

General Manager Focus



Spring has sprung!

Hello everyone,

Spring is finally here — brighter days, lighter evenings, and more time to enjoy the outdoors together.

At Queens Manor Care Home, we're making the most of the season. Our barge trips along the Ratho Canal have returned, and we're excited to begin assisted bike rides with Joy Rides Edinburgh — bringing plenty of fresh air and happy moments.

We enjoyed a magical time with the chicks and it was heartening to see every single resident, colleague and visitor enchanted by them.

Our garden club is blooming and our new Gardener, James is supporting residents visiting the garden centre and choosing how to redesign our outdoor spaces — making it truly their own.

There's a lovely spring feeling throughout the home, and we're looking forward to all the season brings. Remember my door is always open....

Warmest wishes, Margaret

Dates for your Diary

May

Friday 1st – Incognito ladies singing group at 3pm

Monday 4th – Flying colours nursery visit to Queens Manor at 2pm

Tuesday 5th – Poetry club at 10:30am

Tuesday 6th – Ratho Barge trip at 2:30pm

Tuesday 7th – Joe's mindfulness class at 11am

Thursday 14th – Creative art session with Ashley Douglas Academy at 3pm

Saturday 16th – Live music from duo Folk band at 3pm

Monday 26th – Understanding dementia talk with Life Care Edinburgh at 10:30am





NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND Queens Manor



Have we met before?

Residents and staff at Queens Manor Care Home recently enjoyed a remarkable moment, as two residents discovered they had known each other over 65 years ago.

Margaret, a permanent resident, and Dorothy, visiting for respite, realised they had once arranged a house exchange between Bilston and Bonnyrigg after connecting through a notice in a local post office. After the move, they lost touch and had not seen each other since.

By chance, they met again here at Queens Manor. With the help of Margaret's daughter, their shared history was confirmed, leading to a joyful afternoon of reminiscing and laughter.

Dorothy fondly recalled the experience in detail - a memory that brought smiles to all during our Friday social.

A wonderful reminder of how small the world can be, and the joy that shared memories can bring. And the ladies have been on STV news!

Springtime Joy: Easter at Queens Manor

Hop, hop, hooray — Easter has brought joy, laughter, and tiny feathers to Queens Manor!

This year, our residents welcomed baby chicks from **Incredible Eggs** (www.incredibleeggs.co.uk), a farm dedicated to ethical chick care. Residents fed, cleaned, and cuddled the chicks — even taking them to their rooms — bringing comfort, calm, and happiness, especially for those living with dementia.

Easter fun continued with watercolour painting, a festive coffee morning, a children's Easter egg hunt, and live music from Dee. These activities gave residents meaningful engagement, social connection, and a sense of purpose — all so important for memory and wellbeing.

From tiny chicks to laughter-filled rooms, this Easter reminded us how care, creativity, and connection bring warmth and joy to every day at Queens Manor.

Celebrating Mother's Day at Queens Manor



This Mother's Day, residents at Queens Manor were treated to a lovely afternoon tea. With many attendees joining in, the home was filled with laughter, conversation, and the joy of spending time with loved ones. Residents shared how special the day felt, appreciating the chance to connect with their children and family members.

The decorations drew many compliments, and residents were full of praise for our wonderful kitchen team, whose delicious treats made the celebration even more memorable. It was a thoughtful and heartfelt afternoon, offering warmth, community, and a moment of joy for everyone.

SPOTLIGHT ON... Barchester's Charitable Foundation

We are hosting a raffle to support our MD Cook Off in aid of Barchester's charitable foundation. Our Managing Directors across the UK will compete to create dishes worthy of MasterChef – it's a serious business and we wish them all the best! The foundation gives grants to help people connect or re-connect with others in their local community, and the focus is to combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged. For more details see www.bhcfoundation.org.uk



What to expect ...



Community Police visit – Scam Awareness

Our local community police officer David will next visit on the 18th of June at 11:30am.

During this visit, we will be focusing on online safety and raising awareness of common scams. Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, and anyone can be affected. Join us to learn how to recognise potential risks and protect yourself effectively.

Barchester Care Awards 2026 are now open

Nominations are NOW OPEN across a wide range of categories, including 'Apprentice of the Year', 'Carer of the Year', 'Resident Ambassador of the Year' and more.

To find out more about each category and to submit your nomination online, please visit: <https://brnw.ch/21x1pcl>



Upcoming meetings

Resident's meeting

23rd of May

Relative's meeting

1st of June

LET'S TALK *facebook*

Don't forget to follow us at
@QueensManorCareHome

At Queens Manor, we regularly share photos and videos that highlight daily life within our community. This provides a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to stay connected and see what their loved ones have been enjoying each day.

We also use our Facebook page to promote upcoming events that may be of interest to the wider community, including our weekly Friday coffee mornings and visits from entertainers.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND Queens Manor

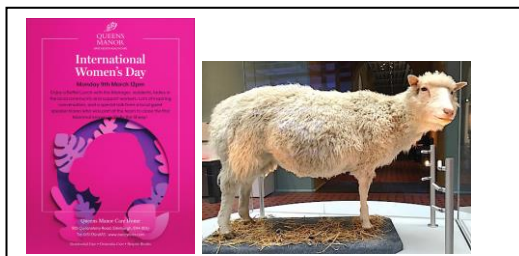
Fringe carers festival returns for 2026

The Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA) and Queens Manor play a significant role in bringing the joy of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to local care homes through a programme called **Fringe Cares Fest**. This initiative, which began in 2022, aims to make the festival experience accessible to elderly residents who are unable to attend Fringe events in person. Queens Manor has participated since the beginning and this year the event will take place on the 1st of August 2026. You can watch Joe's training video put together from last year's event at various care homes via YouTube. https://youtu.be/Kz-weWsz4Ek?si=nE_KHt8svVXy46ET



Thank You

We celebrated International Women's Day with a special visit from Karen Walker, who gave an engaging talk on her role in the story of Dolly the Sheep. Dolly, born in 1996 at the Roslin Institute, was the first mammal cloned from an adult cell and marked a major scientific breakthrough. Residents were fascinated by the talk and greatly enjoyed hearing Karen's personal experiences.



Celebrations in our home

The 100th Birthday celebration of Betty!

We spoke with Betty beforehand to understand what turning 100 feels like. Betty said "I never imagined id be 100 and now that I am close its as if I cannot remember all the years that have passed." Betty shared that having experienced a long-lasting love afforded her a very happy, full, and meaningful life. Betty celebrated in style with all her loved ones here at Queens Manor and enjoyed a 2nd celebration with her friends here, staff and family.

