

Abbey Together

The newsletter of Amesbury Abbey Group

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Brighter Days

Spring has been serving up plenty of sunshine, and it's been a joy to see everyone making the most of the brighter days, blooming gardens, and busy calendar of activities. We've loved our musical mornings and hearing the dawn chorus. We've also enjoyed seaside adventures, creative crafts & celebrated an amazing achievement from our very own Chef, Yvette Adair. There's been plenty to smile about as we soak up the sun!



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Blue Lights

It was World Parkinson's Day on 11th April, and across the country more than 180 iconic buildings, homes & businesses lit up blue to raise awareness. Of course, we wanted to show our support and joined Amesbury's efforts by turning the Abbey blue for the night. What a fantastic photo from David Cornelius-Reid.

Sarah's Sing-along

Sutton Manor residents enjoyed a morning sing-along of musical greats with Sarah Hobbs. Her beautiful voice got everyone's toes tapping, and the majority couldn't resist joining in. We'll definitely be asking the sensational Sarah back for an encore!



Crafty Eggs

Ahead of the Big Egg Hunt, residents got stuck into some decorative egg painting, showing off their artistic flair and getting into the Easter spirit.





The Great Egg-scape

The rain held off (just!) as our seekers gathered for another epic annual egg hunt. It really is such a fun event, and it's always very special to see staff, residents and their loved ones enjoying our wonderful grounds, the beautiful spring blooms, and basketfuls of delicious chocolate.





Beside The Seaside

Residents of Abbey Nursing Home had an absolutely fantastic trip to Bournemouth this month, including a visit to the fascinating and splendid Russell-Cotes Museum. What an incredible story and a treasure trove of antiques from around the world. A brilliant day out that residents were raving about for days afterwards - highly recommended!





Showtime!

Sutton Manor residents enjoyed another wonderful morning of song and dance, courtesy of the Carousel Theatre Company. There was an excellent turnout, and the performers treated everyone to a medley of memorable songs from favourite productions - many we couldn't help but sing along too! An absolute crowd-pleaser. Who doesn't love a good show tune?





Tea-rific Day Out

It was National Tea Day earlier this month, and what better way to celebrate than a trip to Bambridge Garden Centre to enjoy the beautiful blooms and, of course, a lovely cup of tea and a scone.





Smoothie Operators

With the heat rising, residents at Amesbury Abbey greatly enjoyed preparing their own smoothies with all sorts of delicious fresh fruit and veg from the kitchen, before relaxing on the veranda overlooking the lawns in the afternoon sun.





St George's Day Celebrations

Sutton Manor marked St George's Day with a fantastic roast beef feast for lunch and an informative display in the drawing room. Meanwhile, outside, the garden was putting on a stunning display of its own - our very own ocean of English bluebells. What bliss to enjoy it all in the sunshine!



Always Going That Extra

Congratulations to all the runners who took part in this year's London Marathon – but a very special well done goes to one of our own. Chef Yvette absolutely smashed it for the TA in a mind-boggling time of 3 hours, 24 minutes and 23 seconds!

We couldn't be prouder of her achievement and very much enjoyed trying on her medal when she made it back to work looking remarkably fresh for one who'd run so far in such heat.



RICHMOND ARTS SOCIETY LECTURE



Just One Canaletto!

We enjoyed another fascinating Richmond Arts Society lecture, this time courtesy of Nick Salmond, London's Blue Badge Guide of the Year, all about Canaletto's time in London.



A Day At The Museum

Abbey residents enjoyed a great trip to Salisbury Museum. What a unique treasure trove of artefacts from across the ages, not to mention such knowledgeable staff – a really interesting and insightful morning. Most definitely worth a return visit.





105 Years Young

The very happiest of birthdays was wished to Mrs Malcolm this month – an incredible 105 years young. It's hard to believe that Mrs M has been living with us now for 23 years, in both the independent living and now the nursing home. What a truly amazing woman, and one who we all have so many fond memories with.



The Good Life

Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, Sutton's residents have been making great progress with the Manor Allotment. Slowly but surely, seeds have been sown, potatoes planted, and strawberries set ready for summer. Gardening is proven to lower stress levels and improve dexterity – and who doesn't love being outdoors? Mother Nature is hard at work, and Yvonne and Manoj will be on standby in the kitchen to whip up some tasty treats with our homegrown produce. Tom & Barbara have got nothing on us!





Let The Good Times Roll

With all these lovely long sunny afternoons to enjoy, it was time to head out onto the Abbey lawn for a spot of boules – simple pleasures at their finest. It won't be long before the croquet hoops go up for the season!

