



General Manager Focus



What a wonderful month June has been at Wood Grange! Although we endured an incredible heatwave, our amazing team went above and beyond to ensure our residents remained safe, comfortable and hydrated. From ice lollies and cool drinks to paddling pools, shaded garden time and plenty of smiles, everyone pulled together to make the very best of the warm weather. We welcomed visits from local school children, enjoyed cuddles with an adorable kitten, and created lasting memories on some fantastic outings. Our beautiful gardens have been the perfect place to relax, socialise and soak up the sunshine, with so many special moments shared together. A huge thank you also goes to our residents, relatives and visitors for your patience and understanding while our WOW works continue. Your support has been greatly appreciated, and we can't wait to show you the finished results. As we say goodbye to June, we'd like to thank our wonderful residents, relatives, volunteers and dedicated team for making it such a memorable month. Here's to July, where even more laughter, adventures and precious memories await!

Katya, General Manager

Dates for your Diary

JULY

03.07.26
Coffee Morning playing
Café

06.07.26
Get Barchester Moving
Week

07.07.26
Rock n' Roll Party

10.07.26
Summer Time Special

16.07.26
Knit and Natter

18.07.26
Ukulele Orchestra

19.07.26
National Ice Cream Day

21.07.26
Stone Street Sounds

27.07.26
Holy Communion

30.07.26
Magic Merlin – Magician

31.07.26
Elvis Party!



HAPPY CARERS WEEK!

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our amazing carers for their dedication, compassion, and hard work every single day. The care, kindness, and support you provide make such a difference to the lives of our residents and their families.

To show our appreciation, we treated our wonderful team to some delicious pizza and chocolates as a small token of our gratitude.



INTERNATIONAL CHEESE DAY!

We enjoyed celebrating with a delicious selection of cheeses and plenty of smiles! From creamy classics, everyone had a wonderful time!



What we've been up to...



STRICTLY ENTERTAINMENT

What a fantastic show we received from Sadie at Strictly Entertainment! From the moment she started performing, our residents were completely engaged. Her professionalism, talent, and warm personality shone through, creating a wonderful atmosphere that had everyone singing along and joining in.

VISIT FROM LENNIE

We had a very special visitor at the home – Lennie, a beautiful 15-week-old Persian kitten! Lennie was full of beans and kept everyone entertained with his playful personality and boundless energy. Residents loved spending time with him, enjoying plenty of cuddles and watching his mischievous antics. For some, Lennie's visit brought back fond memories of beloved cats they had owned over the years, sparking wonderful conversations and reminiscence.





FATHER'S DAY OUTING

We celebrated Father's Day with a special trip to Nene Valley Railway for some of gentlemen residents and relatives. The day was dedicated to celebrating all fathers, father figures, grandads and important men who have made a difference in our lives. We had a wonderful time travelling on the Polish Tank Engine, enjoying the sights.

PICNIC OUTING

Our residents at Wood Grange enjoyed a wonderful outing to Rutland Water for a relaxing picnic in the sunshine. We were delighted to be joined by two lovely work experience girls, who were absolutely amazing with our residents. Their friendly nature, kindness, and enthusiasm made the day even more special for everyone. The residents enjoyed soaking up the sun, chatting together, taking in the beautiful surroundings, and simply relaxing outdoors. We also tucked into a delicious picnic prepared by our fantastic kitchen team, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Wood Grange had some flying visitors...

OWL ADVENTURES

A huge thank you to Ryan from Owl Adventures for bringing along some truly amazing birds for us to meet. We were delighted to welcome a beautiful barn owl, an adorable 5-week-old baby barn owl, a hawk, and several other magnificent owls.

Everyone was incredibly brave, with many residents and staff enjoying the opportunity to hold the birds and get up close to these wonderful creatures. The excitement didn't stop there... we even got to watch them fly across our lounge, which was an unforgettable experience for all!

There were lots of smiles, laughter, and wonderful conversations throughout the visit. Thank you, Ryan, for such an engaging and memorable afternoon.



LET'S TALK *facebook*

Our best story this month had 2,145 views

Hydration for Everyone!



Residents and staff were treated to jugs of Pimm's, cold beers, ice lollies and delicious ice creams.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND Wood Grange

Join us on Saturday 29th August for our much-loved Annual Summer Fete at Wood Grange Care Home!

We're looking for stall holders, entertainers, performers, and local businesses who would like to be part of this fantastic community event and help make the day extra special for our residents, families, and visitors.

Whether you sell handmade crafts, local produce, gifts, or provide entertainment, we'd love to hear from you!

Email: activities.woodgrange@barchester.com

Call: 01778 424010

Everyone is invited! Come along for an afternoon of fun, live music, stalls, refreshments, and community spirit.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

As our Activities Coordinator, Anya works incredibly hard to keep our residents engaged and entertained, organising activities in the home, arranging outings, and bringing in wonderful external entertainers. She also goes the extra mile for our staff, organising celebrations and helping create a positive atmosphere for everyone. This recognition is a reflection on her hard work – Anya consistently goes above and beyond, often coming in on her annual leave and days off. We are also proud that Anya recently won a Barchester-wide competition for her newsletters, competing against all other Barchester homes.



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