

Bramley Care News

Providers of bespoke, professional care for older people

June 2024

BRAMLEY HOUSE

RESIDENTS

Birthdays

2 June	Betty B and Betty S
23 June	Jean H
6 July	Benita
8 July	Janis
26 July	Anne F

Dates for your diary

Thursday 13 June
Residents and family meeting
2.00pm

Events

Tuesday 11 June 2.30pm
Bramley House will be hosting the Mere Mothers Union Summer Tea Party

Summer Garden Party
Friday 12 July 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Family and friends events at Bramley House

Cheese and wine evening
Friday 20 September 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Harvest Festival lunch
Sunday 6 October 12noon - 2.30pm

Sharandys Birds of Prey

What a wonderful experience it was for everyone at Bramley House to be able to get up so close to these marvellous birds.



Sharandys Birds of Prey paid a visit to the residents of Bramley House with just a small collection of their beautiful and majestic birds of prey for our residents to meet, handle and learn more about.

Paula Celebrates 30 years at Bramley House

On Tuesday 2 July, Paula will be celebrating 30yrs at Bramley House. Paula is currently the Manager at Bramley House, but on her arrival there in 1994 she worked in the kitchen as a Kitchen Assistant. Paula then decided to become more directly involved with the day-to-day care of the residents, taking on the role of a Carer and then Senior Carer before becoming Home Manager in 2023



Paula has always lived in Mere and considers herself really lucky to live in such a beautiful place. When Paula is not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, walking her dog in and around Mere, swimming, Pilates and loves to cook.

Burns Night Celebrations

Bramley House celebrated Burns Night with a Scottish themed lunch complete with a haggis, made by Chef Camilla and her team.



The haggis was slain by Paula (Manager), and was followed by a toast to the ladies. The residents were then joined by John McClaren who played the bagpipes. He also showed the residents his 'In and out knife', which he uses to slay the haggis, this was made from his wooden policeman's truncheon.



New Wing for Advanced Stage Dementia at Bramley House

The Directors of Bramley Care, Richard and Sarah Wagner, are thrilled to announce the creation of a new dementia care wing at Bramley House. This is designed to cater for residents with advanced stage dementia.

This significant development enables Bramley Care to provide comprehensive age-related care, ranging from home care services to full 24-hour dementia care. This area is separate from our existing facility and, importantly, will have no impact on our existing residential services at Bramley House.

Cocktails, wines, and chocolate of course!

Camilla and her team have been busy planning some special food and drink events to tantalise the tastebuds of the residents at Bramley House. National Cocktail Day was celebrated with a selection of cocktails. To celebrate National Wine Week a range of wine pairing meals will be served throughout the week and on National Chocolate Day, some extra special chocolate treats will be served.



Kenneth's 100th Birthday

Kenneth celebrated his 100th Birthday at Millbrook House in February, and as he had been a Captain in the Royal Marines from 1942 until the end of the war, his daughter Suzie wanted to arrange something special. So, she invited a representative of the Royal Marine's, to come along to Millbrook House and present Kenneth with his birthday card from King Charles.

Following the presentation Kenneth and around 15 guests celebrated with a buffet style lunch with Champagne in the sunroom. His guests were a mixture of family and old friends and as it was such a lovely day they were also able to enjoy a walk around our beautiful gardens and enjoy the snow drops and daffodils that were in full bloom.



Kenneth has been a resident at Millbrook House for almost a year now. He originally came to stay with us for a respite break but loved it here so much he never went

home. He has now become a well embedded member of our wonderful family and enjoys the activities and the company of the other residents and staff.

Easter celebrations



Easter is always a popular celebration at all our Bramley Care homes, and this was definitely the case at Millbrook House.

On Easter Monday the residents of Millbrook House invited their family and friends to join them for afternoon tea with a lovely selection of scrumptious Easter goodies created by our in-house catering



team, a display of all the marvellous Easter bonnets everyone had been busy creating and an Easter egg hunt which the children (and the grown-ups of course) all thoroughly enjoyed.

Staff updates

Congratulations to Ana from Millbrook House who has completed her Care Certificate (pictured right).

Good Luck to Chloe who is going off on a sabbatical to southeast Asia. She will do a slide show for us all when she gets back!



Internet update

We are pleased to announce that Wessex Internet have now completed their installation of a full fibre connection to Millbrook House. After many years of relying upon our own DIY internet over a slow copper BT telephone line, we are now able to offer a reliable and fast internet access in all our rooms at Millbrook House.

