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## NEWS LETTER



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**Hi everyone,**



We hope you are all keeping well and safe during the pandemic. We are very proud to say that we have managed to remain virus free in the home, we believe this is down to the strict measures we have put in place to protect us all. Here at Dorrington House we are all well, continuing to work hard and keep spirits

high for our residents. Although we are not able to have outside entertainment in the home, we have been putting on additional activities in all areas of the home to keep our residents engaged. We have enjoyed some lovely weather and have made the most of sitting in the garden with our ice lollies! We hope you enjoy looking at the pictures of other things we have been up to. Stay safe, keep well and we hope to see you all soon. Kind regards Louise, Manager.



Good



## Birthday Celebrations

**July :** Mavis 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jean T 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jean D 6<sup>th</sup>, Gwendoline 11<sup>th</sup>, Pauline 19<sup>th</sup>, Betty 19<sup>th</sup>, Margaret 25<sup>th</sup>.

**August :** Iris 4<sup>th</sup>, Edna 17<sup>th</sup>, Betty 19<sup>th</sup>.

**September :** Valerie 11<sup>th</sup>, Shelagh 15<sup>th</sup>, Norman 17<sup>th</sup>, Phyllis B 22<sup>nd</sup>, Iris 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Employee of the Month May – Francesca



***“For regularly keeping us informed and updated on dad’s well being with lovely photos and updates, nothing is ever too much trouble. Dad has a great relationship with Francesca, she really understands him.”***

## June – Heidi



**Heidi always works hard and efficiently and is a pleasure to work alongside. Heidi always has time for others.**

## Community Spirit & Clothing Bags



In April all our staff were delighted to receive a Clothing bag each which were kindly made and donated to the home for all staff by a friend of a friend of Lorraine’s! to use to take our uniforms home after our shifts, the bag then goes straight into the washing machine for laundering.

## Norwich City Football Club



Two gentlemen visited the home on VE Day to drop off cakes, a signed football shirt from Norwich City Football Club and a card:

*As the virus continues in its reach, everyone at Norwich City Football Club would like you to know that we will never take for granted your dedication and selflessness.*

*This gift comes with our love and deep gratitude from the players, staff, and supporters*

*With love and thanks,*

*Delia and Michael*

# Thank You!

We would like to say a massive **Thank You** to all relatives and friends for the wonderful compliments we have received and all the lovely goodies that have been sent in for staff. You have all helped to boost the morale of everyone during these unprecedented times.

## Our VE Day Celebrations



## Coronavirus & Facetime calls available

During these testing and very worrying times, we assure you that we are caring & looking after our residents, your loved ones, and working very hard continuing to keep them safe.

Please feel free to contact us to see and speak to your loved one on WhatsApp, the number is: **07563 829165**

But, please email us first [derehamteam@dorringtonhouse.com](mailto:derehamteam@dorringtonhouse.com) or phone us on our usual number 01362 695840 to arrange a time to speak with your loved one.

## Thank you Jade!



Jade's Nanny lives at Dorrington House and had regular visits from her family. Due to Covid-19 and government restrictions these visits had to unfortunately stop. Jade worried that it would be upsetting for her Nanny to not see her family and realised everyone else was in the same boat and missing their loved ones.

Jade set herself a challenge to run 5k every day for 30 days so that she could fundraise to buy an additional tablet for the home for video calls. Jade told us before she started that she had never managed to run 5k before so was quite nervous about how she would get on. As it turned out Jade smashed her running target and had many fundraising supporters.

Jade managed to fundraise enough to buy 2 additional tablets for each of our Homes; Dereham, Watton and Wells-next-the-Sea which will make such a difference to our residents at this difficult time.

***We at Dorrington House are extremely grateful for what Jade has done for us and would like to say a massive***

***THANK YOU AND WELL DONE***

## Zoom calls

Thanks to Jade's fundraising we now have 2 tablets that can be used for video calls. We have set up a Zoom account, if you wish to be added to this as a contact to regularly keep in touch, please download the app if you do not already have it and inform us of your email address so we can add you to our contacts.

## Keeping in touch..

Emails are checked daily, if you would like to send a message to your relative/friend then feel free to email us. We will ensure your email is printed, delivered & read out on your behalf. Our email address is:

[dereham@dorringtonhouse.com](mailto:dereham@dorringtonhouse.com)

Telephone 01362 695840

## Our Tuck Shop



**Our Tuck shop is certainly coming in handy at present, with many of our relatives and friends unable to drop items off for their loved ones. We have made sure that the trolley is well stocked with essential toiletries, tissues, sweet treats and savoury snacks! We will send out invoices for the tuck shop items regularly, usually when the bill has reached £4+. If you are paying by cheque can you please ensure that the cheque is made payable to: FRIENDS OF THE HOME Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer or cash.**

## Incontinence Products/ Net Pants

**Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone that we do not provide net stretch pants for our residents; Families are required to purchase these, if your loved ones require them. Please speak to our Team Leaders who will be able to provide you with more information ie: where to purchase and what size is required etc.**

## Room Vacancies / Enquiries

For all your enquiries, Please call Louise or Deb in the office, they will be happy to give you information and arrange a viewing by video call until we are open again to visitors

## Personal belongings

Just a little reminder to make sure that all of your relatives' clothing, shoes, slippers Wallets, handbags, teeth, hearing aids, and glasses too are all marked with their name, all these items sometimes go missing and it is much easier to return things to the right person if they are marked with their name. Also to remind you we cannot be held responsible for items, items of value or worse still sentimental value going missing, items are not covered for loss or damage by the Home; you must insure your own belongings. If something is especially dear to you please take it home and keep it safe.

## A Little Thank You message

**It was nice to receive a little message in the post from a Family.**

**Jasmine aged 4 wanted to send some pictures to keep our residents smiling during these tough times.**

**How adorable...**



## A small selection from our Photos



## Get your tickets ready for the Movies!

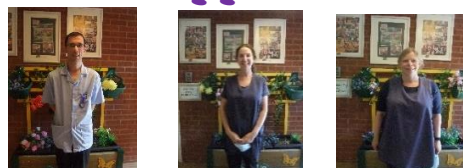


## Games with Alison and our Carers



***We say goodbye to  
Janice and Hailey and wish them  
well for the future***

**Welcome to our new  
Carer & Support Workers**



**Lee    Debra    Lynsey**  
**Take care everyone and we  
hope to see you soon**