

Hickathrift House

NEWSLETTER



BARCHESTER

Celebrating life



Egg-citing Easter

General Manager Focus

'Chick' out our latest newsletter! Inside you'll find the latest and greatest plans for May. While catching up on our wonderful egg-cellent Easter activities.

I'd like to start by welcoming all the new residents and staff to Hickathrift House Care Home. It's so lovely to meet you all and we're looking forward to getting to know you. I truly hope you have all enjoyed being here and are excited to join in the celebrations this month.

What a fantastic Easter we've had here at Hickathrift House. We're so thrilled that everyone had a lovely time with the various local groups who joined us and an array of activities and events.

In May we'll be continuing the fun with even more outings, celebrations and our Spring Fair on the 16th of May from 11am – 3pm. If you'd like a stall or volunteer with residents, please get in contact with our Activities Team. Any donations for our tombola and raffle are greatly appreciated.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the annual Barchester Care Awards! These are closing soon, and we hope you'll help the team get recognised for their passion and dedication to the home. More information in the newsletter.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Paula Melerski,
General Manager



Dates for your Diary!

Join us this May!

- 5th PAT Dog Visit
- 8th VE Day Parade & Bacon Butty Morning
- 12th In House Church Service from the Local Methodist Church
- 13th Local History Talk
- 14th Virtual Scottish Whisky Experience Event
- 15th Local Knit and Natter Club
- 16th Spring Fair
- 19th Residents' Meeting
- 21st Yoga with Debs' Mindful Movement
- 22nd Relatives' Meeting
- 27th Barchester Goes Gaming Big Quiz Virtual Event
- 29th Bailey's and Biscuit
- 31st Gentlemen's Club





WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO AT Hickathrift House



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Easter to all!

Our highlights included a fantastic Easter Party with KJ & The Catt, where residents, staff and visitors enjoyed singing, dancing, and a brilliant atmosphere. We were also delighted by a special visit from the Hickathrift Easter Bunny, who brought smiles, hugs, and plenty of chocolate treats! Another particularly special moment this Easter was residents and staff creating a beautiful Easter cross for our local Methodist Church. A huge thank you to Julie for going above and beyond to make this so meaningful for everyone.

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrating England's Patron Saint, George.

We had a wonderful time celebrating St George's Day here at Hickathrift House! Residents enjoyed a scrumptious English dining experience prepared by our talented Second Chef, Toni. The English dumpling stew and apple crumble went down a treat. The day was made even more special with fantastic live musical entertainment from The Rummuns! Alan and Sharon had us laughing and dancing all afternoon. A huge thank you for such a brilliant performance.



POST A WISH CELEBRATIONS

This month our team has had the privilege to grant Jean and Eileen's wishes! Jean and Eileen wanted to shop till they couldn't no more. So, our team worked together to organise a fabulous day out at Springfields together with other ladies who love to shop. It was a beautiful day out and a delicious lunch too! Jean grabbed a selection of books that took her fancy while Eileen explored the clothing racks and stationary shops. The other ladies grabbed jewellery, jumpers and more. It was a wonderful opportunity for a ladies shopping day.

If your loved one has a wish, from going ice skating to meeting an alpaca, we will try our hardest to make it happen! Please contact Kat via HickathriftHouse.Activities@Barchester.com to discuss making these wishes a reality.



Join us for our events throughout May.

May Day

Friday 1st – All Day

Celebrate the joy of May Day by creating mini maypoles with Gratitude 43 as well as May Day tradition reminiscing.

VE Day Reminiscence

Friday 8th – All Day

Step back in time with VE Day memories through military slang, nostalgic music, and shared personal stories.

Wisbech Canal History Talk with Bill Smith

Wednesday 13th – 11am

Join local historian, Bill Smith for a fascinating and engaging Powerpoint talk, exploring the rich history of the Wisbech Canal.

Spring Fair

Saturday 16th – 11am – 3pm

Enjoy a vibrant Spring Fair filled with a variety of stalls, live music from KJ & the Catt and something for everyone to enjoy.

PAT Dog Visit

Tuesday 19th – 11am

Come along and meet one of our fluffy friends and their owner Sandy, and enjoy heart-warming moments of storytelling and reminiscing.

Barchester Goes Gaming – Big Quiz

Wednesday 27th – 2.30pm

Put your brain to the test with a lively and interactive quiz and compete with hundreds of homes across the country!

Gentlemen's Club

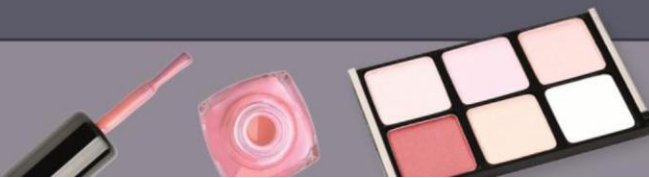
Sunday 31st – 2:30pm

A relaxed and welcoming space for men to chat, connect and enjoy games.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS.

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WHAT WE'VE GOT PLANNED AT...

Hickathrift House

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Help us mark this momentous occasion together.

On the 8th from 10:30am we will be welcoming members from the armed forces to our Veteran's Bacon Butty Morning for a VE Day parade, speeches and honouring those who have fought in the war. Afterwards around 11:15am we'll be enjoying delicious bacon butties made by our Head Chef Nicci. Our other activities throughout the week include poetry, quizzes, crafts and reminiscing activities. We hope you'll join.

SPRING FAIR

Join us for an amazing day at Hickathrift House.

