



Welcome to our Last newsletter of 2025.



As the year draws to a close, we reflect on all the memories we have made, from our wonderful Summer Fayre, to activities, outings and our coffee afternoons for charity, there has been much joy throughout the home! The remaining weeks are to be filled with further fun, laughter, and I am sure, lots of singing!

We have also seen the implementation of a new care planning system, Person Centred Software, which is easier to navigate, reducing the time staff spend documenting, allowing them to devote more of their time directly to the residents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our events throughout the year, to help make them the success they were, along with the hard work of the whole team, to create happy memories for our lovely residents.

I would be delighted if you are able to join us at the next relatives meeting, which is due to be held on Thursday 20th November at 2.30pm in the Orangery, there will be refreshments to follow, with the residents.

Best wishes to you all. Bianca.

To ensure residents get the most out of their outings, it is important to involve them in the planning. Two residents had the idea to visit Bovington Tank Museum, which of course we were happy to support! The residents report to have had a wonderful day and gave their

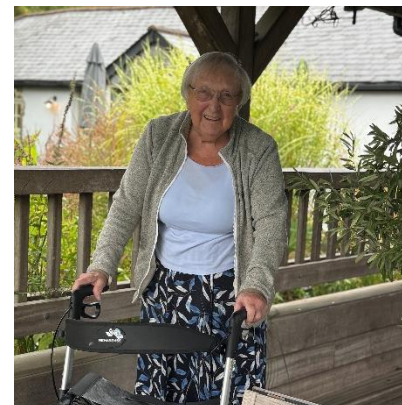


heartfelt thanks to the team for arranging this and supporting them to attend.

There have been various other outings to the local area too, including garden centres, Romsey Abbey and the New Forest. The weather getting colder is not stopping us!



After booking a few more sessions with RISE sports, residents discussed at their residents meeting that they felt it was in their benefit to have RISE regularly, therefore we have now scheduled these visits monthly. We are seeing an increasing number of residents attending, keeping them active, social and providing enjoyment for all, even if a resident would just like to spectate!





Residents often talk about their love of animals, and the past pets they had. We have now been lucky enough to secure regular visits from Pets as Therapy volunteer, Christine, and her dog Luna. After only 2 visits we have already seen residents faces lighting up when Luna approaches them. This helps to spark conversations and share stories, as well as providing a sensory experience, with residents commenting on how soft Luna's fur is. This visit benefits all residents who wish to meet Luna, as she is small, and able to visit residents in the comfort of their rooms if residents agree.



Cake, treats and coffee were all enjoyed at our Macmillan Coffee afternoon last month, which is always one of our highlights of the year. Not only are we raising vital funds for charity, but it also gave us chance to reduce isolation for the residents, bringing everyone together for a social afternoon! We are always grateful for the support shown when we plan events, from the relatives attending, to chefs for baking the selection of treats and to the staff for organising and helping on the day! We are also thankful to Anita and Martin who continue to donate their time and play their cellos for us. We successfully raised £95!



We have a number of events on in our lead up to Christmas, with a few more to be announced once dates are confirmed, everyone welcome, however it is helpful to know if you are joining your relative, to ensure we have plenty of refreshments and space for everyone!

Friday 14th November 2.30pm Singer – Retro Rita.

Thursday 20th November 2.30pm Relatives meeting, followed by refreshments with the residents.

Tuesday 25th November 2pm Halterworth School Choir.

Tuesday 2nd December 2.30pm Cosmic Sparkle.

Wednesday 17th December 3pm Residents Christmas party (games and fun!)

Thursday 18th December 2.30pm Family Carol Service with Rev. Tom Benson.

Friday 19th December 2.30pm Romsey Ukulele Group.

Thank you for all your support to Cedar Lawn throughout 2025.

