

Abbey Together

The newsletter of Amesbury Abbey Group

September 2025



A September to Remember

September was sensational. There's been so much happening that it's been hard to keep up! It's wonderful when our residents' loved ones come to entertain us, and Luke Futchter was no exception. A special mention for the fantastic Sharandys Birds of Prey event, which had a full turnout from nursing home and independent living. There were milestone birthdays with spectacular cakes, a visit to the seaside for fish and chips, evenings of fine dining and charity fundraising bakes. We certainly made the most of sunshine between autumn showers and I hope you will enjoy reading all about it...



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Talkin' All That Jazz

The sun came back out after weeks of relentless rain, and we were delighted to welcome a very talented resident's grandson to the Manor drawing room for a spot of pre-lunch smooth jazz one Friday morning. Luke Fletcher took us on a trip down memory lane and had everyone tapping their toes and singing along to hits from the 30s and 40s with his mellifluous vocals. Such a kind gesture and much appreciated by everyone.





Our Feathered Friends

Residents of Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home and independent living, along with a number of very excited family members and staff, had an absolutely fantastic afternoon with Sharandys Birds of Prey. We were all fascinated, thrilled, and charmed to meet, handle, and learn more about their incredible birds. We'll let the pictures do the talking, but suffice it to say we'll be sure to book a return visit!

