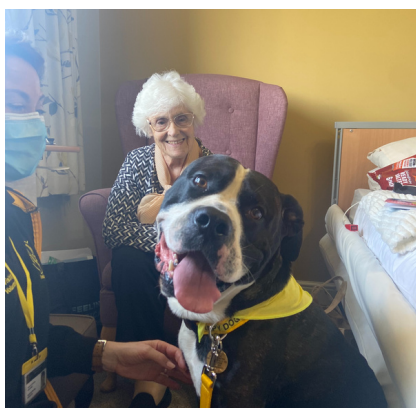


# HARRIER GRANGE NEWS



## Welcome to May's Newsletter

### COVID Update

As you will all now be aware we do not require you to take any tests before coming to visit the home and you no longer need to make a booking to visit. We are only able to have 2 visitors in a room with a resident so if you would like to have more than 2 people visiting it would need to be in the visitor pod on the ground floor. Please call ahead if this is the case so we can make sure the room is available. All visitors and staff will continue to wear PPE when at the home. The staff are still testing twice a week and will still isolate if they receive a positive result. If you would like to take your loved one out please let us know so we can have them ready to go when you arrive.

### Facebook Page

Many of you will already have seen our Facebook page, but if you haven't had the chance to take a look yet, please do. We post regularly with all sorts of things going on around the home. It's a great way to stay in touch.  
[www.facebook.com/Harriergregecare](https://www.facebook.com/Harriergregecare)



Welcome to May' Newsletter, We hope this letter finds you all well. It's so nice to see the sun shining and the weather improving outside, hopefully we are in for a lovely long summer this year and we can all get outside and enjoy some fresh air with the sun on our faces. We have started to plan our annual summer fete and are looking at a date of the 20th of August. We will send out some invites closer to the time but please do make a note in your diaries. We hope to see you all there with family and friends. More details to follow.

### A Word From the Manager

Welcome all and thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter. I hope this letter finds you all well? We now have a new E- Reception book which makes it very easy for you all to sign in when you arrive at the home, and helps us to keep an accurate list of who is on site at any time. There is an iPad on the reception desk with an easy to follow log in system. If anyone needs assistance getting used to the new system Joy will be only too happy to guide you through it.



## Monthly Residents Meeting

We held our inaugural Residents Meeting on the 14th of April with 9 residents in attendance. We had a good discussion on matters related to the activities and the meals. Based on the matters discussed we are putting the following into place, weekly clubs for residents to take part in, we have a knitting club and a book club starting this month, also a fortnightly gardening club weather permitting. We will also be looking into holding more activities outside when the weather is good. We are still making enquiries about having a Vicar come to the home to offer a church service in person. The next residents meeting is scheduled for the 19th of May at 11am and will be held in the cinema or if it's a nice day we will have it outside.



### A very warm welcome

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to Winifred, Charles, Brian and , Daphne. We hope they are settling in well and making lots of new friends.

## Poem of the Month

In May  
By William Henry Davies

Yes, I will spend the livelong day  
With Nature in this month of May;  
And sit beneath the trees, and share  
My bread with birds whose homes are  
there;

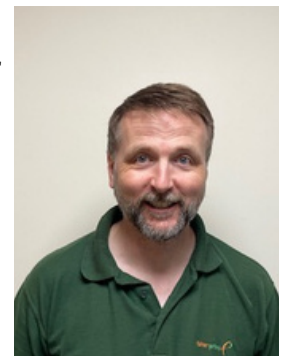
While cows lie down to eat, and sheep  
Stand to their necks in grass so deep;  
While birds do sing with all their might,  
As though they felt the earth in flight.  
This is the hour I dreamed of, when  
I sat surrounded by poor men;  
And thought of how the Arab sat  
Alone at evening, gazing at  
The stars that bubbled in clear skies;

And of young dreamers, when their eyes  
Enjoyed methought a precious boon  
In the adventures of the Moon  
Whose light, behind the Clouds' dark  
bars,  
Searched for her stolen flocks of stars.  
When I, hemmed in by wrecks of men,  
Thought of some lonely cottage then  
Full of sweet books; and miles of sea,  
With passing ships, in front of me;  
And having, on the other hand,  
A flowery, green, bird-singing land.