Come explore our Spring Fair on the 16th of May from 11am to 3pm. We have a selection of stalls, live entertainment, a pony, PAT Dogs, and a BBQ. We are still accepting stall holders to make the event bigger and better. All funds raised help to create unique life enriching moments, bigger events, and incredible outings. Any tombola prizes are greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

WISBECH CANAL HISTORY TALK

Learn all about our local history.

Welcoming historian Bill Smith to our home from 11am on the 13th of May for a fascinating pictorial presentation of Wisbech Canal. There is also an opportunity to purchase a selection of books from Bill.

RESIDENTS' & RELATIVE'S MEETINGS

Come have your say!

These meetings are for you to have your say and speak to our Heads of Departments and General Manager over delicious refreshments. Our Relative's Meeting is on the 22nd of May from 2:30pm and we hope to see the loved ones there. Our Residents' Meeting is on the 19th of May from 3:30pm. Come share your opinions and learn all about our home.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

- 3rd – Methodist Sunday Service
- 4th – Fakenham Horse Racing
- 6th - Children's Nursery
- 11th - Local Pub Trip
- 15th - ASDA Shopping Trip
- 20th – Emneth Over 60s Coffee Morning
- 24th - Worzals Garden Centre
- 27th - Methodist Church Coffee Morning
- 28th - Sea Life Centre
- 29th - Norfolk Knitters and Stitches Club

If you'd like to volunteer for one of our trips or join your loved ones, please don't hesitate to get in contact with our Activities Team.

Additionally, we're planning many Hunstanton/Sandringham trips this Summer so please let us know if you'd like to join your loved one.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT Hickathrift House

PET PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Thank you for bringing such smiles to our residents.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who submitted their pet photographs to our competition. We are pleased to share that Nelson won by a whisker! Congratulations Nelson!



COFFEE MORNING

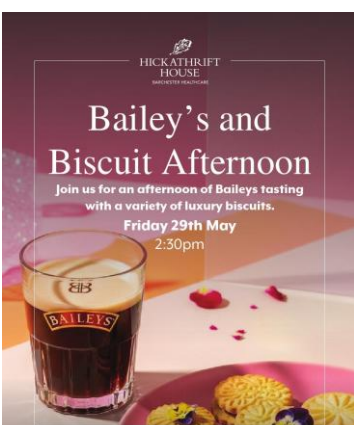
Learn all about us on the 26th from 10:30am – 12pm.

Come meet and share your life history with our team and residents. We'll have a range of activities to spark conversations and ignite memories while introducing our new conversation ball. A selection of refreshments will be available and a tour of our home.

MEETING ROOMS

Looking for somewhere to host an event or meeting?

We have a meeting room that's available for free to members of the community and professionals. So, whether you need a space to host a fundraiser, a professional meeting or a committee meeting, we are here to help! Call us on 01945 430636 to arrange a viewing.



BAILEYS AND BISCUIT

You're invited to this scrumptious event.

Join us at 2:30pm on the 29th of May to celebrate National Biscuit Day with a delicious Baileys and Biscuit Tasting Afternoon. Residents and guests can enjoy a selection of tasty biscuits paired with a little Baileys treat, creating the perfect cosy and indulgent experience.

LET'S TALK

facebook

Don't forgot to follow us at
[@BarchesterHickathriftHouse](#)

Our best story this month had 40
likes, comments & shares.

HAPPY EASTER

We've had a truly wonderful time celebrating Easter with a week full of fun, laughter, and meaningful moments! Our highlights included a fantastic Easter Party with KJ & The Catt, where residents, staff and visitors enjoyed singing, dancing, and a brilliant atmosphere.

Our Facebook page is updated every day with photos of life at Hickathrift House Care Home and we appreciate all your comments, likes and shares.

BARCHESTER CARE AWARDS

NOMINATE A HICKATHRIFT MEMBER TODAY!

The annual Barchester Care Awards is a fantastic opportunity to recognise the individuals that consistently go above and beyond to support our residents, their families and other team members.

Nominations are **CLOSING SOON** for this year's awards, and you can put in your nominations via the link here today. [CLICK HERE!!!](#) There are over 15 categories, and we can't wait to update you if we get shortlisted!

All types of people can nominate from residents and their loved ones to volunteers and visitors. Our team greatly appreciates any nominations for any of the categories. A huge thank you in advance and hopefully this year our team gets recognised.

Thank You

From all the team at Hickathrift House we'd like to say a big thank you to you all for your support and understanding.
Thank you for getting involved.

We'd really appreciate a review from you and your family about your opinions of Hickathrift House at [Google](#) or [Carehome.co.uk](#)

CELEBRATIONS!

To start we'd like to welcome all new and returning residents who have joined us this month. We hope you have a fantastic stay. Happy Birthday to Graham, Jean, Betty and Eileen. We hope you had a superb birthday with loved ones, friends and staff. Congratulations to Keisha, one of our lovely carers for being voted Life Enrichment Champion of March! She was voted for her initiative to learn Swedish from Agneta and use Google Translate to test Agneta's memory too. It was a fantastic activity that has led to more staff trying to learn Swedish and support Agneta's identity. Another Congratulations to Ceri, a night carer who won our Employee of the Month award. Ceri was voted by residents and staff for her attention to detail, incredible teamwork skills and passion. We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Sandy, owner of our newest PAT dogs, Willow and Lana, for dedicating so much time to our home and visiting us bi-weekly. These beautiful dogs bring so much joy to all the residents every single visit.

Please don't hesitate to contact our Activities Team who'll help arrange special moments for your loved ones, from anniversaries to birthdays and our Post a Wish initiative.

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