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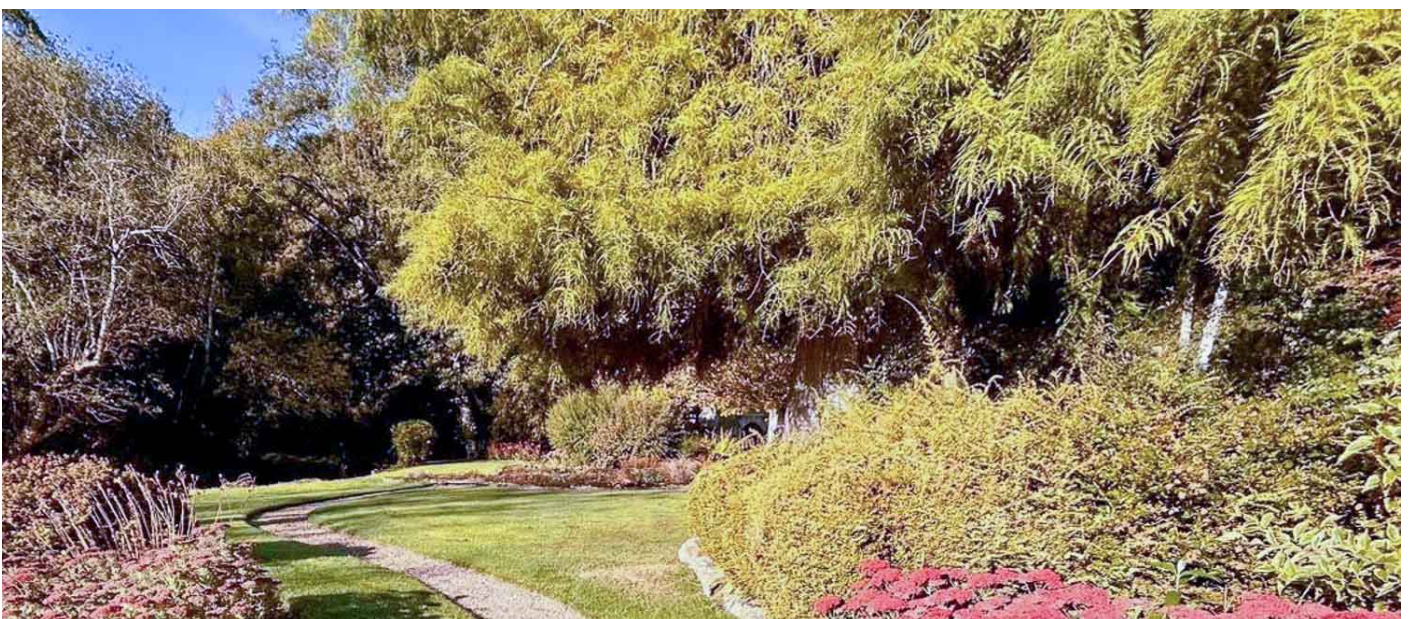
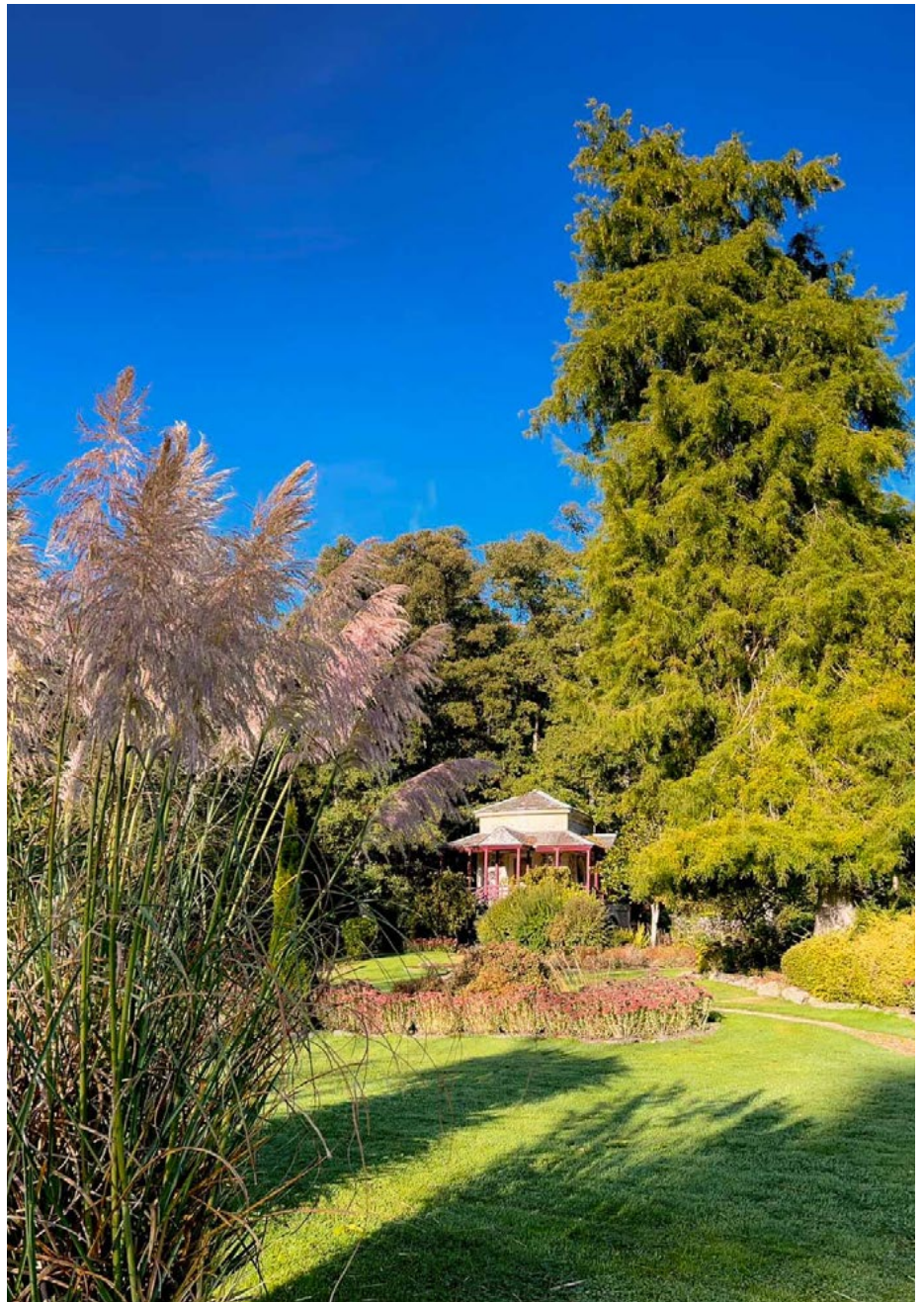
"Thank you so much for laying this event on – our mother absolutely raved about it and said everyone loved it. Thank you to the bird handlers from Sharandys Birds of Prey, too, who were obviously so kind, ensuring everyone got up close to these beautiful creatures."