### Meet the Team

#### Andrew Pearce - Maintenance Manager

We would like to introduce you all to Andrew Pearce, who is our new Maintenance Manager. Andrew has spent the last 2 years working at the Winton Care Home in Over Wallop and has many more years experience working in care homes. Andrew has 2 home build projects under his belt and is a very keen scuba diver.



#### Finlay Bowden- Weekend Receptionist

We would also like to introduce you to Finlay who is our new weekend receptionist. Finlay is studying animal management at Sparsholt College. He is looking forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks. Finlay will be working both Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm.

### Useful Email Addresses

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### Visit From Koda

We recently had a four-legged visitor come into our home. Forty kilograms of muscle and yet still one hundred percent adorable. Koda is a recently trained therapy dog who had his first ever working opportunity with us on the 15th of April. Koda joined us accompanied by his handler Kathy. Koda is a rescue dog who now has a very important job, putting smiles on people's faces! Koda & Kathy ventured through our home meeting many of our wonderful residents. Stopping by and getting to know everyone. Our residents were elated to meet such a well-behaved big dog and were more than eager to share with us stories of their own dogs and all the escapades that they got themselves into. Koda seemed to spark so many memories for our residents, it was a truly brilliant opportunity for everyone involved.



### Garden Club

We have just hosted our first of many gardening-based activities for the season. As the weather is warming up, we are preparing to make full use of our gardens. We have started many trays of seedlings by request of our residents and we have hand selected some choice crops that we are hoping to have kitchen ready and on plates. Our first planting session went well, filling trays with soil, organizing seeds and making labels to keep track of our produce. These seedlings have graduated on to our potting shed before they take up permanent residence in our raised vegetable patches. As our crops begin to grow, we will be able to visit and upkeep the gardens to see the fruits of our labour. Throughout our planting we had some fantastic suggestions such as growing sunflowers and competing to grow the tallest, most excellent flower – we love to have these suggestions from our residents, and we aim to implement these soon.



### Queens Birthday Celebrations

We celebrated the Queen's 96th birthday this month. We decorated our cinema with all the right accessories. Union Flag garlands stretched from corner to corner. Our tables donned with tea, cake, and confectionary and of course our fantastic residents ready to enjoy the displays outside the palace. We enjoyed music and marches and naturally a good cup of tea. Our residents made great use of the celebration and took part in an old-fashioned celebration with finger sandwiches, flags and singing. It was a great afternoon full of nostalgia and fond memories of Her Royal Majesty.

## Birthdays in May

All at Harrier Grange would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to...

Julia May  
Richard Headley

## What's on this month

Throughout May we have many activities going on around the home. Here are just a few that we have planned for you.

Koda and Kathy are coming to visit us on the 13th

Dave Dawson will be singing our favourite songs on the 24th

it's world laughter day on the 3rd, so look out for Sharon and her terrible jokes on Tuesday.

May the 12th is International Nurses day so we will be saying a big thank you to all our hard working nurses.

May the 29th is world biscuit day so the chef will be making a big selection of your favourite biscuits for you all to try.



# PUZZLES AND GAMES

## Quiz Questions

1. How many pennies are there in an old style English pound?
2. What was the name of the frog who appeared in 'The Muppet Show'?
3. What is the RAF's famous aerobatic display team called?
4. In 1971 East Pakistan became which independent nation?
5. Who was known as 'the lady of the lamp'?
6. What kind of animal is Beatrix Potter's character Mrs. Tiggywinkle?

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## Quiz Answers

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2. Kermit
3. The Red Arrows
4. Bangladesh
5. Florence Nightingale
6. A Hedgehog



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