

Abbey Together

The newsletter of Amesbury Abbey Group

August 2025



Amazing August

It's been a jam-packed month with a real holiday feel, which we've all been revelling in. The weather has been outstanding and the diary has been full. From cultural celebrations and exciting day trips to creative craft sessions and visits from our farmyard friends, there's been so much to see and do.

Residents explored local heritage sites, enjoyed a peaceful canal cruise and generally made the most of the last of summer in the great outdoors. A big thank you to our amazing staff who put so much in to planning and executing these events and for making this such an outward bound month.



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Viva España!

Residents of Amesbury Abbey enjoyed an evocative trip down memory lane with an afternoon reliving favourite memories of living, working, and holidaying in Spain.

Nona gave a wonderful presentation on the Spanish culture, including a brilliant display and the kitchen served a selection of classic Spanish dishes including a variety of tapas and a perfect paella, all washed down with some delicious Sangria on the patio in the gentle afternoon sunshine, bliss!





Bucklers Hard: A Perfect Waterside Day Out

Everyone enjoyed the trip to Bucklers Hard, and the residents absolutely loved being out and about by the water. It was such a happy, relaxing day — taking in the scenery, exploring the museum cottages, and even watching a live archaeological dig!! What more could you ask for?

Thanks to Nona for organising such an interesting day in such a magical, historic setting.

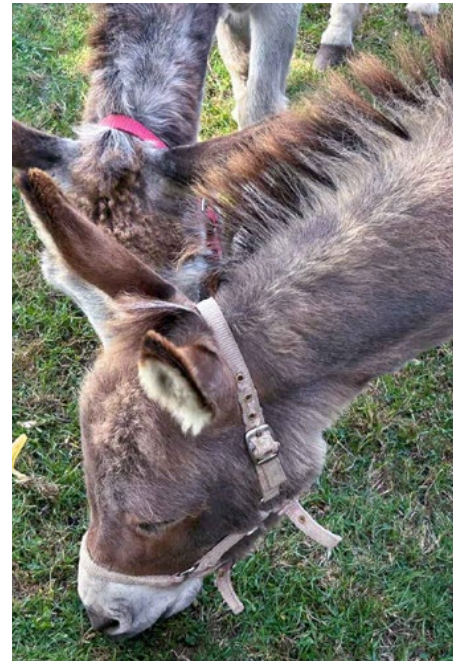




Farm Friends

Sutton Manor were delighted to play host to the Mill Cottage Farm on the front lawn.

They brought the whole ark: sheep, goats, donkeys, chickens, tortoises, ducks, guinea pigs, a dog, geese, and baby chicks!





Farm Friends

Residents, families (and staff too) spent the afternoon in the dappled shade, enjoying the animals with cool drinks and ice creams to hand. An incredibly therapeutic and relaxing experience, and a really great turnout. Thanks, as ever, to Jo for organising.



Lavender Crafting

Abbey residents enjoyed a lovely afternoon making soothingly scented lavender bags. Relaxing & restorative, and a lovely way to pass an afternoon.



RICHMOND ART SOCIETY LECTURES



EH Shepard Lecture: From War to Winnie-the-Pooh

Residents loved this month's Richmond Arts Society lecture on the life and work of E. H. Shepard — from his wartime illustrations to his beloved Winnie-the-Pooh drawings.

James Campbell, Trustee of the E. H. Shepard Estate, provided fascinating insights into Shepard's artistic journey, showcasing a range of cartoons, drawings, watercolours, maps, and commercial work.



Stepping Back in Time

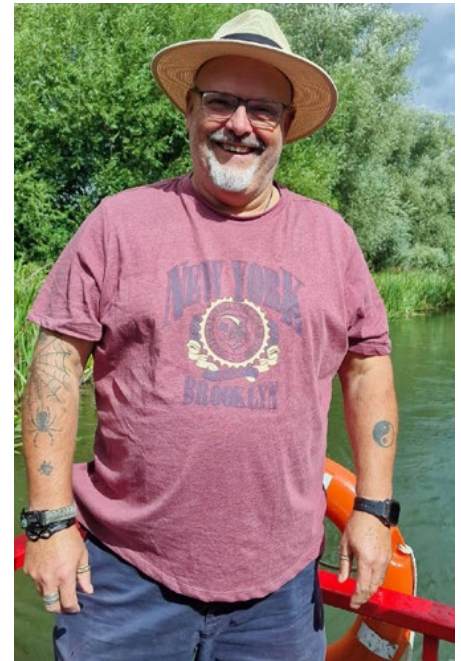
Residents had a great trip to the local **Winchester Military Museums**. There was a lot of fun dressing up and even doing a spot of reenactment!





A Wonderful Day on the Water

The last trip of the month was a fabulous day out on the Kennet & Avon canal. Residents loved travelling by barge, negotiating locks, enjoying lunch on the water, and taking in the beautiful scenery and wildlife. Thanks to Bruce Boats for making everything run so smoothly — and for helping us escape the rain! What a memorable experience.





Bank Holiday by the River

Residents at Amesbury Abbey had a very enjoyable long weekend, taking advantage of the beauty close to home at the bottom of the garden on the banks of the Avon, before the heavens opened and the weather for the month turned. Only rivers from the sky the following week!! Autumn's on its way...



Growing Memories

Sutton Manor residents enjoyed a spot of the good life with a trip to the allotment. A lovely afternoon outside and a chance to reminisce about gardens they have known and loved. We very much enjoyed seeing the variety of flowers and produce being grown, and discussed hints and tips for success and greener fingers!

