

Hickathrift House

NEWSLETTER



General Manager Focus



SIZZLING SUMMER NEWS

Check out our latest newsletter! Inside you'll find the latest and greatest plans for August, while catching up on our joyful July activities.

I'd like to start by welcoming all our 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 all enjoy being here and are excited to join in the celebrations.

What a superb July we've had! The sun has been blazing and we've been celebrating with themed days like a day in Belgium, a beach afternoon and more. We've also absolutely loved having Cambridgeshire Police Fraud and Cyber Prevention Team and Bridge for Heroes join us for our Community Coffee Morning.

We hope you'll join us on our special events coming up particularly our Family and Friends Summer BBQ, Open Day and Dogs for the Blind Talk. Also please note we are changing our regular coffee morning to the 8th instead of the 7th in support of the Defibrillator Coffee Morning with the Emneth Over 60s Club.

Thank you all for your ongoing support! Please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Paula Melerski
General Manager



Dates for your Diary

Join us in August!

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| 7 th | Gratitude 43
Decoupage
Workshop |
| 8 th | Defibrillator Coffee
Morning with
Emneth Over 60s |
| 9 th | Viva La Voce
Choir |
| 11 th | A Day in Africa |
| 13 th | Virtual Puppetry
Workshop |
| 14 th | PAT Dog Visit |
| 15 th | Summer BBQ |
| 20 th | Yoga with Debs |
| 21 st | Open Day |
| 25 th | Dogs for the Blind
Talk |
| 25 th | Residents'
Meeting |
| 26 th | Virtual Beat the
Clock Games
Event |
| 28 th | PAT Dog |
| 30 th | Gentlemen's Club |



SUMMER BBQ

Celebrate our friends and family.

Join us for a Summer BBQ with a beachy twist on the 15th of August from 12pm to 3pm!

We're bringing the seaside to you with a fun-filled afternoon of delicious BBQ food, refreshing drinks, and a relaxed summer atmosphere. Expect beach-themed decorations, great music from KJ & the Catt and plenty of opportunities to sit back, unwind and soak up the sunshine with friends and family.

Good food, summer vibes and wonderful company. What more could we need!

Please RSVP if possible but not required.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Join us on the 25th at 11am for our Community Coffee Morning with Dogs for the Blind. Learn all about this incredible charity, all about the fantastic dogs and enjoy a selection of delicious refreshments from our home. We hope to see you there.



What we've been up to...



A DAY IN BELGIUM

Celebrating all things Belgium, especially the chocolate!

The fun started with themed word games, a lively football toss inspired by Belgium's sporting spirit, and a fantastic Baking Club session where residents created their own chocolate delights, which went down an absolute treat! We also loved designing our own chocolate bars while reminiscing. Residents enjoyed a virtual trip through Belgium with our armchair travels, learning about its rich history, culture, and of course its world-famous chocolate. And of course, a chocolate tasting session.

POP UP BEACH

Making the most of the British Summer at Hickathrift.

Well... the British weather had other plans, so instead of heading outside for our pop-up beach, we decided to bring the beach to us! Our pop-up beach trolley was packed with everything you'd expect from a seaside day out, ice cream, a sensory sand tub (no sand in your shoes though!), a gorgeous knitted beach scene from our talented local knitters, vintage travel brochures to spark those holiday memories and so much more.





Join us for our events throughout August.

Gratitude 43 Decoupage Workshop

Friday 7th – 2:30pm

Get creative and craft your own seaside inspired masterpiece with Debbie.

Defibrillator Fundraiser

Saturday 8th – 10am – 2pm

Enjoy treats, crafts and community spirit while supporting a life saving cause, organised by the Emneth Over 60s club.

A Day in Africa

Tuesday 11th – All Day

Experience the sights, flavours and culture of Africa without leaving your seat.

Summer BBQ

Saturday 15th – 12pm – 3pm

Great food by our Head Chef Nicki, great music by KJ & the Catt and even better company in the sunshine at our annual family and friends Summer BBQ.

Open Day

Friday 21st – All Day

Discover our home, meet new friends and enjoy our local knit and natter club from 2:30pm with an afternoon tea.

Dogs for the Blind Association Talk

Wednesday 29th – 11am

Be inspired by an incredible talk and heart-warming stories by our superb speaker.

Barchester Goes Gaming

Thursday 30th – 2:30pm

Join the excitement as we go head-to-head in a fun virtual Beat the Clock challenge.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS.

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Trips in August

Sunday Service

Sunday 2nd at 10:15am

Take a trip to the local Methodist Chapel.



Local Pub Trip

Tuesday 4th at 2pm

Have a tippie or two with friends in the sunshine.

Local Garden Centre

Wednesday 5th at 10am

Explore the summer flowers and plants.



Marshland Hall Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th at 10am

Let's have a hot beverage at our local village hall



Our trips are free of charge, and please don't hesitate to let us know if you'd like to join your loved ones by calling: 01945 430636

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Wisbech Park Strolls

Friday 14th at 10am

Take a leisurely stroll around our local park in the sunshine.



Indian Meal Experience

Tuesday 18th at 12pm

Indulge in a local Indian restaurant for a delicious meal.

Norfolk Lavender

Wednesday 19th at 10am

Explore the beautiful gardens and smell the lavender.



Pop to the Supermarket

Wednesday 26th at 10am

Let's go grab a deal and any items you're after.

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LET'S TALK *facebook*

Don't forget to follow us at
@BarchesterHickathriftHouse

Our best story this month
had 44 likes.

Celebrating Meaningful Moments Life Enrichment Competition Winner

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Sarah, our Deputy Manager, who has received our Monthly Life Enrichment Competition Award for creating the most meaningful interaction with a resident in the month.

Sarah often shares truly special moments with multiple residents from sing-alongs, reminiscing chats and bringing joy during her normal day to day job.

Thank you to everyone who engages with our Facebook Page.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND **Hickathrift House**

PIMMS PARTY ON THE PATIO

Enjoy this family friendly afternoon at Hickathrift.

Join us for a cake and coffee fundraiser on the 8th of August from 10am to 2pm, in support of raising funds for a new defibrillator, organised by the Emneth Over 60s club.

Enjoy a lovely selection of homemade cakes, fresh coffee, and friendly conversations, all while helping to raise funds for an important piece of life-saving equipment for our community. Your support can truly make a difference.

At 12pm, we'll be having a riveting talk about the defibrillator, and there are plenty of raffles and craft stalls to explore.

Come for the cake, stay for the cause and help us make our community safer.

Thank You

From all the team at Hickathrift House 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 on [Google](#) or Carehome.co.uk

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Gerry, our Head of Maintenance, for winning our Employee of the Month Award for June. Gerry has consistently gone above and beyond in his role, demonstrating kindness, passion and providing high standards in health and safety. Our life enrichment winner this month is Kanita, Administrator for her person-centred approach when delivering menus and engaging with residents. Congratulations and see you soon to Kelly, our Head of Memory Lane Community Manager who is now on maternity leave expecting her second child. We can't wait to add another little one to our Hickathrift family.

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