– Harriet



Serenity in the Garden

Never mind the fog and mizzle, the Chinese Summer House and the Abbey grounds are looking stunning. The beginning of autumn in all its glorious rainbow colours are the backdrop for some wonderful walks.





Chef's Kiss!

Oh, what a night! The Fine Dining Evening at Abbey Mews gave us a mouthwatering menu Gordon Ramsay would have been proud of, the care of Chef Tom, with the Mews A Team, Teresa, Kelly & Tryfena in service and behind the scenes.

Amuse Bouche to start, followed by Cullen Skink soup with lemon gremolata and spring onion bread. Next up is a king scallop with cauliflower textures. The main course was a trio of lamb. Raspberry sorbet cleansed the palate and pudding was a chocolate & hazelnut delice with local cheese & crackers, coffee & petit fours to close the show! A resounding 10 out of 10 from the residents! We'll be back for an encore soon.

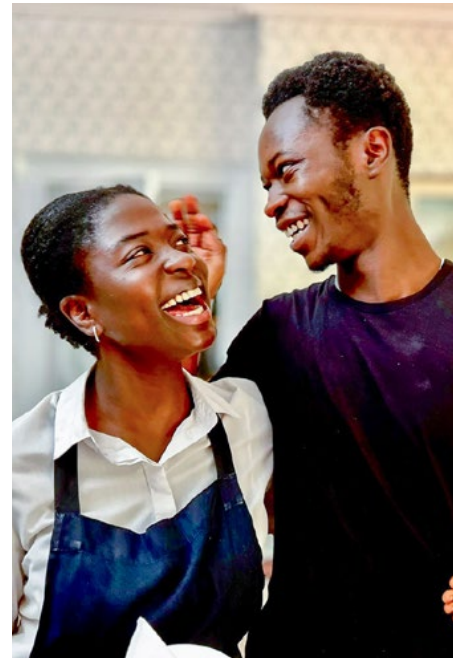




On to New Adventures

Partings are such sweet sorrow, and we were all so sad to say goodbye to wonder woman, Tryfena Peprah. An angel to so many departments and people, she has cheered many a rainy day with her infectious smile and can-do attitude.

Residents and staff will miss you, Tryfena, but we know you're going to have the best time at uni and will be back to see us before too long to tell us all about it!





102 Candles & Counting

It's not every day you turn 102, and we were delighted to wish the Happiest of Birthdays to the one and only, Mrs Philippa Weatherly. We are very proud to have supported and looked after Mrs Weatherly for the last 24 years (!), both in the independent living and more recently in the nursing home.

She is an incredible force of nature and is certainly not slowing down for anyone. Out for a birthday lunch with family and friends, then home for a tea party. Bernie served her guests bubbles and or a cup of tea, and Yvonne made an absolutely showstopping cake, iced to perfection. The perfect day, we'd say!



Here Comes the Sun

Life is always better with good friends, fresh air, and a little sun on your face, and the first weekend of September was just wonderful. Residents at the Abbey spent the afternoons soaking up the sunshine down on the banks of the Avon.

There's no better spot to while away a few hours with good company and a fabulous view.



Macmillan Magic at the Manor & Abbey

We were delighted to host some extremely successful Macmillan Coffee Mornings this month at both Amesbury Abbey and Sutton Manor, with nearly £600 being raised for this most worthy of causes, close to so many hearts.





Staff and residents enjoyed some amazing baked treats from our wonderful chefs, not to mention some of the other members of staff who were channelling their inner Mary Berry. Nothing beats a cuppa and a piece of cake, and a very jolly morning was had at both locations.





