

South Chowdene

NEWSLETTER



General Manager Focus



Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter.

Hello and welcome to our Easter special edition newsletter.

My name is Julie Baron and I am the General Manager at South Chowdene, I have already met quite a lot of our residents and families and feel I have been very warmly accepted, so thank you for the warm welcome.

I have been in the care industry for almost 20 years, my career began as a care assistant and I progressed to senior carer, Deputy Manager and then Home Manager which I have been doing for 15 years now. I am passionate about delivering only the best care possible. I will also be joined by Peter who has been recruited prior to my arrival, as the new Homes Deputy Manager.

We look forward to meeting you all over time and getting to know you.

I operate an open-door policy and would like you to say hello if you are popping into the home, raise any concerns you may have no matter how big or small, or to praise or compliment anything we are doing well.

As a team we want to get things right and feel this can only be achieved by receiving feedback from you all, so that we can put things right where needed.

We look forwards to seeing you at South Chowdene.

Julie Baron
General Manager

Dates for your Diary April

Easter Monday

Monday 1st April 1.30pm

Feel free to join us with your Easter Bonnet creation at 1.30pm to be part of the Easter Bonnet parade.

Duck Eggs arrival

Tuesday 2nd - 12th April

For all we receive our Duck Eggs on this day, they can hatch at any time onwards from this.

Doris Day's birthday

Thursday 4th April 5.30 - 7pm

Come along between 5.30 and 7pm for our Doris Day film evening with popcorn.

Meet our new Manager

Cream Tea

Wednesday 10th April 2 - 3pm

Join Julie Baron as well as our new Resident Ambassadors to find out what is going on at South Chowdene and plans for the future over a cup of tea and cream scone.

National Tea day

Sunday 21st April 2 - 4pm

Test your knowledge of Tea at our quiz and tea bingo.

St George's day

Tuesday 23rd April 2 - 4pm

Join us at 2pm for very English refreshments as we sing and dance along to 'Gilly's' great English favourites.





NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND South Chowdene

Welcoming a new 'Resident Ambassador' team

A big welcome to Val Coltart and Edna Scurfield as our new Resident Ambassadors. They will be working together to help new residents settle in, put forward residents' views and concerns as well as helping with ideas and work towards celebrations, events and day to day life.

We hope you both enjoy your new role.



Spring Fair

Staff, residents and our community came together on Sunday 3rd March to celebrate the start of spring with our fair.

There were stalls selling items for Mothers' Day and Easter, a raffle and tombola as well as live entertainment from Dave Brewis.

Wag and Co had a charity stall and Teddy came in as a special guest to meet everyone to both residents' and visitors' delight.





EASTER CAKE HOPES

Here is the South Chowdene entry into the Barchester Annual Easter cake competition hosted by the hospitality team - which we hope will flap its way to the top!

Residents brought out their very best cake creating, making and icing skills and had a great time trying different designs then finding inspired ways to achieve the desired outcome. Well done everyone.



SPOTLIGHT ON... Communication

We are trying to be increasingly environmentally friendly, so if we don't already have your email address, please could you let us have it. We are also on the next round of photographic consent. If you have not signed a photographic consent in the last month, again, please let us know or come in and we will give you the appropriate form to sign. Thank you for your help with these matters.



What we've been up to...



Concern for our King

Residents felt the need to send His Majesty King Charles our very best wishes during his ongoing cancer treatment. A group of arty residents got together and decided which colour card he would like, his interests and the sort of decoration he might like on the card. We printed off pictures of a Polo player, someone painting, a skier and a fisherman whilst inside the card they made reference to his interest in architecture.

Calling Volunteers & Green-fingers!

Our fantastic new Head of Maintenance, Carol is working very hard to get our garden ready for summer and needs your help.

We are in need of any perennial plants, shrubs and anything which would bring colour to the garden that you have spare or which you could give us a cutting from.

Anyone who has time to volunteer in the garden, we would love to have you on board. Please let either Carol or Niki know.

We will be celebrating 'National Gardening Week' April 29th – 3rd May.



LET'S TALK *facebook*

Don't forget to follow us at
@SouthChowdene

**Our best story this month
had 36 likes**

Heading for the 19th Hole

There was great excitement in the lounge this morning as Anthony, Josh and Darren from Golf in Society joined us to teach us how to get started in golf. They did a really good job as everyone who joined the class participated in the tournament. We are very much looking forward to the next class, tournament and challenge.

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Community links and funding

Michelle and Christine from Teams and Bensham community Care came to our monthly coffee morning to receive their cheque from Barchester Foundation. We heard all about the Men's Club Lunch clubs as well as their 'Happy to help' and 'Foundations furniture' initiatives all of which help thousands of people every year and leave a long lasting legacy.

Barchester Foundation also donated money to The Chev. Staff and young people from The Chev visited us to talk about what they do and what the Barchester grant has allowed them to do. We saw a video of them dancing in various locations on the theme of getting on the train, which really promoted the feeling of excitement before a trip. We then had a question and answer session to find out more about the other things they do. Residents really enjoyed hearing all about it all and thought the young people were absolutely lovely.

Thank You

From all the team at South Chowdene we'd like to say a big thank you to you all for all your support and understanding over the last few months. We'd love you to leave us a review if you haven't already at www.carehome.co.uk/review-submit/14506

Celebrations in our home

102 years young!

Yes, Eva turned 102 this year and celebrated with family and friends from the home. Everyone had a great time finding out what amazing, weird and wonderful happened in the year Eva was born.



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