches, lush rainforests, and vibrant island culture. Residents enjoyed learning about Hawaiian traditions, famous landmarks, and local wildlife, while tasting delicious tropical treats like pineapple, coconut, Hawaiian pizza and Mai Tai.

Many smiles, stories, and a few hula moves were shared as we reminisced about past travels and dreamed of future getaways.

The event was a wonderful sensory experience, bringing sunshine and joy to all who joined.

Mahalo to everyone who made this special afternoon possible! We can't wait for our next armchair adventure, where will we travel too next?







Join us for our events throughout August

**National Beer Day**

**Friday 1st August**

Join us as we go on a virtual pub crawl around past and present pubs in the area, a variety of drinks and snacks will be provided.

**Sing and Smile Choir**

**Every Tuesday in August at 2pm**

Join us as we fill the home with sweet melodies in our new sing a smile choir

**Prosecco and Cheese afternoon**

**Wednesday 13th August - from 2:30pm**

We will be celebrating National Prosecco Day with an afternoon filled of cheese tasting and good conversation

**Caribbean Armchair Travel**

**Friday 22nd August - from 2pm**

We will be virtually travelling to the Caribbean to immerse in their culture, music and food as we celebrate Notting Hill Carnival

**Barchester's Bingo Bonanza**

**Wednesday 27th August - 2:30pm**

Get your dabbers at the ready as we go head to head with our sister homes virtually. Who will be the first to get a line

**Western Hoedown Summer Fete**

**Saturday 30th August - from 1pm**

We would love for you to join us at our western themed summer fete, with live music, BBQ food, stalls and games

Our events are free of charge, but please book your place  
by calling 01476 590674

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Don't forget to follow us at  
<https://www.facebook.com/BarchesterMapleLeaf> or  
scan the QR code below



Our homes Facebook page is updated daily and it is full of activities, upcoming events, competitions, special occasions and much more. By following our page, you are able to keep up to date with all the amazing things we do.

## A FOOTBALL WISH COME TRUE

At Maple Leaf Lodge we believe it's never too late to make dreams come true and today we had the absolute pleasure of doing just that for our lovely resident Peter.

Peter, a lifelong supporter of Nottingham Forest was absolutely overjoyed to open a personalised thank you letter sent directly from the club. The letter acknowledged his decades of loyal support and expressed the team's appreciation for fans like him who have stood by them through every season.

The smile on Peter's face as he read the letter was unforgettable. He proudly shared the letter with staff and fellow residents, beaming with pride and joy. This thoughtful gesture not only made Peter's Day but touched the hearts of everyone in the home.

A big thank you to the football team for organising this special moment for Peter. Peter's letter is now hung with pride in his bedroom.



# Thank You

From all the team at Maple Leaf Lodge we'd like to say a big thank you to you all for all your support and understanding over the last few months.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

A big well done to kitchen assistant Cerys who has been awarded with employee of the month for June. Cerys was nominated by staff for her commitment to the home and always helping to cover shifts. Cerys's hard work and willingness to learn has been noticed, she truly is a valuable member of our team.

Our nomination box is located in reception, we would love for you to nominate someone for next month.



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