



Welcome To Our Newsletter

What a wonderful summer we are having! We are making the most of all the opportunities to be out in the fresh air enjoying the warmth and sunshine. When the sun gets too hot or doesn't shine, we have plenty going on inside to keep our mind and body active with our varied activities. Enjoy reading our August Newsletter!

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Best wishes,

Lesley Stewart
Home Manager



Billy's Retirement

There were sad farewells all around when Billy reached his retirement. We celebrated and saw him off in style when he was presented with gifts and cards from both staff and residents. Billy spent three years at Manor Grange during which he spent a great deal of that time navigating the home through the Covid-19 pandemic, a challenge indeed for any Care Home Manager but one which he met head-on despite his own health issues. Together we have all shared much laughter and a few tears. He will be greatly missed by everyone and we wish him well in his next chapter of life when he moves to Spain.



Our New Manager

Congratulations!

Lesley Stewart officially took over as Care Home Manager on 1st August. Lesley had worked as Deputy Manager for a year before taking over as Acting Manager during Billy's absence. We congratulate Lesley in her new role and we look forward to working with her.



Manor Grange Library

Library Rejuvenation

In July, we restarted our classical music sessions in the library, this restarted predominantly as a calm space for the Dementia Group but many residents actually enjoy attending it and it is becoming increasingly popular. Pre Covid-19, the library was always one of the most popular areas within the home amongst residents and visitors. With spectacular views across the golf course it is an area which we intend to put back into use for lots of activities as well as another dining area option.



The karaoke sessions now held in the cinema always bring smiles to anyone who attends them.

The Men's Group continues to be a huge success and is growing rapidly, our volunteers Malcolm and Elaine put a great deal of work into preparing activities for the group and we really do give a huge applause to them for their efforts. In addition to the Men's Group, there are discussions about having a regular Men's Breakfast Club, this will naturally also be expanded to a Ladies Breakfast Club.

Outings

Summer Holidays

In line with our summer holiday theme for July, we sampled a trip to Portobello with the beach wheelchairs. Sadly it was a very windy day, typical British summer weather for the beach, but it was a new experience for us to try! Residents did enjoy seeing the beach.



There was also another barge trip from Ratho to Almondell Viaduct which was made even more pleasurable with absolutely beautiful, warm, sunny weather. Everyone could not speak highly enough of the trip and what a joy it had been, including the picnic lunch. There was, of course, a closer-to-home trip to Cramond which some of the residents prefer and there is always lots to see.

Nursery Visit

July was a month themed with summer holidays. As part of that theme, we invited the children of Murrayfield Nursery to come and enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic with the residents. What a lot of fun we all had and it was a pleasure to see the children enjoy themselves. They hunted for bears in the garden but in particular, they enjoyed playing with the rowing boat set up as part of the summer display in the garden. They have so much energy and certainly bring a lot of joy to the residents. Following their games, everyone enjoyed picnic lunch boxes as well as a visit from MG mascot Mr Bear.



Dementia Group



Our new Dementia Group is a complete success. As well as sensory activities, a new Lunch Club which has been trialled where residents can prepare simple lunches and then enjoy eating together in a more intimate setting. We intend to roll out photo storyboards of these activities so that relatives can see how their loved ones have been involved in activities. The storyboards will be displayed in individual rooms.

The Garden

A wee reminder that visitors can also enjoy the garden during visits with their loved ones. There are now storage cupboards in the undercover patio area that host a variety of garden games. There is also access to golf clubs for the putting green and you can also now pre-order picnics, such as sandwiches and drinks. You are not required to wear masks in the garden so please enjoy the remainder of the summer weather.



Social Media

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