

Hello from Margaret, and the Team at Queens Manor



Summer into Autumn

Where does the time go? Summer is fading away and Autumn has arrived for sure, with all the fabulous colours in the trees – and a wee chill in the air at either end of the day.

We've been busy as usual here at Queens Manor: sadly, we've said goodbye to several old friends over the summer and in the last few weeks. We will be welcoming new residents into our community and we're now busy planning for Christmas – unbelievable.

If you follow our Facebook posts, you'll see how busy we've been with music, intergenerational fun, outings and day to day lifestyle activities to keep the folks busy and help them feel fulfilled. We have regular meetings with residents and I try and speak to you all individually at some point too -please remember to call by the office or get in touch by email or phone if you have anything you'd like to share or discuss.

Big thanks to everyone who has participated in Tell Barchester – the outcomes from which will be shared very soon!

Of course, the Fringe Cares Festival was once again the big event of the Summer – This exciting initiative is growing year on year and we feel privileged to have been involved since the beginning. Care Home Residents throughout Edinburgh and the Lothians will benefit from future events, and the positive impact on individual homes and on our Industry is immeasurable. Bringing joy to Older People is surely one of life's great gifts. Our mission every day is to promote even those tiny moments that mean so much.



Dates for your Diary

October

30th - Dementia café in memory lane
31st - Musician Dee sings Halloween

November

4th - Joy Club with Lissa
5th - History with our local historian Roy
12th - Hugo's live Harp Recital
19th - Live music from -the gentleman's club in honour of international men's day
21st - Book Festival and our visiting mobile library
24th - Musical boogie beats with visiting nursery children
24th - our community police officer visit's to answer questions and share local news around policing
25th – Forget me notes live musical sessions

December

Count Down to Christmas Including Christmas Light Switch on with Fettes Choir tbc

1st - Panto
8th - Joy Club
10th - Incognito and
10th - Cramond Kirk Service
18th Dee does Christmas
19th - Book Festival

Further events to be confirmed - we'll share the Countdown once finalised

DIGITAL RAINBOW TABLE COMING SOON TO QM

We're very excited to tell you that ours is on order! This innovation will be a fabulous addition to our in-house resources – and will complement the provision of joyful moments via meaningful activities. You need a plan, for sure – but often its about seizing the moment. Our residents have access to digital technology already with many using smartphones and tablets/iPad of their own. For those residents living with dementia and cognitive impairment and/or sensory difficulties – this resource will be transformative.



SPOTLIGHT ON...ENABLE – our digital care planning system, implemented in July 2025. We're getting used to it now – and of course systems are under constant ongoing scrutiny and review so we can only continue to improve the quality of our evidence of the great care delivered by the Team. If you would like more information about care planning, please speak to Margaret, GM.

What we've been up to...



Gardening Group

Our residents are keen gardeners and have developed their garden space to include a colourful range of flowers and shrubs. An inspirational and dedicated bunch of residents, supported by Erika and the students of Fette's college– have been picking, purchasing, planting, pruning and perusing all year long. Time outdoors is crucial to our wellbeing and these folks are pretty handy with a spade when they get going!

INTERGENERATIONAL FUN

We're working hard to promote interactions within the local community, and our visitors range in age from the very young to young adults. Flying Colours Nursery, Fox Covert Primary School, Fettes Academy – all now regular visitors. And – we have youth experience visitors from The Royal High, Craigmount and ESMS. Visiting children – staff and families – are always a treat, and our new born 'babies' also provide an opportunity for interaction and feelings of wellbeing and inclusion.



LET'S TALK

facebook

Don't forgot to follow us at
@QueensManorCareHome

We have over 1000 followers and great levels of engagement for our stories and photos of residents, staff, visiting entertainers and providers like Fitcare and Joyrides, Seagull Trust Cruises and our young visitors from schools and colleges

This is an easy way for us to share what's happening each week as well as forthcoming events and other news stories. Often a photo of a meaningful moment is better than 1000 words....



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NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND Queens Manor

Staff News We're fully staffed in care and are recruiting for Activities & Lifestyle Co-ordinator (f/t), Receptionist, Kitchen Assistant (p/t). We're building up a team of bank staff to support at busy times – staff leave and sickness cover. We've recruited a new Head of Maintenance, a part time Gardener – and adopt a Whole Home Approach to day-to-day operations, as well as supporting other Barchester Homes if we can.

Training is ongoing in all areas – SVQ, Lothian Care Academy, Barchester Senior Cohort and Leadership. And – we are developing co-working with Edinburgh and Fife Colleges to support students on placement in Health & Social care.

Our latest employee of the month award goes to Taiwo, voted for her kindness and responsive care throughout.



Thank You

From all the team at **Queens Manor** we'd like to say a big thank you to you all for all your support and understanding over the last few months. We'd love you to leave us a review if you haven't already at

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to colleagues Deanne and Giri who recently acquired SVQ2. Also, to Cynthia who has acquired her PIN and moved on to pastures new to develop her nursing career. Fond farewells also to Annette who has retired.