Paw-sitive Thinking

Every month, we look forward to a very special visitor, and this September was no different. Molly, the therapy dog, was back to charm us all. Her gentle nature and sweet personality is so appreciated by the residents, especially those who are aren't able to leave their beds a great deal and those who miss their four-legged friends of old. We're delighted to have her on the team!

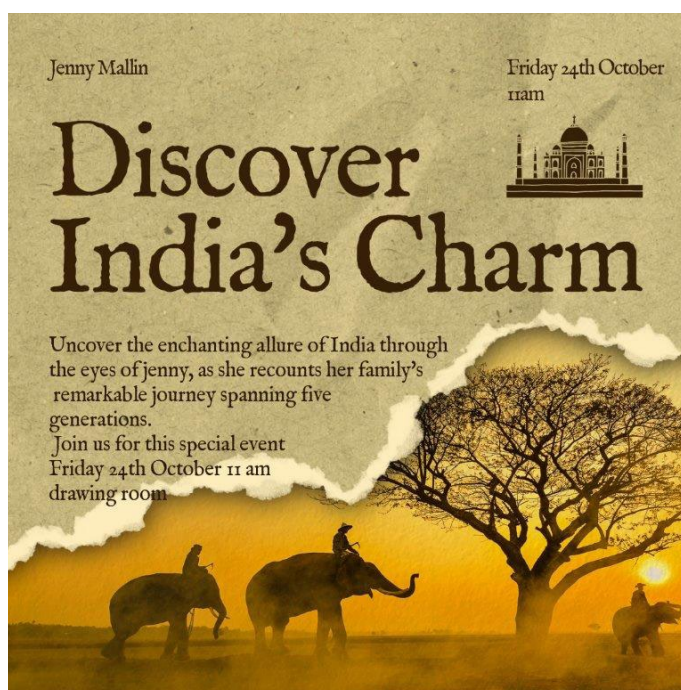
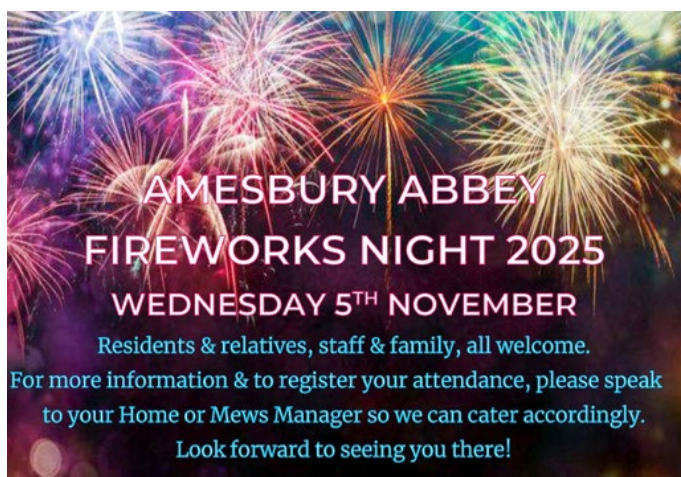


Muddeford Magic

The weather wasn't wonderful but that didn't dampen morale. Residents from Amesbury Abbey had a brilliant day out visiting Muddeford!

Fish and chips by the sea, what could be better?





Remember, Remember...

A few more dates for your diaries! The annual Fireworks Extravaganza returns to the Abbey after Sutton's showstopper last year. We're holding it on the night itself – **Weds. 5th November**, and residents, relatives, staff, and immediate family are all most welcome to join us for this much-loved event, always a highlight of the calendar.

We'll look forward to seeing you on the night if you can join us for food, a drop or two of mulled wine, and of course some fabulous fireworks.

We're also excited for our annual Christmas Fayre at Sutton Manor on **Mon. 3rd November**. They'll be lots of handmade gifts & food, and sure to get you in the Christmas spirit.

And finally, don't miss the talk by Jenny Mallin about her experiences of India. This will be in the Manor drawing room on **Fri. 24th October, at 11am**.

Please speak to your Activity Coordinators for more information about upcoming events, and save the dates!