RESIDENTS

Birthdays

3 June	Sheila S
11 June	Edna
23 June	Freddie
27 June	Ken
4 July	Jim
12 August	Mary
13 August	Ken

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 5 June 2.00pm
Residents and family meeting

Family and friends events at Millbrook House

Saturday 10 August 2.00pm
Summer Garden Party

RESIDENTS

Birthdays

- 4 June Gordon
- 26 June Angela
- 27 June June
- 7 August John
- 22 August Elizabeth



Garwynns Reptiles and Bugs

Garwynns Reptiles and Bugs paid a visit recently to the residents of The Old Rectory. Garwynns share and show more unusual creatures in a safe and informative way, dispelling some of the myths surrounding them and helping people to overcome their fears and appreciate these unusual creatures true beauty.

The residents at The Old Rectory definitely enjoyed their close encounters with all the reptiles and bugs.

Dates for your diary

Family and friends events at The Old Rectory

Saturday 20 July 12noon
BBQ

Residents and family meeting
Thursday 6 June 11.00am

Interactive puppy



The Old Rectory have been presented with this lovely interactive puppy, by Annie and Keith from the Dementia Friendly Gillingham Group.

The puppy responds to touch and sound and due to their lifelike

appearance and realistic behaviours they can offer emotional comfort, stress reduction, memory stimulation, social engagement, physical interaction, as well as helping with routine, and companionship to our residents facing cognitive challenges.

Just kidding around



In March the residents of The Old Rectory had a lovely surprise visit from some very special little visitors. Two gorgeous three day old baby goats were brought in by their owner Sophie. The residents absolutely loved cuddling and making a fuss of them. It looks like the goats loved it to!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us at Bramley Care as a volunteer and make a meaningful impact on the lives of our residents living in Bramley House (Mere), Millbrook House (Child Okeford) or The Old Rectory (Stalbridge). For more information visit bramleycare.co.uk/volunteering



Recognising staff excellence



Since our last newsletter we have had a 13-way tie for our Peanut Award which recognises the wonderful job our home carers do here at Bramley Home Care.

Therefore, we would like to send our congratulations to Alex, Mandy, Atesha, Ashley, Caron, Jess, Karen, Kasia, Maria, Matt, Andrea, Zivai and Caroline on receiving your Peanut Awards.

If you are a client of Bramley Home Care, please don't stop letting us know when someone performs excellently as all new submissions will count towards the next quarters award!



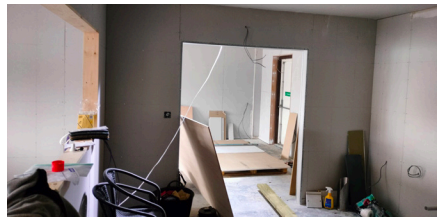
Members of our Home Care team will be at Sherborne Artisan Markets from 10.00am - 3.00pm on Sunday 16 June, Sunday 21 July, Sunday 18 August, and Sunday 15 September.

If you would like to know how our dedicated team of caregivers can provide you with a professional, reliable home care service tailored to meet your needs. Then please stop by for an informal chat.

Bramley Training Centre update

Our new training centre is beginning to take shape! The first fix of plumbing and electrical wiring is in, the partitions have been built and the plastering is well underway.

The new training centre will have an array of equipment including lifting equipment, a bed, kitchen, and laundry giving us a facility that will enable Bramley Care to ensure all its care staff are trained to the highest standards.



Our handymen, Stuart and Paul having a well-earned cuppa!



Bramley Home Care Advisory Committee

We are still looking for clients or their relatives to join our Bramley Home Care Advisory Committee. We would like your input to ensure that we continue to do the things that you want us to do, and to join us on interview panels for new staff recruitment. If you are interested, please contact the Home Care Office.

Staff update

Sadly, Marg Miles our Senior Team Leader will be stepping down from her role as a team leader with us at Bramley Home Care. She will however continue to work with us as a carer, assist with future training and take on a new welfare role.

Leave us a review

Your reviews are important to us at Bramley Care and those looking to use Bramley Care in the future, so please visit:

carehome.co.uk to leave a review of our Care Homes.
Bramley House, Mere | Millbrook House, Child Okeford | The Old Rectory, Stalbridge
OR **homecare.co.uk** to review our Home Care services.

